



The clerk also reported that the new silhouettes have been ordered and the deposit paid; and Elsbury has been paid for the purchase of the additional string lights and tree lights. The clerk will provide Elsbury with lamp post numbers and the details of the switch on/off period over the coming weeks which will enable the installation plans to be confirmed.

**7. To discuss arrangements for installation of lamp post poppies & poppy displays.**

The clerk reported that Aberbargoed & Gilfach Ward Members are dealing with their respective lamp post poppies, and that no formal advice has been received from the Royal British Legion regarding the cenotaph. The committee discussed the display in Bargoed and it was agreed that the Mayor will liaise with the clerk regarding arrangements for installation of the poppies in the town centre.

**8. To receive the Welsh Government Decarbonisation Programme Newsletter August 2020.**

Members received the Newsletter and briefly discussed the Town Council environmental activities that aim to reduce their carbon footprint. The Mayor reported on progress with the community orchard on the Park estate and the committee agreed to continue with their priority of expanding the floral displays throughout the remaining three wards, planting pollinators where possible.

**9. To consider planter quotations and agree a way forward with the floral display project.**

The clerk confirmed that this year's displays will all be removed over the next few days. The committee reviewed the quotations for additional planters and RESOLVED to approve the expenditure of £3,673.28. Members RESOLVED to reallocate the Ice Rink budget to continue with the floral display project with unspent budget being allocated as earmarked reserves for the 2021 floral displays. The committee instructed the clerk to liaise with CCBC in respect of removal of the dead tree outside the old Spar shop in Bargoed.

**10. To discuss the Town Council garden at the North of Bargoed.**

A long conversation was held about the garden with Members considering both short- and long-term solutions. Two Members agreed to produce a short-term solution that will be able to maintain the area. In the longer term, the committee instructed the clerk to seek community input into potential proposals for a piece of artwork to be commissioned by the town council.

**Date of next meeting 5pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_