

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Charity Trustee Committee

Date of meeting: 22nd March 2023

Title: Request by New Quay Town Council to locate Christmas Tree on land adjacent to the New Quay Library and Reading Room

Purpose of the report: To note the decision taken

For: Information

BACKGROUND

On Thursday 8 December 2022, Ceredigion County Council received a request from New Quay Town Council for permission to place a Christmas Tree on the grounds of the now empty New Quay Library at Uplands Square, New Quay. It was noted that this has been the location of the New Quay Christmas Tree for several years, and that they had planned to place the tree on 12 December 2022.

The land in question was conveyed and placed into trust in 1952, and as such, a decision would have to be made by the Charity Trustee Committee.

The application was submitted to Ceredigion County Council together with a risk assessment, noting that they had come to an arrangement with the nearby Costcutters store for electricity to light the tree.

Officer noted that subject to the decision of the Committee, a license would be provided by Ceredigion County Council in accordance with the usual procedure in relation to the use of assets.

Due to the short notice, it was not possible to schedule a meeting of the Trustees providing the statutory 3 working days' notice of a meeting, let alone the time required to prepare a report and translation. As such, an e-mail was circulated to all Members of the Charity Trustee Committee asking them to notify the Clerk of the Committee of any objections that they may have in relation to this request.

A number of Members responded to confirm that they did not have any objections subject to appropriate procedure being in place, however no objections were received. The New Quay Town Council were notified of the decision to allow them to place the Christmas Tree at the site of the New Quay Library at Upland Square for the duration of the 2022-23 festive period.

Recommendation(s): **To note the report, and decision taken in response to the request from New Quay Town Council**

Reasons for decision: Report for information only

Appendices: None

Head of Service: Russell Hughes-Pickering, Corporate Lead Officer, Economy and Regeneration

Reporting Officer: Arwyn Davies, Corporate Manager Economy and Regeneration

Date: 14th December 2023