

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL

27TH NOVEMBER, 2023

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. PURCHASE OF PETROL POWER PRUNER (LONG REACH SAW)

- 1.1 As Members are aware the newly appointed Manual Operative commenced his employment with this Council on the 9th October, 2023.
- 1.2 Having looked at the Operative's Certificates, he has achieved the following Awards:-
- Trimmer & Brush-cutter Operations (City & Guilds - Level 2) (19/05/2022)
 - Prepare a Pedestrian Controlled Mower for Operation (City & Guilds – Level 2) (13/07/2022)
 - Operate a Pedestrian Controlled Mower (City & Guilds – Level 2) (13/07/2022)
 - Prepare a Ride-on Mower for Operation (City & Guilds – Level 2) (13/07/2022)
 - Operate a Ride-on Mower (City & Guilds – Level 2) (13/07/2022)
 - Emergency First Aid at Work (14/10/2022)
 - Forestry First Aid Certificate (14/10/2022)
- 1.3 The newly appointed Operative is qualified to use a Petrol Power Pruner (Long Reach Saw), and if the Council was to purchase one from Orange Forestry Ltd at a cost of £450+VAT then the use of this machine would be less physically demanding than what is currently being used by the Operatives and would be quicker than using a manual saw. It would also be more cost effective as more tree work could be undertaken 'in-house'.
- 1.4 For the Lead Operative to undertake the above courses, with the exception of the First Aid Courses would cost approximately £785.00. It is therefore suggested that should Members be minded to purchase the long reach saw, then the newly appointed Operative operate the equipment and the Lead

Operative acts as Banksman in ensuring that the area is maintained as a safe work zone.

- 1.5 The Staffing Committee is scheduled to meet in January, 2024 to review the new structure and it is therefore proposed that Staff Appraisals are carried out prior to this meeting to ascertain the training needs of each individual.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to

- 2.1 Agree to the purchase of a Petrol Power Pruner (long reach saw) at a cost of £450+VAT noting that this was the cheapest price sought;
- 2.2 that the Staffing Committee identify the training needs of individuals following the Appraisals of the staff concerned.