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RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

**will be held at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach
Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX
WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY, 2019 at 10.00 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 and approve the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on the 3rd January, 2019.

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**3. UPDATE ON PROGRESS - YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL
PARK**

To receive an update in respect of The National Lottery.

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4. MAJOR MUSIC CONCERT IN YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

To receive a report outlining the operational requirements in respect of 'Ponty's Big Weekend' Event.

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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.



Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Circulation:-

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

Officers: Mr S Gale, Director of Prosperity & Development
Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal 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 Thursday, 3 January 2019 at 10.30 am 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

Officers in attendance

Mr D Batten, Head of Leisure
Mr P Mortimer, Funding And Implementation Manager

11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

As in accordance with the Councils code of conduct, no declarations were made pertaining to the agenda.

12 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillor L De Vet.

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

The Head of Leisure, Parks and Countryside provided Members with an update on the design proposals in respect of the RIBA stage 3 design for the Horticultural Centre, following Consultation with Cadw and other key stakeholders.

Members discussed the two options before them and the cost variation between each option, with the Head of Service confirming that the costs were still an estimate at this stage of the design. Members discussed the need for further work to be undertaken by officers to explore further funding opportunities.

Members also commented that going forward sample materials proposed to be utilised in the design options would provide further clarity for Members and key stakeholders / consultees. The Head of Service advised that this would be feedback to the consultants.

Following a query the Head of Service advised Members of the planning process going forward with the designs needing to be formally submitted for a future planning application, which would also need to go Welsh Government for determination.

Members discussed taking forward Option 1, in line with the feedback of Cadw and other key stakeholders although asked for flexibility where possible in respect of some of the design options. Members also spoke of the importance of gaining wider public feedback in respect of the proposals going forward.

Members asked to be kept up-to-date with the application as and when appropriate.

Following discussions it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To commence with 'Option 1' of the RIBA Stage 3 designs proposals subject to flexibility with the design options where necessary.

This meeting closed at 10.46 am

**Cllr M Webber
Chairman.**

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE

1ST MAY 2019

UPDATE ON PROGRESS - YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

A REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

Author: Michelle Gibbs, Facility Development Manager, Leisure, Parks and Countryside

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to:

- 1.1 Provide an update to the Cabinet Committee on progress made to date regarding the National Lottery Heritage Fund (previously Heritage Lottery Fund) Parks for People application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Progress made is noted and support given to the ongoing project work in respect of a Parks for People stage 2 application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park submission due 20th August 2019.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Since December 2016, the National Lottery Heritage Funded project at Ynysangharad War Memorial Park has progressed significantly. Discussions with National Lottery Heritage Fund in the past and most recently 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 the broader community and stakeholders.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The stage 1 application was successful, resulting in the Council receiving a grant (£208,500) to support the preparation of a stage 2 application which is to be submitted in August 2019.
- 4.2 The core elements of the project include the development of a horticultural training facility, the restoration of the bandstand and sunken garden as well as improvements to the mock rock outcrop area. Furthermore, improvements will be made in terms of access and interpretation throughout the park.
- 4.3 The stage 2 application will also include revenue costs for the provision of an activity programme, which includes the development of a volunteering and training programme within the park, along with associated staffing costs.
- 4.4 The proposed timescales are as follows:

Development Phase	April 2018 – August 2019
Stage 2 submission	20 th August 2019
Delivery Phase	1 st January 2020 – 31 st December 2022

5. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 5.1 The Environment Partnership on behalf of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC submitted a planning application for the relevant elements of the project. The application, reference 19/0076/08, can be viewed on the online Planning Register:
<https://planningonline.rctcbc.gov.uk/online-applications/?lang=EN>
- 5.2 The project team met with Bluesail regarding the draft Business Plan. Key discussions focused on the staffing requirement and the training centre budget. As a result of these discussions Bluesail is amending the draft plan.
- 5.3 The project team have met with The Environment Partnership in relation to the landscaping and planting element of the project. Subsequently a tender brief for this element has been developed in draft. This will be finalised and submitted with the stage 2 application.
- 5.4 The development of a draft Interpretation and Digital Output Plan that outlines key platforms that will be used to engage with the general public. This includes online, social media and interpretation boards sited throughout the park.

- 5.5 The development of a draft Activity Plan outlining how the project team will engage with individuals and communities to meet measurable outcomes throughout the delivery phase is ongoing.
- 5.6 The development of a draft Management and Maintenance Plan that acts as reference manual for current and future maintenance operations across the whole site is ongoing.
- 5.7 The development of a draft Communication and Stakeholder Strategy outlining how the project team will continually link with key organisations and the community throughout the delivery phase is ongoing.
- 5.6 The footfall counters show that visitor numbers to the park for 2018/19 totalled 747,032.
- 5.7 The project team met with the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a project progress meeting on 10th April. Key recommendations from the meeting include: -
- Ensure that Business Plan reflects the successful track record of enterprise start up regarding the Lido Ponty training centre further enhancing the business case for the centre.
 - Ensure that Interpretation Plan is at RIBA Stage 3 matching the architectural designs for the Horticultural Centre
 - Consider the role of the Friends of Ynysangharad War Memorial Park for the delivery phase.
 - Enhance the biodiversity elements within the Management and Maintenance Plan.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

7 CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 7.1 Consultation on the RIBA Stage 3 design proposals occurred over December 2018. As a result of this, consultation amendments were made to the proposed building and designs were updated.

8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 In July 2016 RCT Cabinet approved the development and submission of a stage 1 Parks for People application for Ynysangharad War Memorial Park. Included as part of the approval was the need for the

Council to source match funding for both the stage 1 and stage 2 applications.

