



A public meeting was held at Canolfan Dyffryn on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 6:30pm to discuss the future of Parclyyn football field.

Due to the weather being nice the meeting was held outside to assist in supporting social distancing; a scheduled zoom meeting was cancelled.

Present: Cllr Aled Thomas, Cllr Sue Lewis, Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Dave Addison, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Damon Watmough, Cllr Robin Young and Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk)
21 members of the public attended the meeting, a list of attendees was not completed due to Covid 19.

Apologies were received from Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Jackie Brown, Nicola King and Gerry Evans.

Cllr Aled Thomas welcomed everyone and outlined the reason for calling the public meeting with the prime aim of identifying members of the community who are prepared to join a new trust or charitable organisation with the sole aim of purchasing the land in Parclyyn at this stage. He emphasised that this is will be a big project with huge potential and meetings will be held in the future to discuss what could happen on the site but this meeting is about purchasing the land.

He advised the meeting that the community council have purchased the play area and the sale is progressing. The MOD have approved the sale of the football field to the community council but at this stage a price has not been agreed.

Cllr Sue Lewis informed every one present of the potential to apply for grants and identified the Community Asset Fund and Ceredigion County Council as potential applications. She felt that the project met all the requirements of the funders and was confident of successful applications. Cllr Lewis advised that the Community Asset Fund does not allow for town and community councils to apply and explained the need to establish a new trust or charitable organisation. She explained that the 2nd round of funding was open for applications in December so there was a tight deadline to pull everything together and she was hopeful that a small number of residents of Parclyyn community would come on board to make it happen.

Cllr Aled Thomas opened the meeting to questions:

Why the emphasis on Parclyyn community?

It was explained that Aberporth has received a significantly large grant for a new village hall

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and this could affect any future applications for the area so it was important to reflect this would support a different community.

Possibility of applying for village green status on the area of land at the far end of the social club carpark?

This may be possible but would require an application.

Is MOD amenable to giving the land?

No, the MOD will be selling the land.

Will the land be open to the public?

It is currently closed but the community council are hopeful to secure a licence/lease on the land while the sale is progressed. Once the community council indemnifies the range for insurance purposes it is hopeful that the football club can start back at training.

Are there other users identified?

The land will have a covenant restricting its use for sport and community but the aim is to develop the 7-acre site for other use and potentially include things like a skate ramp and all weather multi use surface. It is unrealistic that the funds required to develop the site will support the football only and it will be essential that other clubs and organisations will be included.

Can the fence be taken down?

This will probably need to remain in place for security.

Is it true that the other land has been identified for housing?

This is correct and the land is identified in the Local Development Plan though what this will look like has yet to be agreed and will even depend on who purchases the land.

Individuals willing to join the new committee provided their contact information to the Clerk.

Cllr Sue Lewis advised that the community council would ensure support of the new committee and representatives of the Council will be elected to sit as members. She offered her support with grant applications and the Clerk offered her support in establishing the new organisation.

The Clerk advised that she will report back to full Council meeting on Tuesday 14th September 2021 with a proposal to set up a new trust or charitable organisation to proceed with an application to the Community Asset Fund and a date would be set for a first meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7:15pm

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