



## Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of Whitland Town Council held via Zoom on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7pm.

This meeting was open to the public via a live Zoom link, available on request to the Clerk.

Present: Cllrs J Davies-Scourfield (Mayor), L Shipton (Deputy Mayor), B Chapman, R Jones, M McDowell and R Davies.

Also present – The Clerk

Meeting commenced – 19.00 due to technical problems.

All Whitland Town Council meetings are regulated by its Standing Orders.

### Agenda

**2022/08 EM 67 To receive any Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Blandford and Scourfield**

**2022/08 EM 68 To receive any personal and prejudicial Declaration of Interests as per the Code of Conduct**  
- None

**2022/08 EM 69 To consider the future of Bryngwenllian Play Park**

Due to the rapid deterioration of the safety surface at Bryngwenllian Park the Council considered how this can be best managed. Discussions included:

- A. To Replace to safety flooring
  - 1. To remove and dispose of the deteriorated and unsafe flooring.
  - 2. To reconfigure the surface water run off of the new flooring.
  - 3. To renew the edges of the safety flooring areas.
  - 4. To renew the safety flooring at various depths dependent on the recommendations of the existing play equipment manufacturers.

This will be at a cost of £19,400.

£6,000	accumulated over the past three years within the Council's budget.
£1,000	from Carmarthenshire County Council Section 106 funding
£5,500	from street lighting – Over budgeted
£4,500	VAT refund
<u>£2,400</u>	from reserves
<u>£19,400</u>	

- B. To remove the play park equipment
  - 1. To remove and dispose of all the play equipment and safety flooring
  - 2. To return the paly area to a green site

This will be at a cost of £10,000

The SCRAP value of the removed play equipment will be used against the cost of the removal and reinstatement to a green site.

£6,000 accumulated over the past three years within the Council's budget.  
£1,000 from Carmarthenshire County Council Section 106 funding (TBC)  
£3,000 from street lighting – Over budgeted (£4,000 if so required)  
£10,000

C. To hand the site back to Carmarthenshire County Council

The possibility of this option has been confirmed by Carmarthenshire County Council but could take up to one year to bring to fruition. The Whitland Town Council would have to consider that the safety issue of the park would need to be addressed in the meantime.

Cllr Davies proposed that Whitland Town Council replace all the damaged safety flooring as option A and ensure that the park remains in good order; Cllr McDowell seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in full agreement. The Clerk to advise the contractors accordingly.

**2022/08 EM 70 To consider the Whitland Town Council accepting the lease offer for part of the old dairy site to accommodate a car park**

The Ten Town intuitive group has secured £100,000 grant to be used in the development of a car park within Whitland. Whitland Town Council are the lead within this project.

Various parcels of land were initially considered with part of the Old Dairy Site being further considered. There will be various stages to enable this project to be brought to fruition.

1) The Whitland Town Council to consider the terms of the Lease offered by the landowner.

If accepted

2) The Whitland Town Council to consider the appointment of an architect to give an indication that a car park can be developed within the budget (The cost of this would be payable by the Whitland Town Council if the project is outside the budget)

If within budget

3) The Whitland Town Council to consider the appointment of an architect and quantity surveyor to produce the information required to continue the procurement process – Following such three quotations for the works will be sought.

The above three points were discussed at length with Councillors considering the monetary implications of the proposed project on the Council and the implications this would have on the Precept, at the same time acknowledging that there is £100,000 grant available. There is no guarantee that the proposed project will cost £100,000 or less, taking into account professional fees, planning fees, surveyors fees, Lease costs etc.

Pont 1 – Cllr Shipton proposed that Whitland Town Council do not enter into a Lease agreement regarding the land known as the Old Dairy Site, Whitland for the potential use of a car park; Cllr McDowell seconded the proposal with a majority vote in favour of such.

Due to the above resolution points 2 and 3 did not require a resolution.