PEMBROKE DOCK TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING Held on Friday 9th August 2019

Present: Councillor J Beynon

Councillor J Phillips Councillor T Judkins

Councillor G Manning Sarah Scourfield (Town Clerk)

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5. Review of Non-Statutory Services of PCC

Sarah reminded members from discussions with David Astins from the County Council, there was an approach made to Town and Community Councils to review which play areas they felt were required within the Town, it was also questioned if there was any area which the Town Council would be willing to take over and maintain going forward into the future.

Members were due to walk around the play areas as noted below, but due to the bad weather the Town Clerk took some pictures of the areas to enable some form of discussion to take place

The following play parks are areas which were reviewed

- Kavanagh Court
- Bush Street
- West Llanion Pill
- Memorial Park
- Quarry Park
- Owen Street Pennar
- St Patricks Pennar

Sarah confirmed that there did not seem to be any equipment at Quarry Park which was located at Albion Square, so this was one area which could be disregarded.

Sarah stated that the inspection costs alone for each area would be £600 per year per site.

Kavanagh Court - This area was in bad condition with the fence missing on a large part of the play area and due to the location of the play area, it was felt this should be left to the County Council to maintain.

Bush Street – It was felt as there is a play area across in the Memorial Park and in the youth centre grounds, they would not support this area, it was questioned if the equipment could be relocated to another site, Sarah stated she would need to confirm if this was possible with David Astin.

West Llanion Pill – It was questioned how much use this area got as there was currently only a slide in place, it was confirmed the area was well used and could do with more equipment. It was agreed to question the boundaries of the play area on this site. There were questions raised regarding how secure this site was and if there was plans for the area to be developed into the future, also how it would affect the insurance with the area being in a flood risk area.

Memorial Park – It was agreed members wanted to concentrate on this area as its one of the largest play areas in the Town. Members discussed if the area should be leased or request and asset transfer, they also requested further information on the agreement with the bowls club, the access road and tree surveys which have been recently undertaken. It was also questioned if the County Council would empty the bins in the area If the Town Council were to take it over.

Owen Street – It was agreed this area was in good condition, but members felt this area did not service enough people for the Town Council to take the area on.

St Patricks – Members commented that they would like to concentrate on this area for Pennar, as this would ensure that a play area for Pennar was secured. Sarah commented that she had been in discussions with Cllr Wilcox who was in the process of trying to gain more equipment for this site.

Members agreed the question should be asked regarding the handover condition of the areas which the Town Council are interested in. They stated that areas should be handed over in a good condition.

It was agreed for the questions to be put across to David Astins and another meeting to be set for site visits to be taken for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.