

Cyngor Tref Llanwrtyd Town Council

Notes on the Meeting of the Development Committee which took place on Monday July 11th 2011 at 7pm in the Council Chamber

Present – *Cllrs Price, Prichard, Newman, and Van-Rees.*

Apologies – *Cllrs James and Rowlands.*

Cllr Prichard welcomed Claire Sterry from PAVO who had kindly come along to advise on funding streams for the proposed new pavilion.

Cllr Prichard asked Cllr Price to chair the meeting.

Cllr Price gave Claire a brief outline of action so far, i.e. that it is intended to replace the current pavilion, which was built in the early 1970's with a 20 year life expectancy with a new build. The intention being that the new build will have similar facilities for sport but also a community area for a variety of uses. It is proposed to build the new pavilion at the opposite end of the field to where it is now and relocate the toddler play area.

There had already been several discussions with the Cadet Force and although they are still very interested in being involved and using the building, they are not at this time able to commit to funding. The town council already have around £7,500 towards the project from the Calor award, the other part of the original £10,000 having been spent on plans, however it is estimated that the project will cost around £500,000.

Claire explained that her role is that of County Development Officer for PAVO and as such supports community groups to realise their ambitions. She said she had done two funding searches on our behalf, and felt the Lottery Fund, which is in two stages, would be the best bet. We would have to prove a strong evidence of need, that we have consulted with local people and this is what they want. Claire said that there is much competition for funding and we would have to make ours eye catching in some way for it to stand out.

Claire asked about other community buildings, and was told that Bromsgrove, Victoria and Abergwesyn are all very well used. Alexandra Hall in Llangammarch has just been renovated, however that doesn't come under our town council. The pavilion is used by the Cricket and Archery Clubs, and the facilities are used by campers on events weekends. It is felt that if a new pavilion were built with

better facilities, this would encourage more use. The bottom line is that the town could be losing tourist business because the current facilities are way out of date.

A discussion took place regarding project management which is a big job and any funder would want to be assured this was taking place efficiently. There was a discussion about the possibility of phasing the project, but that didn't seem feasible. There would need to be proof of who would be responsible for the continued running of the facility, and a suggestion of asking for letters in support of the project.

There has been a public consultation, and a couple of public viewings for the plans. There was a lot of interest initially but people have lost interest as there has been no forward movement for with the project.

Selling points could be, smallest town, town of unique events, no sporting facilities, no youth club etc. and health and safety concerns in continuing to use the current facilities. Should also say lack of public transport, young people might feel isolated, and would satisfy needs of a wide age group.

Claire said it might be best to apply for funding for bits of the project to each funder. It was suggested to have a stand at the Festival Weekend to get support, supply photos of inside and outside. It would be best for there to be a joint application to Lottery by the town council and the Pavilion Development Group supported by other local groups.

There was a suggestion to write to local businesses for funding support, suggestions being the Forestry Commission, and the Aggregate Fund.

Pat Dryden
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