Facilities Managers Report 08.08.2023

Flagpoles – The Facilities Manager has been in contact with a rigging company based in Plymouth to arrange for the removal of the old flagpoles and the installation of the two new flagpoles. At the moment we are waiting a quote for the hire of a cherry picker. A Highways Limits application for a partial road closure will be required to enable the work to take place (the licence application takes 4-weeks).

Public Toilets Vandalism – Unfortunately there has been some vandalism in the toilets at Sungirt Car Park The door has been repaired and new security locks installed. At the same time the worn padlocks at Westbourne Car Park Public Toilets have also been replaced.

FIT Tariff – There has been further correspondence with Scottish Power regarding the Feed in Tariff for the Public Hall solar PV. The issues have now been fully resolved and we are awaiting back-dated payment.

Thorn Park – The multi-play equipment at Thorn Park has been vandalised. Cormac are undertaking repairs and the equipment has been fenced off to prevent further damage and/or injury to members of the public.

Data Cabling - The remainder of the data cabling work (through to completion) is scheduled to be completed on or before 18 August 2023.

Guildhall – Aviva carried out an insurance survey of the Guildhall on 24 July 2023. Although broadly happy with the management systems in place and the overall condition of the building there are a few things in the survey report that have been flagged for action within the next 3-6 months.

Lightening protection (Guildhall) – Dawson Steeplejacks have recommended that we undertake the 5-yearly air terminal check of the lightening protection system on the Guildhall. This is a specialist area of work to be undertaken by Dawson Steeplejacks at a cost of £986.00 + VAT.

CIL/skatepark – Unfortunately the Cornwall Infrastructure Levy (CIL) application for a new skatepark facility at Rapsons Field was rejected. The next round of CIL is not available until next year however CIIr Craker has been making further enquiries and Cornwall Council also has a strategic pot of CIL monies for public open space and it might be the case that Cornwall Council can apply on our behalf (to their own CIL funds) to the strategic pot, that could then be allocated to Liskeard Town Council as the delivery agent for Rapsons Field. In the meantime, the plan is to focus on more community consultation and identifying potential sources of match-funding in readiness for an application to CIL next year as there is still plenty of enthusiasm for the project from local parents and young people.

Vehicle options – the Facilities Manager is currently researching travel options for staff including the purchase (or possible lease) on an e-cargo bike. An application to the Workplace Travel Grant has been submitted for a £1,000.00 contribution towards the overall cost which is around £7,000.00 depending on make and model. Other options being considered include an e-bike, an electric vehicle, a diesel van. See appended quote and application form.