



Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces, Allotments & Rights of Way Committee
held at the Council Meeting Room, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail
at 6:30pm on Thursday 13th June 2024

Present: Cllr Dan Owen-Jones
Cllr Glenn Evans
Cllr Debra James
Cllr Karen Webb

Absent: Cllr Greg Powell

Officers: Mrs Aingie Cripps Melody (Deputy Clerk)

1. Election of Chair

Having confirmed his acceptance of the nomination, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To elect Cllr Dan Owen-Jones to the role of Chair.

It was resolved to consider agenda items 6 and 5 first on the grounds that Cllr Dan Owen-Jones would be leaving the meeting early.

6. Matters pertaining to Allotments

a) Meeting with Allotment Associations

The committee suggested scheduling a meeting with allotment association Secretaries for Thursday 20th June 2024 to discuss new agreements, inspections and competition.

b) Start date for revised Allotment Association Agreements

It was discussed to agree start date for new agreements following meeting with allotment associations.

c) Allotment competitions 2024

The committee suggested holding judging for the Allotment Association competition 2024 on 29th July 2024, with there being one prize for the best plot at each site and then one overall winner.

d) Annual allotment inspections

The committee discussed and suggested holding the 2024 annual allotment inspections on 2nd & 3rd July.

5. Matters pertaining to Open Spaces

a) Update on summer flowers

An update was given on the summer flowers. Community planters and hanging baskets have been completed and remaining planters in cemetery due to be finished within days.

b) Tylcha Fawr Woods

It was advised by Cllr Dan Owen-Jones that he has already discussed the matter of obtaining a tree preservation order over the area of Tylcha Fawr Woodland with Huw Williams, Tree Officer

at RCTCBC. The committee was advised that Mr Williams is in support of the application for a TPO on the woodland.

Huw Williams had advised Cllr Owen-Jones to make a written request including photographic evidence. Cllr Owen-Jones advised that he would be undertaking this.

7:10pm – Cllr D Owen-Jones left the meeting, vacating the chair. Cllr G Evans assumed the chair.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M Davies.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting: 28th September 2023

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 28th September 2023 as a true and accurate record.

7. Matters pertaining to Rights of Way

a) Update on status of footpaths

The committee undertook a general discussion over the maintenance of footpaths and whether TCC should take over maintenance of priority footpaths. The deputy clerk advised that at present there were insufficient staff available to take on this potential work load and that this matter had been resolved at a previous meeting.

Cllr Debra James provided an update:

- Previously the committee had discussed and agreed the removal and resiting of a bench in Penrhiwfer. She confirmed that the bench has now been removed and permission has been received from the landowner and RCT to relocate it to an alternative site with a better view (footpath ANT19-1 Penrhiwfer). Cllr James requested that TCC staff trim and clear the area in preparation for the bench to be sited and installed.
- The RCT Road Safety Team have begun putting up horse safety signs in the area along the bypass and this work is ongoing.
- It was advised that the stile at the bottom of B Penrhiwfer RDB4278 footpath has a broken bottom step.

8. Matters for consideration at the next meeting

The committee discussed and suggested inviting the Great Glamorgan Way team to attend a meeting with the council at 5:45pm before the next full council meeting in July.

The committee would like to discuss the identification of key footpaths for TCC to maintain and agree how we fund and maintain them going forward, at the next OAR committee meeting.

9. Date of the next Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 24th September 2024 at 6:30pm.