

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COSAC Committee

Minutes of Meeting, held in the Old Library
Wednesday, 28 July at 6.30pm

Register of those Present:

Cllr A Asbrey (Chair)
Cllr D Evans
Cllr A Cooke

Cllr M Phillips
Cllr K Hatton
Cllr K Shaw

15. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr C Franks, S. Davies (Footpaths warden), N Gaskell (Allotments Rep)

16. Declaration of Interests

Cllr A Asbrey declared an interest in item 22 on the Agenda.

17. To Confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 8 June 2022

Minutes of the meeting held on **8 June 2022** were taken as read, and on the Motion of Cllr K Hatton and seconded by Cllr D Evans, it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

18. Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising that were not on the Agenda

19. To Receive Footpaths Report / Update

a. Ash Path

A recent communication from the Vale informed us that there would be some improvements made to the footway as part of the Active Travel route. This would involve removing all the kissing gates and barriers and cutting back the edge growth.

More costly improvement works are not planned at this stage. Information for **NOTING**

b. Footpath – Pen-y-turnpike to Mill Field

The Vale have been successful in obtaining funds to undertake improvements.
Anticipated start time – September. Information for **NOTING**

20. To Receive Allotments Report / Update

Allotments Update

Two plot holders were sent a warning letter due to inactivity on their plots. Work has now been undertaken on both plots.

One plot holder has installed a covert camera to try and catch images of thefts and damage taking place.

The theft of produce seems to have abated for the moment, although it is anticipated that this will increase as current produce matures.

21. Updates on Progress (for information)

a) Caerleon Rd Playground

The installation of the playground is in full swing. The very dry weather is likely to cause some issues with the laying of the grass matting which is usually recessed into ground at its edges. An alternative approach may have to be employed and will involve an element of seeding, which will need to be watered.

Anticipated completion – 2nd week in August.

[There was a change in order of the next 2 items]

22. To Authorise the Clerk to action the Tree Survey

The last full Tree Survey was undertaken in late 2019 and we have a statutory obligation to undertake a full survey every 3 years, with interim inspections as required.

It is proposed to use the same company as previously in the interests of consistency of data and comparability. Members were reminded that the company used were the cheapest be far of the quotes we had received.

It was unanimously **AGREED** to contract with the same company as previously.

23. To Consider a request by WANDP to lay over more of the Common as meadow

A site visit took place on 22 July with a number of Members attending, accompanied by a representative of WANDP, the VOG Local Nature Partnership Officer, the Conservation Officer and the Mowing Contractor. It was requested that the lower section of the Common adjacent to the Southra was left to grow as a meadow. (This was ceased a couple of years ago due to the proliferation of Ragwort, making the harvesting of hay impractical.)

WANDP have offered (with volunteers) to remove the Ragwort by hand so that the harvested hay can be usable. VOG have offered assistance in the form of advice and equipment hire if necessary.

It was **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Full Council to allocate the area in question to meadow for a trial period of one year – starting in the new growing season.

In the meantime, it would be necessary to almost immediately cut the heads off the Ragwort to prevent seeding.

24. Urgent Items from the Chairman

There were no urgent items from the Chair.

25. Matters Members wish to bring before Council

It was requested that the report on benches which fall within the Council's responsibility if presented to the COSAC Committee at its next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – 19 October 2022

Signature: Date: