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Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Cornelly Community Council

held remotely on 9th February 2022 at 6.30pm

Chair: Cllr Mrs S M Bennett

Members: Cllrs Mr J H Tildesley MBE, Mr R M Granville, Mr N Dewar, Mr D Morgan, Mr J Parry & Mr A Williams

Clerk: Ms Dawn Evans

ITEM

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mr B L Rose

Members of the public in attendance: Mr S Parker

2. Declarations of Interest in accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000. Any interests to be declared as items arise throughout the meeting

Cllrs Morgan and Parry declared an interest in all matters relating to Cornelly FC.

3. Matters relating to Community Asset Transfer of Meadow Street Playing Fields, including ground maintenance for the 2022 season. Update from Mr G Smith (BCBC Community Asset Transfer Officer)

Mr Smith updated members on matters relating to the playing fields, including options available relating to pitch maintenance. Members discussed the options available.

Mr Smith updated members on current users of the pitches at the fields, including Cornelly United and Cornelly Youth (KHRFC).

Mr Smith spoke about other community activities that could take place at the playing fields.

Mr Smith informed members that the first stage of the community asset transfer would be that Cornelly Community Council become responsible for day-to-day maintenance of the playing fields, not just the pitches but also the green spaces around them. As a result of the length of time it takes BCBC to complete community asset transfers, groups who are taking forward the community asset process are being encouraged to take responsibility for ongoing maintenance of sites from 1st April 2022. Members discussed this proposal, including the fact that the community council would be taking over expenses relating to the playing fields prior to them becoming the leaseholders. Mr Smith said a Licence to Occupy would be granted, prior to completion of the community asset transfer. The Licence to Occupy would state that the community council would be responsible for management of the site and receive any hire income. Cllr Granville asked whether BCBC would be prepared to work in partnership with the community council to fund half the ongoing grounds maintenance at the site. Mr Smith said this would not be in the spirit of the transfer and BCBC would not agree to this. Mr Smith informed members that if the community council no longer wish to go forward with the community asset transfer, users of the playing fields would be approached to establish whether they had an interest in taking forward an asset transfer. Mr Smith provided details of grant funding available to take forward:

ACTION

- Remedial work at the pavilion, as identified in condition report undertaken in 2020.
- Improvements to the pitches, such as drainage. Oolong Sport Consultants were contracted to carry out a pitch assessment for the community council at the end of last year. The work identified in this report would be eligible for grant funding and it could be undertaken in a phased way.
- Purchase of grounds maintenance equipment, such as grass cutting tractor.

Members discussed the community council's wish to ensure the playing fields are kept for future generations.

Mr Smith informed members that a final decision on whether the community asset transfer is to proceed would be required by 1st March 2022. Although, if there was a reason why this date could not be met, an extension could be considered.

The Clerk was asked to obtain alternative proposals for grounds maintenance and obtain further information on users of the playing fields. Meeting to be arranged for Wednesday 16th February, to discuss further information.

4. Matters relating to Phase 2 of Enhancement at Cornelly Community Centre Green Area, including consideration of Remembrance Commemoration within the project. Update from Whittington Landscape Architecture

Geoff Whittington of Whittington Landscape Architecture presented proposals for the work related to phase 2 of the improvements to the green area, including path widening and provision of Remembrance Commemoration. Members were in agreement with the design and costings proposed by Mr Whittington

5. Matters relating to Cornelly Community Centre, including update on patio project

The Clerk reported that Gerald Davies Ltd., had finished work at and around the patio. Members were very pleased with the finished result. Members had been provided with Gerald Davies's latest invoice. Members were in agreement with payment of the invoice.

The Clerk provided details of patio furniture quote received from NBB Recycled Plastics. Members discussed the quote. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for 3 / 4 picnic tables, as opposed to the 5 already quoted for. The Clerk was also asked to also obtain quote for patio bench.

Meeting closed 7.45pm

Chair's Signature