

MINUTES of the meeting held on 15th October 2003.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. L. Davies [Chair]; Councillors: E. Alford, C.J. Davies, D.R. Gregory, G. Oram; BCBC: Mr. R. Jones

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs. S. Jewell; Mr. S. Moon [BCBC]

EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIP

With the exception of BCBC no response had been received from Glamorgan Wildlife Trust, Bridgend College or the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators. After discussion:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk enquire of these organisations again whether they wish to have representation on this Committee.

UPDATE OF WORK PROGRESS

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting Greenlane Cymru had collapsed which resulted in no further work being undertaken on the Project. However, after intensive negotiation with Mr. Steve Crosby of Cydcoed this Council could negotiate directly with the sub-contractors who had been engaged by Greenlane. As a result of this the work can now continue using Gower Woodland & Charcoal. The Clerk had met the contractor on site and had agreed the following schedule:

- The board-walk across the lower end of the pond, at Coed Iestyn, linking up with Iestyn Drive [public right-of-way] would be completed by the end of, October.
- Renovation of the fencing is to be negotiated.
- The board-walk across the wetlands in the Millennium Wood will now be completed together with the building of the short footbridge across the path created for the fire-break.

N.B. The progress of the hydrological survey is still uncertain and the Clerk will pursue this.

3. FUTURE WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

- Permission will be sought from Coity Wallia Board of Conservators to link the path from the north-east corner of the Millennium Wood to the top of the ridge.
- To consider the possibility of cutting in a seat half way up the Colliers Path.
- To review the decision previously made in relation to the re-enforced fencing and kissing gate at the entrance to Coed Iestyn. The other suggestion is to consider a re-enforced wall with stone facing using the recovered stones from the old wall at the entrance to the REDROW site in Hendre Road.
- To produce a draft information leaflet in relation to both sites.
- To seek to develop a greater linkage with schools in the Town.
- Ongoing maintenance and appropriate clearance of bracken, gorse and bramble will become part of the Countryside Maintenance Person's responsibilities.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 17th December 2003 at 4.30 p.m.