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Dyddiad/Date: Thursday, 10 December 2020

Dear Councillor,

COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council will be held remotely via Skype for Business on **Wednesday, 16 December 2020** at **15:00**.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest from Members/Officers in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 7 - 16
To receive for approval the minutes of 18/11/2020
4. To receive announcements from:
(i) Mayor (or person presiding)
(ii) Members of the Cabinet
(iii) Chief Executive
5. To receive announcements by the Leader
6. Presentation by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board & Programme of Presentations to Council 17 - 18
7. Review Of Political Balance - Changes To Committee Membership 19 - 24
8. Information Report for Noting 25 - 28
9. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor T Giffard

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1. This Council believes that:

1.1. Woodland and open green spaces play a vital role in our physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, as well as being an integral part of Bridgend's biodiversity

1.2. The Covid-19 pandemic, and the nature of local and national lockdowns, has increased the need for open and accessible outdoor recreational spaces, and that these are essential for building cohesive and healthy communities which ensures the wellbeing of future generations

1.3. Local government has both a duty and a moral responsibility to limit ecological damage and negative impacts on local biodiversity

1.4. Any loss of open green space or woodland in Bridgend is hugely regrettable, and will have a negative impact on the ecology and biodiversity of Bridgend, and the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of its residents

1.5. Bridgend County Boroughs Council could lead Wales and the United Kingdom in tackling biodiversity loss, promoting the positive impacts of green open space, and ensuring all new developments are delivered in a way that improves, rather than detracts from, the accessibility and biodiversity of Bridgend's open green spaces and woodlands

2. This Council acknowledges that:

2.1. A review is being held of the Outdoor Sports and Children's Playing Space Audit as part of the emerging replacement LDP, ensuring the typology of open space categorisations outlined in the Welsh Government's Technical Advice Note 16: Sport, Recreation and Open Space are followed, with particular attention to differentiating outdoor/natural green space and amenity green space.

2.2. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 calls on Bridgend County Borough Council to:

2.2.1. "improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing" of Bridgend

2.2.2. contribute to creating "a nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change"

2.2.3. contribute to creating "a society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood"

2.3. The Bridgend Public Services Board's Well-being Plan, of which Bridgend County Borough Council is a significant member, requires the council to:

2.3.1. ensure "communities place a greater value on their environment and more people get involved in local issues and recognise the importance of green space in wellbeing and as a prevention factor"

2.3.2. promote "healthy active people in resilient communities, volunteering, keeping young people in the local area, reducing travel to work, increased use and awareness of green spaces"

2.3.3. “work together to maximise the benefit from cultural, built and natural assets”

2.3.4. “make sure that as many people as possible know about the mental and physical benefits of spending time outdoors”

2.3.5. “preserve and protect habitats, promote sustainable management of green spaces, prevent loss of assets. Mitigate against climate change, biodiversity decline and flood risk”

2.3.6. “provide safe and accessible cultural and green assets for older people, carers, disabled people, young families and children”

2.3.7. “encourage community interaction by providing safe and accessible cultural and green assets. Communities feel connected to and engaged with their environment”

2.3.8. “promote sport and recreation linked to natural environment”

2.3.9. “reduce biodiversity decline”

2.4. The Placemaking Wales Charter, of which the Welsh Government is a signatory, calls on councils and organisations to ensure the following principles are met when planning, designing or managing new and existing places:

2.4.1. “The local community are involved in the development of proposals. The needs, aspirations, health and well-being of all people are considered at the outset. Proposals are shaped to help to meet these needs as well as create, integrate, protect and/or enhance a sense of community and promote equality”

2.4.2. “Places grow and develop in a way that uses land efficiently, supports and enhances existing places and is well connected”

2.5. Failure to embed the objectives and goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and the Bridgend Well-being Plan will lead to the irreparable loss of vital open green space and woodland in communities across Bridgend

3. Therefore, this council resolves to:

3.1. Become a signatory of the Placemaking Wales Charter

3.2. Work to protect green open space and woodland within new and existing communities throughout the County Borough of Bridgend.

3.3. Should the loss of green space be the only option for any council building project, that a local referendum be held within the council ward where the work is due to be located to determine the community's support for such a project.

10. Urgent Items

To consider any item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Part 4 (paragraph 4) of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

11. Exclusion of the Public

The Report relating to the following item is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4, and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

If following the application of the public interest test the Committee resolves pursuant to the Act to consider this item in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration.

12. School Modernisation - Band B Capital Programme - Land Costs

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Yours faithfully

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