Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of an Open Forum Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 02 October 2019 at 6.45pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor S Williams

Present Councillors C Jones, D Jones, I Jones, R Lewis, A Melen, E Hastings, A Thomas, H David (late arrival)

There were 2 members of the public in attendance

Apologies Councillors L Rees, M Spooner, A Threlfall, S Atkins, D Atkins, Y James

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

88 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Vice-chairperson invited members of the public to present to council.

The members of the public in attendance presented their concerns with regards to the new BMX Pump-track at Rhos Park. They explained that there was a lot of water collecting on the track, up to 1 ½ foot deep in one section, and showed photos to evidence this. They explained their concerns with regards to health and safety to which the council agreed.

The members of the public went on to explain that due to the adverse weather lots of pieces of brick/wood/rocks had emerged from the BMX track where it had been reshaped. Councillors were concerned by this information.

One member of the public explained that he had ridden pump-tracks his whole life and expressed his concern with a jump going into the large bend. He went on to say that the bend was not angled sufficiently. He suggested that representatives from Afan Bike Centre be invited to Rhos Park to have a look at the track and suggest some changes to the design.

The gentleman stated that, in his opinion, the new fence on the large bend of the track is more dangerous than before, as children could hit their heads against the rails if they fell off of their bikes. Members explained that the fence had been put there to stop children falling off the edge of the track and over the wall and that the decision to put the fence there was due to safety concerns advised by the contractors.

Council agreed that the track should be closed for the time being due to potential hazards caused by the adverse weather. RESOLVED that Clerk contact Dragon Play & Sports to arrange a meeting at the site to view and discuss these concerning issues.

It was suggested that the track be completely surfaced with chippings/stones, this to be further discussed with Dragon Play. All agreed that drainage needs rectifying asap.

It was suggested that ROSPA be invited to provide a Health & Safety assessment of the site. RESOLVED that this be done after the meeting with Dragon Play & Sports. RESOLVED that for the time being the council maintenance officer remove obvious bricks/rocks/wood from the track and the track be closed until further notice.

It was reported that children from as far as Rhyd-Y-Fro are visiting Rhos Park to use the BMX pump-track, so it is very popular in the area.

The Vice-chairperson thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting and communicating their concerns.

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm

Signed Dated