



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET 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**

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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