



Item No. 23

Council – 12 November 2020

Llangyfelach Community Gardens – Request for a Grant

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Rebecca Jones is a Volunteer with the [Llangyfelach Community Gardens](#). She asks that the Council consider giving a grant to assist them with the development of the Llangyfelach Community Gardens.

2. Llangyfelach Community Gardens

- 2.1 The Llangyfelach Community Garden Group are a group of Llangyfelach area volunteers, who over the past 5 months, have come together to clear the disused churchyard within Llangyfelach Church of decades of overgrowth to enable the space to be used by the community.
- 2.2 The Group's aim is to increase biodiversity within the ground, give the community a place to sit, relax, and reflect and for Schools to use the area as an outdoor classroom exploring the different wildlife and learning about the history.
- 2.3 She states that a large area has already been cleared where flowerbeds, grass, wildflower meadow and woodland path areas are developing nicely.

3. Request for Funding

- 3.1 The Group have recently set a [Spacehive](#) and are seeking funding to enable them to continue with the project. They are aiming to raise £4,929. Some of cost breakdown include:

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Flowers and Shrubs	1,500
Benches	1,016
Grass Seed	350
Strimmer's	296
Lawnmower	255
Spades / Rakes	470
Wildflower Seeds	229

- 3.2 The Group ask if Llangyfelach Community Council could help contribute in any way.

4. Legal & Financial Implications

- 4.1 Should the Council award the grant, it would be using its power to provide grants to bodies providing recreational facilities in or outside the Community. This would be made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976).
- 4.2 Should Council decide to make a grant to Llangyfelach Community Gardens, it should set out its expectations and conditions of the grant. Llangyfelach Community Gardens should be required to:
- i) Outline the agreement with Llangyfelach Church in relation to the length of lease that they have agreed to use the disused churchyard for.
 - ii) Provide the latest audited accounts or a statement of accounts so that the Council can assess the Club's financial position.
 - iii) Provide a certified written statement within 12 months of the grant detailing how the money was spent.
- 5. Recommended** that the grant request be considered. If Council approve the grant, it also agrees the expectations and conditions set out above.

Huw Evans
Clerk to Llangyfelach Community Council