

The budget was approved at the January Full Council meeting.

**86. To consider the work to maintain water quality at Ladygrove Lakes.**

The generator used at the lakes, had been stolen but the Outdoor Services Manager explained that the larger lake was improving, probably because of the weather. The cost of using the generator was £6,240 annually, the cost of the gas cylinders. Due to the loss of the generator, there was no aeration activity at the lakes.

There had been some trouble with the original company who were to install the solar panel island on the lake, but a second company had been identified to carry out the work.

The company would provide a bespoke Solar Powered Diffused Aeration System using floating solar panels system, (reducing the risk of theft and vandalism) at a cost of **£17,174**. It was noted that the original quote had been £7,684.

The Committee heard that the funds could be vired from other cost centres, £10,000 could be taken from the 'Ladygrove Park and Lakes' cost centre, while the remaining could be taken from the 'Ladygrove Lake staging budget'. The staging will not be replaced in this financial year.

Cllr P Davies asked if the fencing can be moved towards the lake. The Outdoor Services Manager agreed this could be done in future.

It was proposed by Cllr D Macdonald, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, and **RESOLVED** to vire the money between the cost centres, as mentioned above.

**87. To consider the report on the installation of a path at Stubbings Land.**

The Outdoor Services Manager reported the progress on this item.

Estimates have been received for laying a path to the following specification:

120m length x 1.8m wide Bituminous base and surface course

100mm deep subbase granular material

240m concrete edging kerbs

All 3 estimates have come in above £25,000 and therefore this project has been put out to tender on the Government Contracts Finder website with a closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The report was noted.