Cyngor Tref Rhydaman
Ammanford Town Council

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Asset Management, Planning and Environment Committee of Ammanford Town Council on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 20:30 Held remotely via MS Teams

Meeting commenced at 20:33

Members of the Committee Present
Cllr Lyn Brodrick (LB)
Cllr Sara Murray (SM)
Cllr Emyr John (EJ)
Cllr Stephen Davies (SD)

Members of Council not on the Committee Present
Cllr Anthony Jones (AJ)

Also Present:
Technical Officer - Mr Wynne Jones (WJ)
Minute Taker – Mr Lyn Brodrick (LB) – LB was in attendance as a Councillor but was required to take minutes as the committee had a quorum, the Chair did not participate as a Councillor in the meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting and clarified the reason for calling the Emergency Meeting and thanked those that had attended at such short notice. He stated that the deadline for grant applications were Friday 28th April and due to the outlined plans of Ammanford Town Council, submitting these applications was important.

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence**

There were apologies for absence received prior to the meeting from Cllr Heulwen Howells and Cllr Llio Davies.

2. **Declarations of interest**

None Noted

3. **To discuss grants application for National Lottery and Mynydd y Betws**

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The Chair asked Members of the Public present for any comments they might have:

No comments received.

The Chair asked the Technical Officer to update grant applications.

WJ stated that advice sought from Caroline Owens (Bureau) that an application from Ammanford Town Council should be considered to support the Ammanford Park Development. Following discussions, a sustainability and solar energy lighting pillars for the park were suggested. WJ then investigated pricing 12 posts for the perimeter of the path in the park and complete the application in readiness for council approval, WJ stated that these discussions had only been over the last 48 hours. The contribution from ATC would be £4,680 with the remaining amount being funded from the Mynydd y Betws grant to total £19,680.

LB asked regarding the ongoing cost of maintenance and energy, WJ stated this would be minimal as the posts are Solar panel and LED lights with very low cost implications.

SD raised the point that the original Mynydd y Betws grant was due to be complete for the DDA equipment for the Ammanford Park Project. WJ informed council that all the park projects and DDA equipment was priced within the National Lottery grant application which is at 90% complete with a few additional technical points to add to the application before final submission. The national lottery grant is £80,000 commitment from ATC with £85,000 matched by the lottery for Ammanford Park, Carregaman and Riverway.

SD asked regarding the spec of the lights are they similar to the recreation ground lights, WJ explained that the PRR lights can be considered when successful and tender specifications are drawn up that lights are solar, intermittent / self-illuminating.

EJ raised the point that the £4,680 has not been budgeted for. AJ raised the point that the council recently reclaimed £9,600 from previous years Mynydd y Betws grant for memorial way which can be utilised for the ATC contribution towards this year's application as this wasn't considered within the 2023-24 budget.

EJ asked who would complete the application before the deadline? LB suggested that WJ would complete and submit application following the vote of council. SD stated that there doesn't seem to be a need for a vote as this is the only proposal on the table and at short notice and ATC would have to be seen to apply for these funds.

EJ raised concerns that there are more pressing matters to be considered.

LB brought the meeting back to the agenda point and asked whether a proposal and second for the technical officer's request. SM proposed and SD seconded, LB asked for any objections, none noted and motion carried.

EJ asked if there are any other grants, WJ updated council that ATC will be looking at a scheme of the shared prosperity fund in July application for the refurbishment of the compound however this is subject to community group being established and making

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application. SM and Fiona Wilkins (FM) are in the process of creating their constitution in conjunction with CAVS (Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services) which will be brought to council in next full council once 2 councillors are appointed to represent ATC.

The Chair noted the next meeting of this committee will be held on 15th May 2023 and thanked everyone for their attendance.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:09

Signed ..... Date .....

(Chair)

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