

Cyngor Tref Llanwrtyd Town Council

Minutes of Special Meeting held Wednesday September 7th 2011 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, War Memorial Institute.

Present

Councillors Prichard, Newman, Price, Burton, Rowlands, B Jones, Thomas and Van-Rees.

Apologies - Councillor Stocker.

Cllr Prichard thanked everyone for attending this special meeting to discuss the pavilion. She continued that although the original plans were for a completely new build which would cost in the region of £500k, her suggestion was for something on a more modest scale. She said she and Cllr Price had met previously to discuss, and handed over the meeting to him.

Cllr Price said he had called in to see Barry Tomlinson, and he had said that in 2000 he was commissioned by the town council to do a survey on the pavilion, and he gave the plans from that survey to Cllr Price, copies of which were circulated to members present. The survey was to look at changing the layout of the inside of the pavilion, plus making car parking, a camping area behind the pavilion and a BMX track.

The cost of rebuilding the pavilion on a like for like basis and in the same place it is now would be around £80k to £100k, but the cost of stripping out the inside and improving the facilities and bringing it up to standard would be in the region of £30k to £40k, providing the outer shell is sound.

The roof was replaced about 15-20 years ago so should be all right, and if the suggestion is accepted, no planning permission or surveys would be required, just building regulations.

Cllr Prichard said there was likely to be more access to funding for refurbishment rather than a new build, especially for sports/health activities. It was agreed that a structural survey would be required to ensure the outer shell is in good condition.

£10k is set aside for this project, and Cllr Newman said that if the proposal to refurbish is accepted, Charcroft Electronics will donate £2.5k and Paul Newman will personally match it. Members commented that this is a very generous offer. Barclays have been generous in match funding in the past, and Cllr Van-Rees said he would donate a sum also.

Members agreed it is a shame not to go forward with the new build, but in the absence of funding from the Cadet Force, and a lack of local support it is unlikely that £500k could be raised for the project.

Discussions took place around the possibility of the cadets using the pavilion, and the meagre ground rent charged to RFCA. Cllr Rowlands said the scouts would be using the pavilion in future because Bromsgrove Hall is really not suitable.

Discussions took place about storage and the possibility of building on a lean to or obtaining a container. A business plan will be needed, but the management of the pavilion if refurbished should not cost any more than it does at present and initially would cost less if all the inside was renewed.

It was agreed that it would be preferable to use local builders and suppliers, and to get the inside work done during the winter months and the outside work in the spring, and it would hopefully be done in time for the Alternative Games.

All present were in agreement with the above proposal, Cllr Price will make contact with Barry Tomlinson regarding a structural survey in the first instance.

Signed by the Mayor

Date

Pat Dryden

Clerk to Llanwrtyd Town Council

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