

Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council

Regeneration and Community Engagement Committee Special Meeting

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dydd Gwener 2^{ail} Hydref 2020

This meeting was held via video conference under the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) 2020

Present: Councillors Michael Theodoulou (Chair), Lisa Mitchell, David Owens, Karen Trimble and Bob Walpole.

Absent: Councillors Rachel Evans, Peter Freeman, Les George, Robert John and Mary Wenman

In attendance: Huw Thomas (Town Clerk and RFO), Louise Robinson (Community Development Officer), Ed Davies (Administrative Assistant-Minute Taker)

Via Microsoft Teams 2pm to 2.35pm

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Karen Morris and Moira Thomas.

2. To receive members' declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted.

None were made.

3. To consider recommendations from the Community Support Task and Finish Group


Members had received a written report with four recommendations from the task and finish group in advance of the meeting. Each needed a decision before the next scheduled meeting of the Committee and so this special meeting had been arranged.

Members requested that the Clerk provide specific guidance regarding Covid 19 regulations on each of the recommendations as necessary.

Halloween

The CDO had received a number of requests from the public for the Council to mark this event if possible. Given Welsh Government guidance for children not to "trick or treat" this year, the proposal was to take treats to children whose households registered their interest with the Council. Households would be encouraged to dress their houses or a window, and then on the 31st October Council staff would leave a goody-bag on the doorstep. In addition, there would be a best display competition with prizes for the winners.

Cllrs David Owens and Michael Theodoulou stated their intention to abstain from the discussion due to their personal opposition to the holiday.


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It was noted that in recent years a large and popular disco for children and young people had been held in the town. The CDO also advised that the initial budget of £300 was very generous and the total cost was likely to be significantly lower.

Cllr Lisa Mitchell **PROPOSED** the arrangements be made, seconded by Cllr Bob Walpole. It as **RESOLVED** in favour.

ACTION: CDO

Farmers market

The CDO stated that on contact with the County Council on the matter, they had confirmed that no trading licence was required for holding such an event in Pembrey, but that it would require costly road closures. In light of which they had offered to act as promoters for the event instead.

Members discussed the matter in depth. It was noted that the regulations at present allowed for a food market to take place, but that these were subject to frequent review. Members discussed the sensibility of arranging any type of event/activity which may encourage gatherings at present, and whether responsibility would lie with the County Council or Town Council in this arrangement. The benefit of a food market was noted, but also the potential for increased competition for existing businesses in the community should it be arranged.

Members **AGREED** unanimously for officers to find out more information on how other nearby farmer's markets operated and for detailed information regarding Covid 19 regulations and reasonable precautions.

Members **AGREED** unanimously for the CDO to reply to the County Council informing them of the Committees intention to defer action at present.

ACTION: CDO

Remembrance

The CDO advised of the intention to contact all contributors to arrange for them to place their wreaths in the week leading up to the 11th November, and for this to be filmed. She would then work with the Royal British Legion to film the remainder of the service, and then to combine the total into a film that was released at 11am on the 11th as a virtual Remembrance event. This would prevent a large crowd from gathering at that time and allowed the public to visit the memorial in their own time,

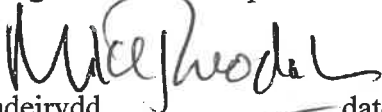
Members **RESOLVED**, unanimously in favour and requested that the Mayor be a contributor to the film also as it was a civic event.

ACTION: CDO

Actif Sir Gâr

A proposal had been received from Actif Sir Gâr for support in their funded project to develop outdoor exercising opportunities. They would be working with the Rugby and Football clubs to provide walking sports, the family centre for toddler sports, separate junior and teenage groups at 4pm and a couch-to-5k running group in the early evening.

While members were supportive of the project and welcomed the focus on Burry Port, but had reservations on a few points. It was noted that the Town Council was only one of the leaseholders for the Memorial Park and that Actif Sir Gâr would need permissions from both sports clubs who had lease agreements in the park.


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Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to support the proposal, provided Actif Sir Gâr satisfied the Clerk in writing that they were compliant with Covid 19 regulations and that an agreement was in place with the sports clubs also

ACTION: CDO

Meeting ended 2.35pm



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