

DRAFT MINUTES OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 13 FEBRUARY 2025

HELD AT KERRY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs. T Blatch (Chair) (TB) : V Wildish (Clerk) (VW) : C Seal (CS) : B Pryce (BP) :

Mrs G. Jones (GJ) : Mrs. S Benbow (SB) : Mrs. G. Friel (PC Caretaker) (GF) :

1. Chairman's Welcome: Cllr. Blatch welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025.

2. Apologies: None :

3. Declarations of Interest: None :

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th October 2024: The Minutes were read and approved.

5. Matters Arising not included on the Agenda: (i) Training for Playground Caretaker. It was proposed that we (i) enquire from RoSPA where the courses are to be held in 2025 and (ii) research other organisations that operate similar courses in our local area. **Action: VW**

(ii) Terms of Reference – TB advised that the proposed amendments were approved and the document has now been adopted.

6. Update re Public Conveniences: TB reported that it is not possible to install a battery to store the excess electricity produced by the solar panels as the current inverter does not have sufficient capacity. The solution would be to change the inverter at an estimated cost of £1500. The battery would cost approximately £1000.00. Council has recently changed electricity supplier to British Gas and is awaiting a figure for the Feed in Tariff. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

GF reported the following issues: **(i)** that the heater in the accessible unit is not working. TB has been monitoring the situation and it was agreed that the heater needs to be replaced. **Action TB**

(ii) following a complaint to the service provider the sanitary units had now been emptied but were not cleaned. KCC clerk to be advised. **Action VW**

(iii) when snow covers the solar panels the lights in the toilets do not work. It was agreed that GF would contact VW when this occurs and she will speak with the electrician to discover why this was happening and implement a solution. **Action GF/VW**

(iv) the window latches in the men's toilet are broken and require replacement. **Action TB**

7. Update re KCC Play Areas: TB reported that there were no major issues with the RoSPA reports. The minor outstanding issues re the protruding tree roots and the rusty spring are in hand. **Action TB/BP**

VW reported that the playground caretaker's recent report for the St Michael's School play area mentioned that a number of mole hills have begun appearing there. This matter is to be dealt with by the School with assistance from KCC.

SC reported that the grassed area leading to the Dolforgan Park play area has been badly damaged by heavy vehicles driving over it. The woodchip pathway laid in October 2024 has been completely eroded. This is a health and safety issue and requires resolution. Matter to be reported to KCC. **Action VW**

8. River Mule Emabnkment: TB updated members regarding the extensive damage to the river bank adjacent to Dolforfan Bridge. Various options for dealing with the problem have been discussed with PCC. Actions proposed to repair the damage are going to be extremely costly. An initial estimate is £15,000-£20,000. A grant request has been submitted to the Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm Fund and the outcome is awaited. In the meantime, it is proposed to seek a Permit at a cost of £50 from PCC in order to remove the build-up of silt from the opposite side of the river. This item to be placed on the agenda for KCC's February meeting. It was stressed to members that this is a matter for KCC to resolve and not the responsibility of the Amenities Committee. **Action VW**

9. Any Other Matters of Interest: None.

10. Date of the next Meeting: 15th May 2025 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 19.55.