- 8.2 The updated designs have resulted in an increase to the overall costs originally set for the project. The Project Team are currently working to develop a financial package for submission in August as part of the final application.
- 8.3 This final package alongside the application will be presented to a future Cabinet Committee meeting.

9 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The Park is held in trust by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council for the charity of 'the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park'.
- 9.2 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 Pontypridd town and the adjoining district.

10 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 10.1 The offer of introducing learning and wellbeing opportunities will enhance individuals' health and prosperity, leading to more vibrant communities.
- 10.2 Economically, the developments will support the wider town centre regeneration; creating a more prosperous Rhondda Cynon Taf for future generations.
- 10.3 Defined horticulture areas will enhance education and promote the importance for a more resilient Wales.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 Improvements to the overall space will encourage footfall, which will help to reduce anti-social behaviour and other crimes.

- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 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.

11 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 The National Lottery Heritage Fund 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.
- 11.2 The proposed enhancements to Ynysangharad War Memorial Park will offer the visitor a menu of opportunities that will support sustainability.
- 11.3 The development of a Friends Of Group will further provide an offer to local communities, bringing added value and diversity.
- 11.4 The Training Centre will promote the park locally and regionally, putting Ynysangharad War Memorial Park on the map.
- 11.5 The revised designs will be complimentary to the surroundings and have a positive reception from development control.

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WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2019

YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE

MAJOR MUSIC CONCERT IN YNYSANGHARAD PARK

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROSPERITY & DEVELOPMENT IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL BUSINESS,
COUNCILLOR WEBBER**

Author: Simon Gale, Director of Prosperity & Development

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:

Update members on the plans to hold a major music event in the park in August 2019.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

2.1 Note the content of the report.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 A major music concert is planned to take place in the Park in August this year and it is considered important that Members are appraised of the implications this event will have on the operation of the Park.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Between 2008 and 2014 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) worked in partnership with Orchard Entertainment, an event delivery company, to showcase a weekend of outdoor live music called Ponty's Big Weekend. The event was subsidised by the Council.

- 4.2 The event at its peak was attracting over 15,000 people and hosted artists including JLS, Olly Murs, Little Mix, Alfie Boe and The Overtones amongst many others.
- 4.3 For a number of reasons, the event has not taken place since 2014. However, given the investment in the town and park in the last few years, it is considered an opportune time to reintroduce a major music event in the Park, to build on the increasingly successful regeneration of Pontypridd.

5.0 PONTY'S BIG WEEKEND

- 5.1 On 17 August 2019, it is proposed that the park will be the venue for a music concert under the banner of 'Ponty's Big Weekend'. The headline act is Ocean Colour Scene, who will be supported by a number of national and local acts.
- 5.2 Whilst proceeding under the moniker of 'Ponty's Big Weekend', the show will be a wholly commercial undertaking by the promoters *Orchard Entertainment* without subsidy from the Council.
- 5.3 Orchard are expecting around 5,000 paying attendees for the event, which will be accommodated on the Rose Garden area of the park.
- 5.4 The implications for park are as follows:
- Tuesday evening 13 August – build starts for the event with very limited disruption to park users.
 - Wednesday/Thursday 14/15 August – limited deliveries, using evening times where possible and with proper site management and vehicle scheduling to allow the park to operate almost as normal.
 - Friday 16 August – the promoters will need to take over the cricket and bowls pavilions and in the evening take on the Lido meeting room which will operate as the headliner's dressing room.
 - Saturday 17 August – ideally the promoters would like the whole park closed all day but by noon at the very latest to ensure site sterilisation and security. Gates will open at 3pm with the concert scheduled to finish at 10:30pm. The promoters will apply for a licence until 11pm to cover any minor slippage. De-rig of infrastructure will commence immediately after the concert finish with the aim of removing as much infrastructure and equipment as possible.

- Sunday 18 August – de-rig for the event will continue during the morning, moving out the last of the infrastructure/equipment, but with very limited disruption to park users.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An equality Impact Assessment form (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time.

7.0. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation is taking place with the Council's Events Safety Advisory Group with planned meetings involving Police, Fire and other Emergency Services, as well as other key stakeholders such as transport representatives. Discussions will also be necessary with other users of the Park, such as the various sports clubs, Lido Ponty visitors and personnel that use the grounds for leisurely purposes (i.e. Park Run attendees). These discussions will aim to inform all users well in advance of the restrictions that will be in place due to the concert and provide other options if available.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 There are no current legal implications, but the event operators will need to seek the appropriate licences and consents in order for the event to proceed.

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

- 10.1 The delivery of this strategy will contribute to the Council's corporate priorities:
- Economy – building a strong economy
 - Place – creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work

- 10.2 Enabling vibrant and enticing town centres, with a strong offer, which recognises that they are at the heart of our communities is a clear commitment within Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's 2016-20 Corporate Plan "The Way Ahead".
- 10.3 Bringing major events to our towns raises their profile and increases spend in the shops and services around the area which in turn boosts the local economy. Seeing well-run, successful events in our towns will also help increase civic pride, promoting our towns as places where people are proud to live and work.
- 10.4 Similarly, events like this will make a contribution to the seven national well-being goals, in particular a prosperous Wales, a Wales of cohesive communities and a more equal Wales.

11.0 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 The report sets out the details around how the Ponty's Big Weekend event will be managed during the days before and after the concert and how the event will proceed on the day itself. It sets out the implications for the Park and its users none of which are considered so detrimental as to prevent the event from proceeding.

Other Information: -

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Committee

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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