

## **Minutes of Special Meeting to Consider Improvement of Dolwen and Appropriate Funding**

### **Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 in the Council Chamber**

Present - Cllrs Newman, Prichard, Gilchrist, Thomas and Rowlands.

Apologies – Cllrs Jones, Price and James.

In attendance - Pat Dryden

Cllr Newman said she had spoken with Kenny Burton regarding the maintenance and reconfiguration of the pavilion, and reminded him that we now have the go ahead from the funders and that if the work is not completed by March part of the funding will be lost. Mr Burton assured Cllr Newman that he would provide the funding himself rather than let that happen.

Cllr Newman thanked members who were present and said the meeting was to discuss the future development of Dolwen Field and pavilion. An email had been received from SMP Playgrounds Ltd regarding Inspired Facilities Funding for improving sports fields and venues. The closing date for this round of applications is September 17<sup>th</sup>, and as there is much work to be done on an application, it would be unfeasible in such a short time frame. There are further rounds in 2013 and 2014, and it was felt this would be more do-able.

Various suggestions had been made, and new furniture, crockery, cutlery and kitchen equipment will be needed for the pavilion once it has been refurbished. Cllr Rowlands suggested applying the Awards for All – Wales (maximum grant is £5,000), the clerk will get the application form and begin its completion. There was a suggestion to also apply to Barclays Bank plc. for match funding.

Suggestions included:

- Clearing the area behind the pavilion and making it good
- A running/cycling track around the field
- Artificial turf in the goal mouth
- Outside gym equipment for people to walk around and try
- Astro turf all year round weather pitch
- Re-seeding and rolling the whole field as it is uneven
- Tennis court

The clerk said previous consideration had been given to turning the area behind the pavilion into allotment gardens, but the ground is stony and poor. It would however lend itself to a hard surface for sports.

Cllr Newman said that Mrs Benton now has the go ahead for new goal post and net, so astro turf in the goal mouth would make the area less sludgy and more usable.

It was agreed to look at raising money to clear the area behind the pavilion and make this into an all-weather multipurpose area for racquet and ball games, and to make a

jogging/cycling track around the field. Solar lighting was suggested for added security and to allow extra use.

There will be a need to prove the level of interest and use the project would receive, and to explain how the maintenance costs will be covered. Cllr Newman to call SMP for advice and guidance. It was hoped that seeing that the previous grant applications have been successful and work on the pavilion is imminent, might encourage local people to support another project. A brief article will go into Grapevine.

The suggested floral displays at both entrances to town were discussed and Cllr Rowlands had a photograph of the one at Tenby for information. It was agreed that members of the Town Council, Tourist Information and the Gardening Club should get together for a site meeting near the Woollen Mill, possibly on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Cllr Rowlands to organise. Cllr Gilchrist said she would like to be involved. It was agreed there was a need to rationalise the signage before meeting with Angus Watson. Clerk to email Dean Williams' contact details to Cllr Newman.

Pat Dryden

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