



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on virtual basis at 7pm on Tuesday 1st November 2022.

The meeting was held in accordance with:

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Members Present:

Councillors; Chris Parker (Chair), Cllrs Robert Lewis-Watkin JP, David Evans, Janine Turner, Rhys Jenkins, Neil Feist, Mark Steer, Andrea James, Helen Donnan, Joanne Miller.

Apologies: Tracy Allen.

Absent: Cllr Geraint Hopkins JP. Parmindra Pannu. Will Thomas.

Clerk to the Council: Leigh Smith

Office administrator: Lisa Phillips

0 members of the public.

2022/216 Welcome and Apologies.

RESOLVED

Councillor Tracy Allen offered a reason for absence with her apology, and this was accepted by Council.

2022/217 Disclosures of personal and/or prejudicial interests.

None.

2022/218 Public speaking

None.

2022/219 CIL funding for appropriate sculptures at Brynna Woods.



RESOLVED

To approve a spend of up to £18,000 of CIL funds (and for the project to be added to the CIL 123 list and Active Project list) for the commissioning of decorative sculptures and art works for Brynna Woods.

RESOLVED

To delegate authority for operational decision making and spend up to the value of the budget to the Clerk, working in consultation with a working group made up of the following Councillors:

Chris Parker. Helen Donnan. Mark Steer. David Evans. Neil Feist.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to enquire whether the Council's existing insurance arrangements would cover the finished assets and to what extent, or whether alternative insurance could be arranged.

2022/220 Urgent information & Future agenda items.

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Councillor Chris Parker
Chair of the Community Council

Appendix 1

Decorative sculptures at Brynna Woods

Background

In mid 2021 a proposal for a CIL project was put forward by a sitting Councillor to commission decorative sculptures to be placed in Brynna Woods. (See original Appendix Ten presented to ORA committee at the end of this paper).

The proposal was to use CIL funds to commission appropriate decorative sculptures to be placed in Brynna Woods.

It was resolved to arrange for the artist, Chris Woods to visit site with interested parties to scope options.

A site meeting took place in November 2021 attended by Community Council members, The Wildlife trust and other interested parties.

A discussion took place regarding the types of sculptures, placement of sculptures and other matters. All parties agreed upon a list of sculptures and their approximate locations.

Chris Woods was to provide sketches and prices for further consideration.

In the intervening period Chris Woods has been abroad working on a number of projects.

Chris Woods has now provided prices for the items specified. (See below).

Chris Woods has indicated that we would need to confirm the project in the coming days if we were to secure a slot in his schedule for the near future. He can start work immediately.

1 x Dragon swing. (1 day on site plus materials = £700).

1 x Miners lamp (located at the mineshaft). (1 day on site plus materials = £700).

1 x Bench by the old oak tree (pit pony or pony and boy). (£2500 to £4000 depending on design).

8 animals scattered through the woods (Door mouse, Birds, Adders, Bats). (Approximately £500 each).

1 x violet oil beetle (£800).

Fairy garden – 8 toadstool seats in a ring. (£1000)

4 fairy castles (£500 to £800 each)

Some sleeping fairies (on the curved tree). (1 day on site plus materials =£700)

Outdoor classroom area comprising Teachers seat and benches. (With a beetle hole) (2 days on site plus materials £1400).

Proposal

1. To approve a spend of up to £18,000 of CIL funds (and for the project to be added to the CIL 123 list and Active Project list) for the commissioning of decorative sculptures for Brynna Woods.
2. To determine a means of delegating authority for the detail of the designs and specific spend within the budget.

Options:

- To delegate authority to the Clerk working in consultation with a small working group made up of named Councillors.

(Note: A working group cannot be delegated a budget).

- To delegate authority to a sub-committee of the ORA Committee.
- To delegate authority to the ORA Committee.

Officer's recommendation

Option a)

Reason: For members of the working group to be able to make quick decisions on site and in the presence of the artist without requiring recourse to a formal committee. A formal committee would require formal public meetings with the requisite 3 clear days-notice period as well as formal minutes etc... It is difficult to see how this could work in practice.

In order for decision making to be coherent and swift it is recommended that the numbers of any working group be kept small (max of 3 or 4).

Appendix Ten

Ref: Councillor Donnan

Photographs of examples decorative sculptures that could be placed at Brynna Woods and other locations.

The artist, Chris Wood, has ideas for an area to be revamped for Brynna school and the fairy glen area created by children during lockdown. An artist who could also contribute to a village emblem potentially for the village entrance sign(s).





