

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2021

INSTALLATION OF AN OUTDOOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide details on updated costs and progress for the installation of an outdoor drinking fountain.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At the Environment Committee on 27th November 2019, it was agreed that the Town Clerk look to purchase and install the Gent water fountain in Brewery Yard.

3. PROPOSAL

3.1 Permission was given by Monmouthshire County Council for investigation into the installation of an outdoor drinking fountain in Brewery Yard. MCC had provided contact details for the Monmouth Rotary Fountains project who in August 2019 installed one fountain by the toilets at Blestiem Place.

3.2 Advice from this group is to be clear how the fountain will be cleaned and maintained. Regular cleaning is a priority, even more so since Covid has become part of our lives. In the case of the Monmouth fountain, the MCC team who clean the toilets also clean the water fountain. MCC also assisted with the installation with arranging for a plumber however much of the installation was carried out by Rotary members.

3.3 Location adjacent to the toilet block in Brewery Yard has the advantage of water and electric close by and the potential for cleaning as part of the toilet contract.

3.4 There are a number of issues to consider when deciding on a water fountain:

- Aesthetics
- Ease of maintenance
- Requirements of users – only a bottle refill or only a fountain or both
- Ongoing maintenance and repair costs
- All year round robustness (NB the fountain installed at Monmouth may have to be drained down in winter as this is not sold as a specific outdoor fountain – The Gent Fountain chosen originally is not recommended for outdoor use due in minus temperatures)
- Location of the fountain

3.5 Appendix 3 lists a number of the outdoor fountains on the market together with costs. One company offers rental as well as purchase and for comparison purposes a 60

month term was chosen. There are shorter terms which increases the rental costs considerably. Rental includes the following:

- Sanitisation and servicing
- Filters & consumables
- Repairs including free replacement parts and labour
- New machine upgrades
- What is not covered: vandalism
- Installation is not included

3.6 Installation costs are not currently available.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

A decision was taken to proceed with the installation of an outdoor drinking fountain but now needs to be revisited to reconsider the model and if appropriate whether to purchase or rent. Updated prices for options presented to Councillors in 2019 are listed in brackets on Appendix 3, along with new suggestions.

Appendix 3 Outdoor Water Fountain options all sold as outdoor rated apart from Gent Works fountain (Updated 2021 prices).

	<p>Company MIW</p> <p>Buy £4,195.00 (£5034) Rent for 60 months £85.75 (£102.90) a month = £5,145 (£6174)</p> <p>Price does not include installation</p> <p>Available in a range of colours</p>
	<p>Company MIW</p> <p>Buy £1895 (£2514) Rent for 60 months £50.75 (£67.30) a month = £3,045 (£4038)</p> <p>Price does not include installation</p> <p>Available in a range of colours</p>
	<p>Company MIW</p> <p>Buy £2,545.00 (£3174) Rent for 60 months £58.25 (£69.90) a month = £3,495 (£4194)</p> <p>Price does not include installation</p>

	<p>Available in a range of colours</p>
	<p>Company MIW</p> <p>Buy £3,238.00 (£4125.60)</p> <p>Rental for 60 months £71.47 (£85.76) month = £4,288.20 (£5145.60)</p> <p>Price does not include installation</p>
	<p>Company Gentworks</p> <p>Similar fitted in Monmouth cost @ £576 inc VAT. (£697.00)</p> <p>MCC assisted with the installation.</p> <p>Not specifically outdoor (not suitable for minus temperatures)</p>



Company Acorn Thorn

Buy 2,061.53

Price does not include installation
(Not suitable for minus temperatures)



Company - MIW

ELKAY VRCDS -WALL MOUNTED VANDAL RESISTANT NON-CHILLED DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Buy £994.80

Rent for 60 months £36.14 = £2168.40

Spec: Heavy duty Elkay water fountain built in stainless steel cabinet. Ideal for unsupervised, outdoor areas with a rigorous, heavy duty application. The machine has a vandal resistant push button tap the special 'Low Flow' bubbler will reduce water consumption by 40%. Compliant with the ADA (Disabled Discrimination Act).