

STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 24 January 2022

Title: Defibrillator - Lake & Country Park

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Background

A member of the public (Mr Neil Taylor) has raised funds by running the London Marathon to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet to be placed at the entrance to Witney Lake. There is only one suitable place where a defibrillator can be placed due to the requirement for an electrical connection.

Current Situation

The electrical connection was found on Lamp Post 8 at the Avenue Two entrance to the lake on the Lake side of the underpass. However, this post was too far back from the edge of the footpath to be able to mount the defibrillator directly onto that Lamp Post, so it required an additional short post to be installed directly against the edge of the footpath. Quotes were sought from two companies that are qualified to carry out these works.

One of the companies, Bouygues E&S Solutions UK Limited, after hearing of the reason for the defibrillator and the member of the public fundraising for it etc. has generously carried out this work over the Christmas period free of charge as part of its community spirit program. Therefore, Bouygues contribution should be mentioned in any publicity that might be carried out regarding these defibrillators.

A bracket to be able to fix the defibrillator cabinet to the post will still need to be purchased, cost provided separately, and an electrician to make the relevant cabinet electrical connections within the post, quote provided separately.

It should also be noted that Bouygues E&S Solutions UK Limited, local branch has also installed the electrical connection within Lamp Post 4 at Pensclose which will enable a defibrillator to be fixed to this lamp post next to King George's Field allowing the football clubs to install a defibrillator if they can gain the relevant FA funding.

The un-metered supply for these defibrillators when fitted can be registered under the existing MPAN that Witney Town Council has in the Town as the power consumption for these cabinets is very low.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Whilst the defibrillator has been fundraised for the Council will take over the responsibility for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance.

Financial implications

Mr Taylor fundraised in excess of the cost of the defibrillator and cabinet which he has purchased directly – and has transferred the balance of £468 for any ancillary costs. The remaining associated cost for electrical connections of cabinets to supply and Cabinet brackets will be funded from budget line 4166/402 – where the current balance is £1,439.

The associated minimal ongoing minimal electrical usage charges going forward would be added to Witney Town Councils un-metered supply MPAN.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. That official thanks be offered to Bouygues and Mr Taylor,
2. That both contributions are included in any publicity regards these defibrillator connections – with a possible photo-opportunity with the Mayor.