

## GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### LIGHTING COMMITTEE

#### Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

Present: Councillors M. Harriman, A. Bailey, J Holmes, MJ Edwards

Chair: Councillor M. Harriman

Apologies: Councillors B. Blackmore, J Hobbley

#### Matters discussed.

1. **Apologies** were given to the meeting and these were accepted.
2. Members were reminded of the need to **declare any interests**.
3. **Notes of the previous meeting:** Councillor Edwards enquired about item 5b and the universal trimming and dimming. It was agreed that this had been based on the options provided by the report of the Carbon Trust. It was further agreed that no firm decision had yet been made on which option to recommend but that trimming and dimming to a greater degree should be recommended on the basis that this would lead to greater energy and cost savings and a shorter payback of the loan. Councillor Harriman queried item 9 concerning a scheme of delegation raised previously. In regard to lighting he had seen English Parish Councils delegating responsibility under such a scheme to the Clerk for lighting repairs. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will place this on the agenda of the Finance Committee, and in addition a review of the Financial Regulations in terms of approval levels of expenditure and quoted items.
4. **Discussion with Rossett Community Council.** The Clerk confirmed that she had invited Rossett Community Council who were unable to attend on this date. Their position is currently very similar in looking at options and a way forward in respect of replacement LEDs and there remains a possibility to explore potentially joining forces in a tender exercise. Councillor Bailey enquired about the size of Rossett's lighting stock. The Clerk will enquire.
5. **Terms of Reference:** The Clerk advised that she had not yet had time to look at this but it is simply a question of lifting the relevant matters from the current general Amenities Terms of Reference which she would prepare for the next meeting.
6. **Lighting survey results:** Consideration was given to the report provided from WCBC which had identified a number of columns as being in need of more urgent attention to replace them. After discussion Councillor Bailey proposed recommending to Council that the lighting columns identified as Category 4 (in need of urgent replacement) be replaced, and this was seconded by Councillor Holmes. It was further agreed to obtain a quotation from WCBC for the costs of replacement and to seek estimates from other companies. Councillor Holmes highlighted a column at South View that was covered in ivy and needed attention, and it was agreed to obtain a price for this work.
7. **Invitation to join the Lighting Consortium:** The Clerk advised on the current position of the Lighting Consortium and their renegotiation of the maintenance contract. It was agreed to leave the SLA with WCBC as it is for now but to keep in mind the consortiums invitation. The Chair requested a suitable response to be sent to the Consortium acknowledging this and that it be maybe considered in the future.
8. **Update on Current position.:**
  - a. **Funding Application to Salix:** The Chair acknowledged an email which had been sent previously by the Clerk outlining a discussion with Salix representatives and the advice that had been given. The Chair explained he was minded to recommend proposing that the draft specification is good enough to use as a basis for obtaining some quotations from companies as an initial exercise which could be used to inform the funding

application. The Clerk was requested to amend the document slightly. The Chair noted it should be termed footway Lighting.

**b. Information from Carbon Trust concerning Carbon and cost savings:** There was nothing further at this stage in regard to this other than it had been sent to Salix funding who will use it to help us prepare our bid for funding.

**9. Consideration of information links sent out and online research.** A discussion took place about the various lighting products on offer from different firms and the Chair advised on research he had done. Councillor Edwards highlighted guarantees as being important. The Chair advised that the document from Stevenage could be used as a basis for a tender document. The Clerk also advised of a similar document in use by Flintshire, Denbighshire and Wrexham, and of a further advertisement currently out on the Sell2Wales website. The Clerk was asked to circulate these documents. The Chair requested members to look at the Stevenage document and to send any comments back to the Clerk by the middle of the following week.

**10. Tender Process and options:** - A discussion took place about possible tender process.

**11. Action Plan:** The Clerk will update the required actions.

**12. Lighting Fault reports:** This item was considered, and it was felt that the ordinary reporting of lighting should not be a concern of the meeting, but that issues arising should be. Councillor Edwards raised an issue concerning lighting column 191 at Sandrock Road which had been out for 18 months yet there appears to be no major problem identified by the condition survey. The Chair advised this could be a factor in consideration of the renewal of the SLA.

**13. Other Lighting Matters:** A discussion took place about areas within the village where no lighting currently exists but where it may be needed and where costs of a power supply may be prohibitive. It was suggested that solar panel lighting may be possible and that firms approached could be asked about it.

**14. The next meeting will 6<sup>th</sup> August.**