

Facilities Managers Report (16.05.2023)

Mayors Parlour/Members Room (Item 7) - Studio Winter are overseeing the delivery of the repairs to the Members Room and the refurbishment of the Members' Room and Mayors Parlour. The deadline for receipt of tenders has passed and we have only received one price return for the sum of £30,544.00 + VAT. In total ten contractors were contacted and three attended site visits with the architect and Facilities Manager. Three contractors indicated that they could not meet the programme for deliver and/or were too busy to take on additional work. The Committee may wish to consider revising the programme for delivery to attract interested contractors.

Flagpoles (Item 12) – the two fibre glass flagpoles and fixings are showing signs of wear and tear. The flagpoles have not been safety checked for +12 years. The Facilities Manager has explored the option of having the existing flagpoles removed, safety checked, repainted, and re-rigged by a specialist contractor. The cost of this is estimated to be £500.00 + VAT (based on £55 per hour per rigger + cherry picker hire). As an alternative, two new 4m heavy duty aluminium flagpoles with fixings could be purchased and installed for an estimated cost of £1,000.00 + VAT.

Roundbury (Item 14.a.) – The Town Council has appointed Ploszajski Lynch Consulting Ltd to carry out the Demand and Implementation Assessment for the Provision of Sports Facilities and Related Recreational Facilities at Roundbury. A project inception meeting was held on 9 May 2023 with representatives from the Town Council, Ploszajski Lynch and their subcontractors Advanced Consulting Ltd. A list of contacts has been provided to Ploszajski Lynch. The revised deadline for completion of the study is week commencing 3 July 2023).

Cornwall Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (Item 14.b.) – The third round of CIL funding opened on 3 April 2023. The Fund allows constituted community groups, including local councils, and not for profit community organisations to bid for between £20,000 and £100,000. The funding is available to support local infrastructure projects which help to either alleviate the impact of development on an area or help development to come forward and focus on supporting children and young people. Any group or organisation that would like to apply for CIL funding needs to submit an Expression of Interest form by 22 June 2023. Projects that are considered eligible for CIL support will be invited to submit a full application. Groups and organisations will be given a further four months to develop this. Successful projects are expected to be announced in early 2024. Further information is available at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/developer-contributions/cil-fund/>. Given the relatively tight timescales the Committee may wish to build on a couple of existing project ideas e.g. access improvements and new play equipment at Thorn Park, new skatepark facility at Rapsons Field.

Herbicide Free Campaign (item 14.c.) – The Town Council has, since 2021, taken a range of measures to reduce the use of pesticides it uses. The Council's preferred contractor uses weed-wipe technology which significantly reduces spray 'drift' and overall amount of chemical used. The Town Council currently treats 40km of footpaths and highways each year. The number of applications has been reduced from two to one, in June. Herbicide Free Liskeard trialled a 'no spray' area in 2021/22. The Facilities team have ceased to use pesticides in and around properties owned and managed by the Town Council, for example, weeds are removed by hand at the Public Hall and Foresters Hall. The use of pesticides in parks and green spaces has also been reduced. Cllr. Dorling is leading an Herbicide Free Liskeard campaign in the run-up to the annual weed spray in June.

Eastern Avenue – The footpath at Eastern Avenue became a 'highway maintainable at public expense' on 2 November 2022 under Section 228 of the Highways Act 1980.