

**Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Meeting
held (electronically) on Thursday 3rd June 2021**

Present: Cllrs M Emmet-Lewis, T Hill (Chair), S Maitland-Thomas,
J Manley, L Tallon-Morris

Town Clerk: Kerry-Leigh Grabham
Assistant Town Clerk: Sarah Watkins

1. To elect a Chairperson for year 2021-2022

It was proposed and seconded and resolved that Cllr T Hill be the Chairperson for 2021 – 2022.

2. To elect a Vice Chairperson for year 2021-2022

It was proposed and seconded and resolved that Cllr S Maitland-Thomas be the Vice Chairperson for 2021 – 2022.

3. Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Manley	Item 8	Personal Interest
Cllr S Maitland-Thomas	Item 8	Personal Interest
Cllr T Hill	Item 8	Personal Interest

5. To consider and approve item – Promoting Porthcawl Committee Terms of Reference

Members were in agreement that they were relevant to the Promoting Porthcawl meeting.

It was agreed that compliance to the Wellbeing & Future Generation Act should be included on the Promoting Porthcawl Committee Terms of Reference.

Resolved: To approve the Terms of Reference for the Promoting Porthcawl committee as presented with the above amendment.

6. To consider calendar of meetings for 2021/2022

Members agreed the calendar of meetings for the Promoting Porthcawl Committee as presented.

7. To consider and approve item – Christmas Lighting Tender Documentation

It was noted that Well Street was not included in the Christmas Lighting tender due to there being only one fixture available. Members agreed to include Well Street on the tender to explore the potential of placing Christmas lighting in this area.

The Town Clerk advised that she had made a visit to Centregreat to view the Town Council lighting features and that some had looked old and worn. It was suggested that the icicle lights purchased last year could be incorporated in the lighting display this year and that the older aluminium frame lights could potentially be placed in various wards. However, it was further advised that if the older aluminium lights are placed in other various wards this would generate cost implications due to having to set up the electrics in these wards which would result in funds being taken away from the new lighting.

Members were informed that tenders would be asked to provide a quote for the supply and install and a second quote for just the supply of the Christmas lights.

It was advised that members of the public wished for lights on the Porthcawl seafront and agreed that this should be added to the tender document.

A suggestion was made for a best dressed competition on the Porthcawl seafront to include some sort of lantern parade. Members were advised that the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade currently organise a similar competition in town.

Recommended: To approve ‘Christmas Lighting Tender Documentation’ with the above amendments.

Recommended: That the Clerk forwards the amended Christmas Lighting Tender to appropriate companies bringing the quotes back to the promoting Porthcawl committee at a later date.

8. To consider item – Grant Applications as presented:-

- NatureQuest Academy Social Enterprise cic

Members felt that a project such as this was very much needed for Porthcawl.

However, Members raised questions that no evidence of other Council/Organisations had been approached and that there was insufficient information provided on the application form provided by Nature Quest in their funding request for their project especially as the project was open to all children across the Borough.

It was discussed and agreed that the Financial Assistance Grant Forms need to be revamped in order for some additional information to be requested from Organisations. It was agreed that the Town Clerk along with Cllr Manley should look into making the appropriate changes required to the Financial Assistance Grant Forms.

Following discussion:-

Resolved to recommend: **Thank NatureQuest for their application, and advise that Porthcawl Town Council politely decline their financial assistance application on this occasion due to insufficient information being provided to Council in terms of their project plans, how the company will self-fund/develop for other elements of their projects and future business plans. Council are anticipating that this project is going to achieve its outcomes and be a success and look forward to working/supporting NatureQuest with their projects in the future. (Town Clerk Report to be presented to Council at a later date detailing Promoting Porthcawl recommendation).**

9. To consider item – Land at the rear of Suffolk Place

Members were advised that the land at the rear of Suffolk Place is an area belonging to BCBC which previously used to house a play park and is currently in a poor condition.

Various ideas were discussed in ways to improve and enhance the area and suggested sending letters out to the surrounding properties in the vicinity to gain an insight of the residents views of how they would like this area developed.

Clerk advised that as the area of land at the rear of Suffolk Place belongs to BCBC, should PTC want to do CAT transfer they would need to submit an expression of interest initially.

The Clerk mentioned that a participatory budget could be used for this project meaning that the community would be involved in the project and residents would also be able to see how the money would be spent in this area. It is a great way to bring the community together and has worked well in other Town & Community Councils.

Resolved to Recommend: **That the Clerk proceeds with an Expression of Interest with BCBC in relation to the land at the rear of Suffolk Place and to make some enquiries into the grant funding that would potentially be available for this project. (Town Clerk Report to be presented to Council at a**

later date detailing Promoting Porthcawl recommendation).

10. Town Clerk's report:-

- Newton play Park Equipment Quotes

Following discussion:-

Resolved to Recommend: That Company 1 (quote 1- Inclusive Roundabout) is the chosen provider for the proposed Newton Play Park equipment. (Town Clerk Report to be presented to Council at a later date detailing Promoting Porthcawl recommendation).

Recommended: Members to visit other local areas where these roundabouts are already on situ.

The meeting concluded at 8.04pm