

GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Meeting held 29th October 2019.

Present: Councillors: J. Holmes, M.J. Edwards, M. Harriman

Chair: Councillor M. Harriman

Clerk: S. Baxter

Apologies : Councillor A. Bailey, B. Blackmore ,J. Hobbley

Minutes

1. Apologies were received and accepted.
2. Members were reminded of the need to **declare any interests**.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held 22nd July 2019 and matters arising**: The Minutes were moved and agreed as a true record and no matters were arising.
4. **Update on Lighting Replacement Programme**: It was noted that meetings had been held recently with the contractor and the installer. A discussion took place about the list of items that are outstanding. Regarding hedging items outstanding-the Clerk will recheck the position on all hedging related items and contact contractor for a price. It was noted that there are a few lanterns not on either WCBC or Gresford inventory- to contact Contractor to ask him to adopt. The Clerk reported on the second interim payment to the Contractor and this was sanctioned. The first interim payment has been refunded to the Council by Salix. The direct debit payment amounts are to be reported to Full Council as soon as they are known. A discussion took place about the numbering of the columns for residents to report. **Action: Clerk to follow up on all matters with contractor.**
5. **Heritage Lanterns** : A discussion took place about the heritage lantern design and the prices received. The Clerk confirmed that Salix had indicated they might be able to fund all or part of the costs. It was agreed these would enhance the Conservation area, for comparatively little cost. It was **Agreed** to take the prices to the Full Council at the next meeting to discuss and decide whether Council wishes to proceed at the costs outlined. Clerk to request the example heritage lantern to show. **Action: Clerk.**
6. **Publicity and Notification**: It was agreed to put something in the next edition of Essentials, so that residents know how and where to report a lighting fault. Councillor Holmes has devised a template and form of words. **Action: Clerk to follow up on numbering with Contractor- if available to include, if not to go ahead with the publicity.**
7. **Future Lighting Maintenance contract**: The Clerk had circulated documents pertaining to the current Maintenance Contract held between the Lighting Consortium, with the contractor who is currently the installer of Gresford CC's replacement footway lighting. The Consortium contract has been in place for twelve months. Information considered included the process undertaken by the consortium, a tender exercise which had taken place within the last eighteen months to obtain competitive prices. It was agreed that this being so recent there would be little point in Gresford CC repeating this exercise on their own. The advantages of pricing via the consortium were noted, these being economies of scale and competitive pricing achieved. Each member of the consortium has their own contract with the contractor, but it is a common contract. The contract was considered. It **was AGREED to RECOMMEND** to full Council that the Council joins the Consortium for the Maintenance contract for footway lighting, and that The Council enter into a contract with the approved contractor appointed through the Consortium's recent tender process.

8. **Future Programme of Column Replacement:** It was noted that there had been a structural survey undertaken by WCBC on behalf of the Community Council and that its main recommendations for urgent column replacement had been acted upon. A discussion took place about when a further survey should take place. It was agreed to think about planning for a further structural survey once the footway lighting has been completed and potentially within the next three years. It was agreed to ask the current installer to the next meeting to discuss how a future survey programme might be shaped, i.e. so many per year.
9. **Lighting Fault reports:** There were no faults reported currently. It was agreed to undertake an after dark survey of the new lighting, and to identify any dark spots.
10. **Any other Lighting Matters – There were no other matters raised.**

The date of the next meeting has been scheduled for the 3rd February at Gresford Trust Memorial Hall.