

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 JULY 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor J E Evans (Chairperson) plus K Evans, Hamilton, N P Hodges, S A Hodges, Kuhnell, Lewis, Shaw and Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Cliff Lewis – Deputy Executive Officer
Becky Palmer – Administration

A193. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor P Drake & Councillor O Cash

A194. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

A195. **BIODIVERSITY – TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF THE
REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

The Committee discussed a detailed report and recommendations from the Review Working Party regarding the creation of a new water feature at the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry. The Members gave consideration to the report and to the comments made by the Councils Architect Martin Killick on the proposed siting of a new pond/water feature/wetland area on the garden at the entrance to the Cemetery. Members of the Amenities Committee were asked to suggest alternate sites should the proposed site be not suitable.

The Committee also recognised that £3,500 was released by the Finance, Policy and General Purpose Committee from the cemetery extension budget to recompense the Amenities budget for the loss of the biodiversity pond which was utilised during the cemetery extension as a surge pool as well as the £3,500 grant, granted by the Vale of Glamorgan Council community CASH grant scheme (previously reported to the Amenities Committee) Following further discussions it was **RESOLVED:**

1. that the Officer to establish if there are any hidden obstacles (i.e. water pipes, electrical cables etc.) at the proposed site and to provide the size of the proposed area available for the pond/water feature.

2. that the Officer to provide costing for the proposed pond/water feature
3. the Officer to contact garden centres for technical advice
4. the Officer to provide a detailed report for the Chair of Amenities
5. to investigate and take action to treat areas effected by garlic grass

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed
(Chairperson)

Dated