Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 5:45 pm at the BMX track, Rhos Park

Presiding Councillor S Williams

Present Councillors C Jones, D Jones, I Jones, Y James, R Lewis, L Rees, E Hastings, M Spooner

Apologies Councillors H David, A Melen, A Threlfall, S Atkins, D Atkins, A Thomas

107 BMX Track

Members met at the refurbished BMX track and walked around the entire area. The quality of the work carried out by contractors, Dragon Play and Sport was discussed as was the amount of water on the track.

Members were not happy with the work carried out by Dragon Play and Sports and felt there were measures that needed to be taken to rectify some of the issues at the site.

Clerk explained that she, the Chair and Cllr R Lewis had met with representatives from Dragon Play and Sports and that they were happy that they had fulfilled the brief for the refurbishment of the track although they agreed that drainage on the track was an issue. They stated that this was because of the recent adverse weather.

Members viewing the track agreed that action should be taken to rectify the drainage issues on the track as there were two areas with deep puddles. Cllr R Lewis stated that this was because the earth had been dug down too deeply at these points. He suggested that these areas be filled with layers of small stones and stone dust to bring the track back up to the level of the remainder of the track. He also suggested that the entire track be built up gradually with stones and stone dust. The majority of members agreed with this. RESOLVED that this work be costed and put to full council in the next meeting.

It was noted that there are boulders, bricks and pieces of wood on the verges of the track. RESOLVED that these be removed and that the verges be landscaped in the Spring.

It was noted that the centre section of the track, with trees and bramble also needed bramble removal, topsoil and landscaping in the Spring. RESOLVED noted.

It was RESOLVED that Clerk contact Rhos FC to move the old goal posts at the side of the track.

Members stated that some local residents and parents had reported that they thought the fence at the back corner of the track was dangerous as children could hit their heads on the fence if they fell off of their bikes. Clerk explained that the fence was placed on the corner to avoid children falling over the wall if they fell off of their bikes. There is a significant drop behind the fence which could cause more injury in the case of a child falling from their bike. Council agreed that there is less risk of injury by having the fence there. RESOLVED noted. It was suggested that the fence be faced with an impact absorbing material. RESOLVED that Clerk cost this. Members agreed that the fencing also needed treating with wood preserver. RESOLVED that Clerk instruct Maintenance Officer to carry out this work.

It was suggested that the angle of the large corner be graduated/angled. RESOLVED that Clerk cost this work.

It was suggested that the track be sign-posted as an anti-clockwise track. This would negate the fact that a jump would land on a bend. It would also lower the risk of a child falling into the fence while going around the large corner. All agreed that this was a good idea. RESOLVED noted.

It was noted that there is a small bump on the top of the large jump. RESOLVED that this be removed. Cllr M. Spooner noted that the sides of the jump had concrete areas. RESOLVED that the ground be filled up with earth so that the concrete areas would not be exposed.

Due to the issues raised, Members agreed that the BMX track should be temporarily closed until works (minus the landscaping that will be done in the Spring) have been completed. RESOLVED that Clerk contact Rhos Primary School so that the information can be relayed to parents and that a notice of temporary closure be posted on Facebook. RESOLVED that Maintenance Officer tape-off the entrance to the track with a notice saying temporarily closed.

It was suggested that a ‘Health and Safety’ and ‘Track Rules’ notice be placed on the entrance to the track stating that helmets must be worn and that children must be supervised. RESOLVED noted.

The meeting ended at 6:20pm.

Signed Dated 05 November 2019