

**MINUTES** of ALL PURPOSES COMMITTEE meeting of 22 October 2020 via Zoom.

Councillors present:

Cllr P Fellows

Cllr C Jones (Chair)

Cllr A Oddy (Vice Chair)

Cllr K Reed

Cllr V Thornhill

Cllr B Williamson

Cllr J Williamson

Cllr M Wilmot

Members attending:

Officers present:

Cllrs J Matson, R Peers

D Platt, A Platt

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Public participation

3. Minutes of the last meeting

**Resolved:** Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 December 2019 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Grant Applications

**Resolved:** A grant of £2,400 for Euxton PC Community Centre was agreed. Clerk to include in letter grant is in light of exceptional circumstances and also, to advise of another funding source.

Application for a defibrillator for the care home was discussed as they often use the one at the Millennium Green. It was noted that the power supply for this is provided by the care home.

**Resolved:** A grant of up to £600 (50% of cost) to Euxton Park Care Home towards a defibrillator was agreed, subject to proof of purchase and to express the Committee's surprise a large nursing home group does not provide these to its homes.

5. Gala and Christmas update

Gala in 2020 was obviously cancelled so the stock of bags already purchased will be used in 2021. Clerk suggested idea of giving residents a small bag of wildflower seeds to cover an area of approximately 2m<sup>2</sup>, if Gala does not go ahead the seed will be used on sites in the village.

**Resolved:** Wildflower seeds costing £364 to be ordered, along with bags and labels for this project.

Christmas carol singing will not take place under present restrictions. If there is a window of opportunity to have the carol singing this could be accommodated outside, it may still not be possible to go inside the building – we will have to make arrangements closer to the time. The Tree and lights will still be put up.

6. Living Christmas Tree

**Resolved:** The Southport Road location was approved and a living tree at a cost of approximately £350 is to be ordered for planting.

Members will think of other new locations for the future.

#### 7. Permanent solar powered SPIDs

The Committee had discussed purchasing two units but in light of the Village Survey identifying residents' serious concerns about traffic speeds, the purchase of additional units was considered.

**Resolved:** Sites put to the County Council for approval were:

- Balshaw Lane (westbound), close to skate park site
- Runshaw Lane (westbound), close to Library
- Euxton Lane (westbound) where the 30mph zone begins
- Wigan Road (northbound) near the Methodist Church

If approved, four units from the supplier number 5 at a cost of approximately £7,556 will be ordered. The installation will be carried out by Lancashire County Council.

#### 8. Monarch passing

The report from the working group was noted.

**Resolved:** A portrait at approximately £235 for the community centre was approved.

#### 9. Kiosk and defibrillator

Works to upgrade the kiosk electricity supply and installation of a defibrillator power supply amounted to £196 and £93.

**Resolved:** Electrical works to be ordered at £289 and a new defibrillator with cabinet for the kiosk up to a maximum cost of £2,500.

#### 10. Tree Projects updates

**Resolved:** Local nursery to be asked to provide two planting schemes for the areas identified on Euxton Lane in the report.

#### 11. ECO projects

Clerk had suggested new bins at the skate park which had two slots for rubbish and recyclates – costs for these bins will be circulated.

Members are to think of future projects.

#### 12. Wicker ornaments in Buckshaw

Members suggestions for the ornament design and material to be put forward to research and costing to be able to put forward for an LCC license to site on the roundabouts.

#### 13. Wildflower areas

**Resolved:** Suggested sites for wildflower planting were:

- Areas on Wentworth Drive
- Runshaw Lane verge near to motorway/flower bed
- Runshaw Lane shops grass verges
- Highways Avenue (CBC site – check if they are doing)
- Balshaw Village Garden
- Medical Centre verge Wigan Road (ask Medical Centre)

- Dawbers Lane (CBC site – check if they are doing)

14. Noticeboards

**Resolved:** Three replacement boards and fixings to be ordered at a cost of £893.

15. Any other items which need attention or research

Budgets will be set at the next meeting.

Bin outside Runshaw Lane shops reported as broken and will be reported

Flower bed and seat on Runshaw Lane need repair – flower bed rebuild ordered, seat is not Parish Council's and caretakers have looked to repair, Council could replace with a new seat – this to go on next agenda.

16. Date for next meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for 26th November.

Finish 8.15 pm