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Ammanford Town Council

Minutes of Asset Management, Planning & Environment Committee Meeting of Ammanford Town Council (ATC) on Monday 17th July 2023 at 6.45pm

Hybrid via Virtual Media on MS Teams those attending online were asked to confirm that they were able to hear the audio.

Attendees –
Committee Members: Councillor Lyn Brodrick (LB); Councillor Emyr John (EJ); Councillor Heulwen Howells (HH); Councillor Terry Howells (TH); Councillor Sara Murray (SM);

Other Members: Councillor Anthony Jones (AJ); Councillor Marie Griffiths (MG); Councillor Calum Higgins (CH)

Minutes taken by: Fiona Wilkins

Chair Councillor Lyn Brodrick presiding.

1. **Apologies for absence**

   Councillor Julia Bell

2. **Declarations of interest**

   Councillor Emyr John - Volunteers with the Ammanford Food Bank

3. **Matters Arising from the Public (as per Standing Orders 3e;(f);(g);(h))**

   None received.

4. Councillor Lyn Brodrick gave a brief introduction to explain that closing date for the Community Grant fund had passed and that recommendations to Full Council needed to be made for the awarding of the Grant Funds. Councillor Lyn Broderick explained that the total requests for donations exceeded the £5000 budget set by £238.40. Councillor Calum Higgins reminded the committee that although the budget is set there is some flexibility and that all requests should be considered on merit and awarded accordingly.

   Applications were received from

   Amman Valley Swimming Club £ 500.00
   Ammanford AFC Juniors £ 500.00
   Ammanford Evangelical Church £ 500.00
   Ammanford Foodbank £ 500.00
   2nd Ammanford Rangers £ 500.00
   DINEFWR INDOOR BOWLS £ 500.00
   Papur Bro Glo Mân £ 300.00
   Dawnswyr Penrhyd £ 500.00
   Ammanford All Saints Maintenance Committee £338.40
   Ammanford RFC £ 500.00

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Councillor Calum Higgins left the meeting at 6.58pm

Mayor Emyr John questioned Councillor Lyn Brodrick in relation to why Councillors had received a summary document to outline the needs for each grant application from the organisation requesting the funds and not the full application, Councillor Lyn Brodrick explained this was in line with GDPR and that only information relevant to the decision-making process had been shared to the committee.

Mayor Emyr John argued that he believed this to be incorrect procedure and that he thought the synopsis given allowed for an individual Councillor interpretation and not facts. Councillor Lyn Brodrick called an end to the agenda point and referred further discussion to the next Full Council meeting. Councillor Lyn Brodrick requested the Mayor contact the organisations that had requested funding to explaining the delay in the application process.

5. Councillor Lyn Brodrick outline a proposal from the Lawn Tennis Association to provide funding for the improvement of the Tennis Courts in Ammanford Park. Councillor Brodrick gave details of the booking system that would need to be implemented and discussion took place in relation to charging the public for use of the courts and that this money would be used to create a maintenance fund to allow for resurfacing of the courts in 10 years' time. It was explained that for the LTA to agree the project each court must receive £1200 per year (£3600 total pa) into the maintenance fund.

It was agreed for Councillor Brodrick and the Technical Officer to meet with LTA representatives to discuss further and bring a full proposal back to full council for decision.

6. Date of next meeting to be confirmed after meeting with LTA.

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