



CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**A meeting of the
YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE**

**will be held at the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, Pontypridd (Bowling
Pavilion)**

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2018 at 11.00 AM

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LIST OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

2. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on the 12th June, 2018.

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**3. YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK - HERITAGE LOTTERY
FUND (HLF) PARK FOR PEOPLE PROGRAMME**

To receive the report of the Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services providing Members with an update on the progress made to date in the development of a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People programme at Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

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4. FRIENDS OF YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

To receive the report of the Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services providing Members with the details and success of the Friends of Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

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5. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items, which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

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Circulation:-

Councillors: Councillor M Webber (Chair), Councillor A Crimmings,
Councillor S Powderhill and Councillor L De Vet

Officers:

Mr C Hanagan, Director of Communications & Interim Head of Democratic Services
Mr P Mee, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services.

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 12 June 2018 at 12.05 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

**County Borough Councillors - Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee
Members in attendance:-**

Councillor M Webber (Chair)

Councillor A Crimmings Councillor S Powderhill
Councillor J Brencher

Officers in attendance

Mr C Jones, Director, Legal & Democratic Services
Mr D Batten, Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside
Mrs A Virgo, Project Team Leader - Funding and Implementation
Mrs M Gibbs, Leisure & Parks Facility Development Manager
Mr P Mortimer, Funding And Implementation Manager

Others in attendance

Councillor R Bevan

1 APOLOGIES & WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the new Members to the Committee and apologies of absence for Councillor S Evans were noted.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct there were no declarations of interest made pertaining to the agenda.

3 MINUTES

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 8th March, 2018 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

4 TAFF VALE REDEVELOPMENT - YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE

The Service Director, Corporate Design & Maintenance provided Members with an update on the Taff Vale Developments, with particular reference to the proposed new footbridge to the north western corner of the park and the town centre. The Service Director highlighted that the new access would provide significantly improved pedestrian connectivity between the town centre and the park and provide a circular pedestrian route between both key areas.

Members were advised of the developments since the last meeting of the Committee and the Service Director advised of the proposed approach and next

steps in respect of the developments and the park. Members were advised of the proposed demolition of the former changing room block and the felling of the overgrown conifers within that area, as outlined in appendix 1 of the report, which would assist with the installation of the bridge and enhance the aesthetic appearance of the area and further utilise the northern end of the park. Members were also provided with details of further trees within the park likely to require removal, as outlined within Appendix 2 of the report. The Service Director concluded his report by advising Members of the programme milestones going forward.

The Chair thanked the officers for the report and commented on the proposals listed within and asked that a replanting scheme be taken forward to mitigate the tree loss, to which the Service Director confirmed would be taken forward. The Chair commented on recent social media enquiries and took the opportunity to clarify that no car parking facilities would be provided within the park.

Other Committee Members spoke on the proposals and sought clarity that the avenue trees and the remaining line of London Planes, defining the north western extent of the park, be retained as key features of the park. The Service Director confirmed that these trees were not included within the proposed felling, although added that to protect the trees some of the branches may need to be cut to allow construction work access.

Following discussions, Members confirmed that they were happy to support the proposals going forward and **RESOLVED**:

1. To note the recent progress made and endorse the approach detailed in paragraphs 6.1 to 6.4 of the report.

5 YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK - HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) PARKS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAMME

Following a brief overview of the report by the Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside the Leisure & Parks Facility Development Manager provided Members with an update on the progress made to date in the development of a Heritage Lottery Fund Parks for People application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

Members were reminded of the successful Stage 1 application which would support the preparation of a stage 2 application which would be submitted during August 2019. The Manager advised that the core elements of the project include the development of a horticultural training facility, the restoration of the bandstand and sunken garden within the park, as well as improvements to the mock rock outcrop area. Further improvements would be made in terms of access and interpretation throughout the park.

The Officer referred Members to 5.1 of the report which outlined the progress made in relation to the development of the application including the appointment of the Project Manager for the development phase, the development of an activity plan, focusing on delivering engagement activities for families, volunteering opportunities and the development of a 'Friends of Group'. Members were also advised of the links made with RCT Learning Curve and Pontypridd High School.

The Leisure & Parks Facility Development Manager also provided details of the footfall to the park over a 12 month period, advising that from April 2017 – March 2018 over 680,000 users had entered the park. The Manager commented on the benefits Members may experience from a potential visit to the Park and the opportunity to meet The Environment Partnership to discuss the HLF programme.

