

15 December, 2015.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 307 – 316

At a Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 15 December, 2015, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	S. M. Donoghue
M. V. Davies	M. L. Evans
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
C. A. Rees	

307. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, T. Bowen (Cllr. L. J. Butler deputising), R. E. Evans, J. S. Phillips and G. H. Wooldridge.

308. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

309. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

RESOLVED that the report of the Technical Services Officer on work undertaken be noted.

Arising out of discussion of the above, it was

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Technical Services Officer monitor the cleanliness at Felinfoel Community Resource Centre and report back to the Recreation and Welfare Committee in January 2016.

310. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Members received the report of the Technical Services Officer informing that the front door mechanism had broken and essential repairs were required.

The front door at Felinfoel Community Resource Centre operated on a sensor and door entry system. Visitors communicate through a call system and a door release button was then activated on the first floor to allow the door to open. The system could also be used to enable

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the door to open on approach, this was beneficial for disabled access and to comply with Disability Access guidelines.

Whilst the doors have been unlocked, an incident had occurred whereby the fire alarm was set off and the call point damaged.

An initial quotation for the supply and installation of a new mechanism had been received and the quotation exceeded the repair budget for the premises. However, Members concurred this was a high priority and the repair work should be done at the earliest opportunity and it was

RESOLVED that quotations be obtained from three companies with the lowest quotation being accepted to repair the front door mechanism.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Technical Services Officer investigates and erects appropriate door signage to alert patrons not to force the opening of the entrance door when the door entry system was in operation.

311. LUNCHEON CLUBS

Further to Minute No. 298(1), Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of recent action taken to retain the luncheon club service.

Discussions had taken place and letters sent to caterers in the area inviting expressions of interest in replicating the service supplied by Hywel Dda Health Board. To date, no firm expressions of interest had been received.

Telephone contact had also been made with care homes, care organisations, Social Care Department, Carmarthen County Council's Education Department but there was no positive outcome.

A press release was produced on 20 November, 2015, stating the plight of the luncheon club service. It also appeared on the Council's website, Llanelli Rural Community's Facebook and referenced on its Twitter page.

Following discussion, it was regrettably

RESOLVED that:

1. The luncheon club service will cease on 23 December, 2015, because it is no longer a sustainable and viable service and because no expression of interests to run the service had been received;
2. a press release is to be issued celebrating the general success of the service since its inception 25 years ago; and
3. a letter be sent to all patrons of the service to signpost them to alternative local venues providing a meals service.

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**312. STATUTORY PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT
MARCH 2016**

Members considered a Statutory Play Sufficiency Assessment from the Play Sufficiency Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

The assessment was due to be submitted to the Welsh Government on 31 March, 2016, and would cover a range of factors that affected children and young people's opportunities to play. The assessment would build a picture of the play opportunities available to children and young people in the community. The information would be used to find ways of protecting and improving the opportunities, time and space available for playing.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The Technical Services Officer be authorised to complete the accompanying assessment articulating Members' views and observations with the completed response being presented for information at the next ordinary committee meeting;
2. the assessment be circulated to Members to individually complete; and
3. members of the public shall be alerted to the assessment with it being published on the Council's social media sites.

**313. CYMRU SPICE TIME CREDITS
GRANT CONFIRMATION**

Correspondence was received from the Big Lottery Fund and Targeted Finance Fund, Carmarthenshire County Council confirming that the grant applications submitted from Llanelli Rural Council for Community Time Credits had been successful.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and congratulations be conveyed to the Community Development Officer on securing the grants.

314. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter in Minute No. 315 below be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

**315. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL**

Members were circulated with a Statement of Accounts received from the above Management Committee.

Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be awarded to Ponthenri Community Hall for the year ending 31 March, 2015.

316. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.25 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 12 January, 2015, adopted by the Council.