

# **Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE AND ALSO VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Present: Cllrs. B. Baynham (Mayor), D. Edwards (via video link), J. Gray (via video link), L. Firth, J. Poster, F. Preece, T. Owens, L. Abecasis, M. Price, A. Van Huls, M. Williams.

Apologies: Cllrs. R. Bamford (Deputy Mayor), J. Wilding.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk.

Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

*Personal: None.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None.*

### **MIN 4245 NATURE RESERVE: REMEDIAL POND WORKS**

Cllr. Baynham introduced the item and explained that the request for an extension to complete the project had been refused by Heritage Lottery. The project therefore needed to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Members then considered the three options outlined in the report provided and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of all. It was agreed that option one, to re-profile the ponds and incorporate bentonite clay was the best option and this was agreed unanimously, particularly given that this option would enable work to be done on both ponds rather than just the top pond.

Members then considered the details of option one and the contractor to be used. Cllr. Gray provided some details on the alternative contractor including approximate costs. The need to complete the work before the deadline was paramount in order for the funding not to be lost.

After further discussion Cllr. Preece proposed that JJW Ltd be used and this was seconded by Cllr. Williams. A vote was taken with seven votes for and two abstentions. Cllr. Baynham did not use her vote remaining neutral due to her position as Chairman.

Resolved to proceed as a matter of urgency with option one, using JJW Ltd.

### **MIN 4246 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION**

(1) Anti-Social Behaviour: Cllr. Baynham reported that she had been visited by the local police constable to discuss the ongoing incidents of anti-social behaviour. Members were asked to report all incidents via 101 and to encourage members of the public to do so also. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of full support for the local police officer and to ask that he be supported given the growing problems in the town.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.