The Chair thanked the officer for the report and commented on the appointment of the Project Manager and the importance of the consultation that needs to be taken forward within the summer months with the public and also other organisations. The Chair welcomed the proposed visit and also spoke of the benefits the HLF programme would bring to schools and the future generations of the County Borough with the development of the Horticulture Training Facility. The Chair queried what developments had been taken forward with the schools to date and the Leisure & Parks Facility Development Manager advised of the positive work undertaken with Pontypridd High School and the potential roll out to other secondary schools going forward. Members were advised that interest had also been sought by primary schools in respect of the facility and the links already made with Learning Curve were also detailed.

Members queried the development of the 'Friends of Group' and officers confirmed that they would be developing the group by looking at other successful models taken forward across the Authority.

Following discussions the Committee **RESOLVED**:

1. To note the progress made to date and support the ongoing project work in preparation of a submission of a Parks for People stage 2 application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park during August 2019.
2. That the trustees of the park meet with officers from The Environment Partnership

This meeting closed at 12.35 pm

**Cllr M Webber
Chairman.**

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YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE

4th DECEMBER 2018

YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) PARKS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAMME

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES

Author(s): Julie Edwards (Leisure, Parks and Countryside) / Sarah Mee
(Regeneration and Planning)

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to:

- 1.1 Provide an update to the Cabinet Committee on the progress made to date in the development of a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.
- 1.2 To gain approval on most recent design proposals in order to progress to planning.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the progress made and supports the ongoing project work in preparation of a submission of a Parks for People stage 2 application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park by August 2019.
- 2.2 Takes into account the programme timescales and takes note of the projected increase in costs, of the enhanced design proposals for the Horticultural Training Centre and supports progression through to the planning application stage.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Since December 2016, the Heritage Lottery Funded project at Ynysangharad War Memorial Park has progressed significantly.

Discussions with HLF Wales, in the past and most recently (23rd November), have been very well received.

- 3.2 Design proposals have been received and reviewed. Following informal discussions and extensive trials, including consultation, support has been positive from broader community and stakeholders.
- 3.3 Acknowledge that additional funding will need to be sourced to ensure that the enhanced designs are taken forward.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Stage 1 application was successful resulting in the Council receiving a grant (£208,500) to deliver a development phase that supports the preparation of a stage 2 application to be submitted by August 2019.
- 4.2 Mid way through the development phase and important milestones have been achieved:
 - All necessary reports and trials have been carried out resulting in amended designs being drawn up by The Environment Partnership (TEP) and AJA, sympathetic to the environment and tree line.
 - Bluesail have been commissioned to develop a business plan for the Horticultural Training Centre. Consultation with key stakeholders remains on-going.
 - The Volunteer Programme has enrolled over 50 participants and over 1650 hours of volunteering have been given to the park.
 - Establishment of Friends of Ynysangharad War Memorial Park group.
 - Engagement activities are on-going and lessons learnt will inform phase 2 activity programme.
 - Key relationships have been developed with stakeholders and will allow for well-being activities to be offered moving forward.
 - Discussions with Learning and Training providers have been positive and as a result, courses will commence in the current facilities as a pre-requisite.
 - The planning consultation period will commence 4th December for two weeks with a view to submitting to planning in January.
- 4.2 The stage 2 application is for delivery and requires a minimum of 10% match funding for projects in excess of £1 million. There is an allowance for this already built into the Parks & Countryside capital programme for future years.
- 4.3 Stage 2 core elements include:
 - Development of a Horticultural Training Facility

- Restorative works to the Sunken Garden and Bandstand
- Creation of woodland play space incorporated in to the mock rock outcrop area
- Delivery of an activity programme
- Delivery of a training programme
- Volunteer Programme
- Staffing costs

5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

6 CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 7.1 Consultation was conducted in-house by the Consultation Team and the Leisure Parks and Countryside Service. The consultation period ran from the 2nd July 2018 until 31st August 2018.
- 6.2 Results of the consultation evidence community support for the proposals, over 90% of respondents.
- 6.3 Consultation on the RIBA Stage 3 design proposals will commence 4th December 2018 and will run for 2 weeks.

