

Minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration & Major Grants Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 13 November 2023 at 7.00pm

Venue: The meeting was held remotely and at the Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on 13 December 2023.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the committee to be held on 8 January 2024

Present: Councillors A Bird, M Day, G Lloyd-Tolman, L Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan (Chair), P Seabourne, D Thomas & M Villars

Also Gareth Davies (Clerk to the Council) & Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Councillors SWJ Ashley, R Bennett, L Chaney, K Manneh, S Morgan, WJ Walker & S Wharton

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

RMG23/016 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors SWJ Ashley (illness), K Manneh (Work), S Morgan (Meeting) & WJ Walker (illness)

RMG23/017 Members' Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have and sign the Interests Sheet to give details of the nature of the interest.

Councillor D Thomas declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute RMG23/019 Installation of a Splash Pad at Cwmbran Boating Lake. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

RMG23/018 Minutes 2 October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor C Morgan signed the minutes.

RMG23/019 Installation of a Splash Pad at Cwmbran Boating Lake

Councillor D Thomas declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute RMG23/019 Installation of a Splash Pad at Cwmbran Boating Lake. He remained in the meeting during the discussions.

The Clerk reported to members that he had started the process of investigating the costs of the installation and maintenance of a Splash Pad, with a base budget cost of £300,000 and £480,000 for a Splash Pad with a water recirculation system. Other costs to consider would be £10,000 per year for refurbishment and improvements and the Splash Pad with a water recirculation system would also need to be staffed when operating.

Members enquired about the costs of insurance and other possible locations in the Cwmbran area for a Splash Pad. Members were concerned with the ongoing cost of maintenance and the use of a Splash Pad being seasonal.

Cllr Thomas suggested an adventure park as an alternative, as this could be used all year round, Cllr Thomas will make enquiries into a proposal for an adventure park.

The Clerk will continue to investigate the feasibility and maintenance of a Splash Pad.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the position is noted.

RMG23/020 Exclusion of the Press & Public

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed that the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 be exercised.

RMG23/021 Budget for 2024/2025

The RFO reported to members the current budget position and proposed budget for 2024/25. Members approved the budget proposals.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

Signed

(Chairman, Regeneration & Major Grants Committee *Committee*)