

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2019

INSTALLATION OF AN OUTDOOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide details on costs and requirements for the installation of an outdoor drinking fountain

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At the Environment Committee on 23rd October, it was agreed that the Town Clerk carries out research into the costs and installation requirements associated with the locating an outdoor drinking fountain in Brewery Yard.

3. FINDINGS

3.1 Permission has been given by Monmouthshire County Council for investigation into the installation of an outdoor drinking fountain in Brewery Yard. At this time, MCC 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. 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)
- Location of the fountain

3.5 Appendix 1 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 is required on whether to proceed with the installation of an outdoor drinking fountain and if so a decision is required on the model and if appropriate whether to purchase or rent.

Appendix 1 Outdoor Water Fountain options all sold as outdoor rated apart from Gent Works fountain.

	<p>Company MIW</p> <p>Buy £4,195.00 Rent (60 months) £85.75 a month = £5,145</p> <p>Price does not include installation</p> <p>Available in a range of colours</p>
	<p>Company MIW</p> <p>Buy £1895 Rent (60 months) £50.75 a month = £3,045</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 Rent (60 months) £58.25 a month = £3,495</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</p> <p>Rental (60 months) £71.47 month = £4,288.20</p> <p>Price does not include installation</p>
		<p>Company Gentworks</p> <p>Similar fitted in Monmouth cost @ £576 inc VAT.</p> <p>MCC assisted with the installation.</p> <p>Not specifically outdoor</p>
		<p>Company Acorn Thorn</p> <p>Buy 2,061.53</p> <p>Price does not include installation</p>