

CYNGOR TREF CONWY TOWN COUNCIL
GUILDHALL, CONWY
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT : Councillors – E Leighton-Jones (Town Mayor, Chair), P Hart, V Macdonald, R Parker, S Allardice, B Chapman, B James, S Cotton, T James, E Hughes, A James, C Rigal, H Roberts

IN ATTENDANCE : Helen Barritt (Town Clerk)
Mr D Blair & Danny Blair, First Conwy Scouts
Mr D Holland, Vardre Bowling Club
Mr D Hare, Conwy Cricket Club

APOLOGIES : Councillor G Edwards

Declarations of Interest – Code of Local Government Conduct:

Agenda Item:

- Agenda Item 3a, Grant Applications, First Conwy Scouts
- The Mayor – First Conwy Scouts is one of her charities

Minute Number

3. Grant Applications

a) First Conwy Scouts

Mr Blair & Danny presented First Conwy Scouts application for assistance with funding to rebuild the scout hut.

First Conwy Scouts have been in existence since 1910 & are normally based in Morfa Bach Car Park. They have around 70 members & 12 leaders & many parents help out too.

A couple of years ago the scout hut was burnt down & the group are looking to replace it but with something better. The site is a good one for the scouts as it provides many opportunities. Cuurently, the scouts are meeting in St.John’s Church Hall & Bodlondeb Youth Club but this is not ideal.

To date, the work clearing the site has cost nothing as volunteers have been used along with some work with Dŵr Cymru on the pipe work running beneath the site. Planning permission has been granted for the new hut and the group now need to employ professionals along with Project Manager. The cost of the whole project is expected to be between £180k & £200k.

The group are looking for the “seed funding” to cover the initial costs, before seeking funding from larger sources (Welsh Government, Heritage Lottery Fund) to fund the building work.

The life of the building is expected to be in excess of 40 years & will be designed with the capability to withstand flooding. The facility will be made available to other organisations & will help with income generation.

The Mayor thanked Mr Blair & Danny for their presentation.

b) Vardre Bowling Club

Mr Holland presented Vardre Bowling Club’s application for assistance with funding for improvements to the greens & patio area.

Vardre Bowling Club has been in existence since 1930 & provides many social activities for members & other people in the community. There are around 70 members.

It has recently received a grant from Awards for All for £5k towards new electric canopies.

The club is developing its youth side & also makes itself available to organisations such as U3A & Moving Solutions.

The Club has been proud to represent the Town Council in the annual Walled Towns Bowls Competition.

The Club has recently undertaken some work on a patio area to make more space (£3.3k) with a grant from CCBC (£2k). The Club is requesting the additional £1.3k from the Town Council.

The gutters around the green need to be renovated as the wood holding the green back has rotted. The cost is around £5.8k.

The club undertakes much of its maintenance itself & also raises funds through many activities.

The Mayor thanked Mr Holland for his presentation

c) Conwy Cricket Club

Mr Hare presented Conwy Cricket Club's application for assistance with the purchase of a bowling machine & pitch covers.

Conwy Cricket Club has been in existence since 1840 & is now accredited with the England & Wales Cricket Board. Part of the requirements of the accreditation was to build up the youth side along with coaching. The club has around 70 senior members & 50 junior members

The Club has recently had a grant of £25k to renew the nets. The total cost of the project was £30k with the remaining £5k funded by a loan over 5 years.

The club is now looking to purchase a bowling machine at a cost of £2k to assist with training & pitch covers as a cost of £4k to prevent games from being called off.

The club undertakes other fundraising activities but is unable to advertise around the ground due to the conservation area.

The Pavillion is made available to other local organisations.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hare for his presentation

4. Confidential Business

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 & with Standing Order 65, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press & public be temporarily excluded & instructed to withdraw

5. Discussion on Grant Application Presentations

Members discussed the presentations made by the three organisations & the amounts to be awarded from the Community Development Fund

RESOLVED that:

- a) £10,000 is awarded to Conwy First Scouts
- b) £7,100 is awarded to Vardre Bowling Club
- c) £6,000 is awarded to Conwy Cricket Club

Members said that the organisations were to ensure that the funding was spent on the specific projects the money was requested for & that the Town Council logo is used in any publicity to highlight the assistance given by the Town Council

Members suggested that a framed certificate of the grant awarded should be given to the organisation to display.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.18pm