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 The updated designs have resulted in an increase to the overall costs originally set for the project, leaving a shortfall of approximately £190,000. Heritage Lottery have confirmed that there is no scope for increasing the original grant request that was submitted in stage 1 approval.
- 7.2 Alternative funding sources are actively being explored through other grants that may available, and it is envisaged that the shortfall could be reduced once these are worked through.

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Park is held in trust by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council for the charity of 'the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park'.
- 8.2 The conveyance contains a restrictive covenant restricting the use of land for the purposes of a public parks and recreation ground for the

benefit of the inhabitants of the Pontypridd town and the adjoining district.

9 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 9.1 The offer of introducing learning and well-being opportunities will enhance individual's health and prosperity, leading to more vibrant communities.
- 9.2 Economically, the developments will support the wider town centre regeneration; creating a more prosperous Rhondda Cynon Taf for future generations.
- 9.3 Defined horticulture areas will enhance education and promote the importance for a more resilient Wales.
- 9.4 Development of a training centre to improve skills will support current staff and apprentices. The proposal will also be extended to other local authorities locally and regionally creating pathways to employment, unique to any other authority.
- 9.5 Improving and protecting the heritage of the local park space will enhance the visitors experience and promote Ynysangharad War Memorial Park as a vibrant attraction.
- 9.6 Improvements to the overall space will encourage footfall which will help to reduce anti-social behaviour and other crimes.
- 9.7 The children and young people of Rhondda Cynon Taf will benefit from a diverse programme of activities that will support them in getting a great start in life.
- 9.8 Overall, Ynysangharad War Memorial Park will provide a diverse offer for users ranging from recreational activities through to training courses, development through play to cultural offers.

101 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Parks for People work presents the Council with the opportunity to enhance the visitors experience and further develop Ynysangharad War Memorial Park as a regional tourist attraction.
- 10.2 The proposed enhancements to Ynysangharad War Memorial Park will offer the visitor a menu of opportunities that will support sustainability.

- 10.3 The development of a Friends Of Group will further provide an offer to local communities, bringing added value and diversity.
- 10.4 The Training Centre will promote the park locally and regionally, putting Ynysangharad War Memorial Park on the map.
- 10.5 The revised designs will be complimentary to the surroundings and had a positive reception from development control.

Other Information.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Public Service delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

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YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK – FRIENDS OF YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES

Author(s): Julie Edwards (Leisure, Parks and Countryside)

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to:

- 1.1 Receive details of the successful volunteering programme and the development of the Friends of Group taken forward within Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the progress made by the volunteers and the establishment of a Friends of Group.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Since the commencement of the Development Phase, Stage 1 in April, great progress has been made to implement a volunteer programme that can be accessed by all within the community of Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 3.2 Friends of Group established as a direct result of engagement activities offered within the park.

4. FRIENDS OF YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

- 4.1 Range of engagement activities offered in order to attract user to the park; providing time to discuss and explore interest in a volunteer programme.

- 4.2 As well as engagement activities, volunteer programme implemented offering a range of activities and learning opportunities to those wishing to get involved.
- 4.3 Friends of group established from the volunteer programme.
- 4.4 Opportunity for Members to receive further details from volunteers from within the programme

5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

6 CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 6.1 Through the volunteer programme, volunteers are consulted on the type of activities they'd like to do. This shapes the programme moving forward.
- 6.2 Friends of Group have delivered very successful workshops that allowed for informal consultation to take place with attendees. This will inform the wider engagement opportunities.

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 The Friends of Group will be responsible for drawing down funding that brings added value to the park and engages community members of all ages.

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 None at present.

9 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 9.1 The delivery of a volunteer programme brings many benefits to participants. It both improves their well-being but also develops transferable skills. Having a positive impact will support prosperity.

- 9.2 A menu of bio diverse and horticultural activities will create a more resilient community and one that appreciates what is available within the park environment.
- 9.3 The Friends of Group have the ability to draw down additional funding and offer a range of activities to community members which are complimentary to what the Council is able to offer.

10 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The Volunteer programme enhances the visitors experience and further develops Ynysangharad War Memorial Park as a place for people to come to support well-being.
- 10.2 The development of a Friends Of Group will further provide an offer to local communities, bringing added value and diversity.
- 10.3 The bottom up approach to developing the volunteer programme and Friends of Group will help to ensure sustainability.

Other information.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee –Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

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