



## **CABINET - 3RD OCTOBER 2018**

**SUBJECT:        FIELDS IN TRUST - CENTENARY FIELDS PROGRAMME**

**REPORT BY:    INTERIM DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES**

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### **1.        PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1        To seek the views of Cabinet on the formal dedication of the War Memorial Garden at Cwmfelinfach as part of the Fields in Trust, Centenary Fields programme.

### **2.        SUMMARY**

- 2.1        In July 2014, Fields in Trust (FiT) launched a new initiative called Centenary Fields. This is a UK wide project which aims to protect in perpetuity war memorial fields, green space that include war memorials across the UK and provide a fitting commemoration for the Centenary of World War I.
- 2.2        FiT has established a partnership with the Royal British Legion who has adopted Centenary Fields as one of three flagship initiatives that form their portfolio of work commemorating World War I.

### **3.        LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 3.1        The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. It requires public bodies to think more about the long term, working with people and communities, looking to prevent problems and take a more joined up approach. This will create a Wales that we all want to live in, now and in the future. The Act puts in place seven wellbeing goals and the contents of this report links into two i.e. "A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language, a Globally Responsive Wales"
- 3.2        If Cabinet is minded to agree the recommendations then the outcome will further demonstrate the Authority's commitment to support the Nation's Armed Forces, including remembering those who made sacrifices in World War 1.

### **4.        THE REPORT**

- 4.1        The Centenary Fields initiative aims to secure recreational space in perpetuity to honour the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in World War I. Through this programme, landowners across the UK are being encouraged to dedicate recreational space as a Centenary Field. The programme will commemorate this significant milestone in our history and create a tangible local legacy that will be valued by communities for generations to come.
- 4.2        The Authority has 38 war memorials across the county borough which commemorates those who fell in World War I, World War 2 and other conflicts.

- 4.3 The Memorial Garden in Cwmfelinfach (which is hatched red on the plan set as Appendix 1 to this report), has been identified as a suitable site to be dedicated as this Authority's contribution towards the Centenary Fields initiative. If Cabinet are minded to endorse the recommendation set out in paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2, the site will be protected in perpetuity through a legal Deed of Dedication between the Authority and Fields in Trust. Local members will work with the community to ensure the facility is accessible.

## **5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

- 5.1 This report contributes to the wellbeing goals as set out in the Links to Strategy section above. The proposal is consistent with the five ways of working set out within the sustainable development principal contained in the Act.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 At this initial stage an Equalities Impact Assessment screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality plan and supplementary guidance. No potential for unlawful discrimination and / or low level or minor negative impact has been identified; therefore a full Equalities Impact Assessment has not been carried out.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no significant financial implications associated with this report. A commemorative plaque will be provided by Fields in Trust and the small cost of installation will be met from existing revenue budgets.

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no significant personnel implications arising out of this report other than officers within the Legal Department agreeing the Deed of Dedication and registering restrictions with the Land Registry.

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 This report reflects the views of the listed consultees.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 Cabinet approve the dedication of the War Memorial Garden at Cwmfelinfach as a Centenary Field.
- 10.2 That following the successful application, the Authority enters into a Deed of Dedication with the Fields in Trust organisation.

## **11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 To provide a commemorative legacy of the First World War conflict of 1914-18 and to support the Fields in Trust and British Royal Legion's Centenary Fields Programme.

## **12. STATUTORY POWER**

- 12.1 Local Government Act 2000.

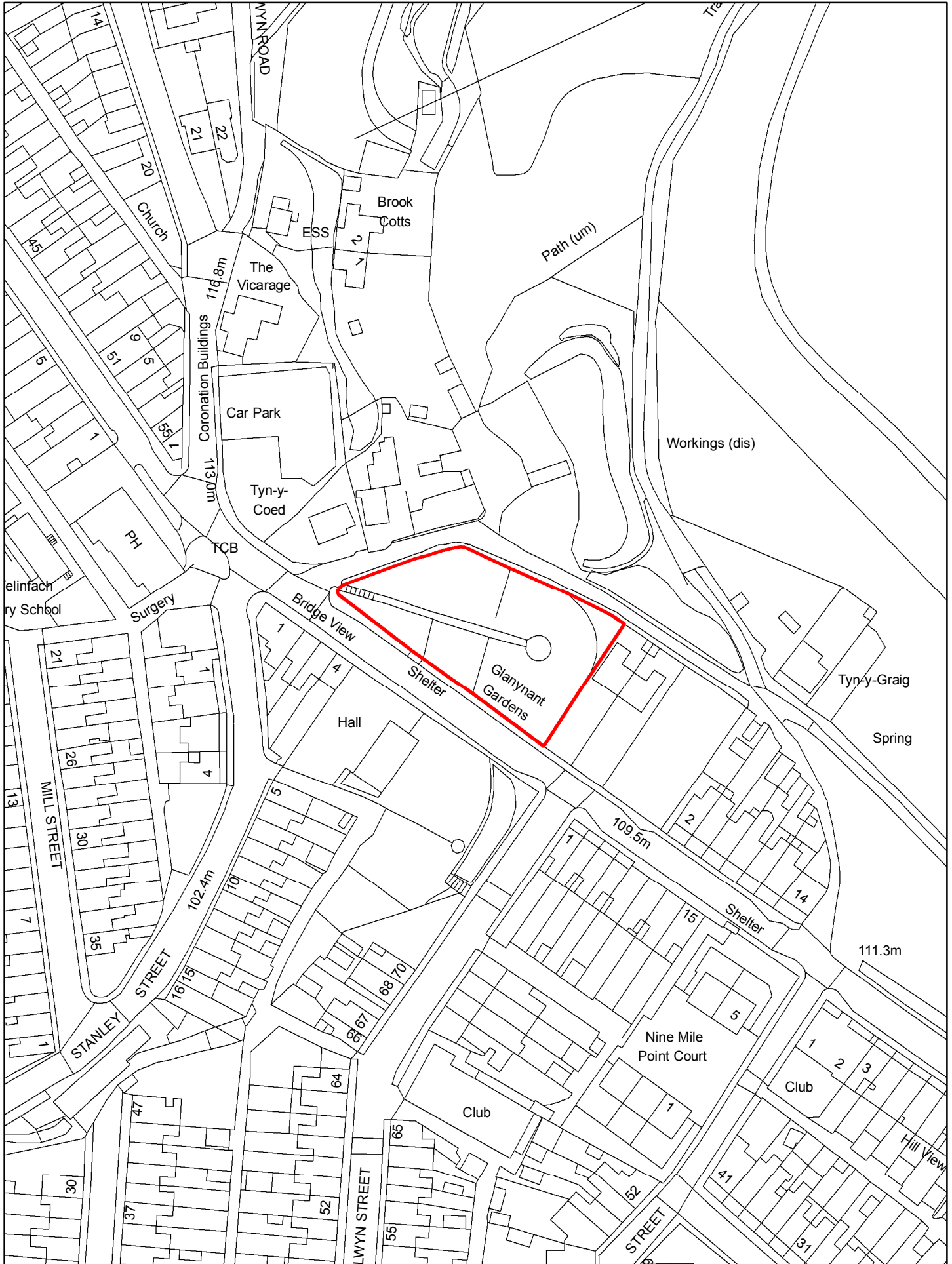
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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Site Plan

Appendix 2 Photograph of Memorial Garden



Appendix 2

