

**20 October, 2015.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 205 – 212**

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, 20 October, 2015, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

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| T. Bowen       | R. E. Evans    |
| L. J. Butler   | M. L. Evans    |
| M. V. Davies   | J. S. Phillips |
| S. L. Davies   | C. A. Rees     |
| S. M. Donoghue | A. J. Rogers   |

**205. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, S. N. Lewis (Cllr. A. J. Rogers deputising) and G. H. Wooldridge (Cllr. L. J. Butler deputising).

**206. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared an interest in the under-mentioned matters:-

| <i>Minute No.</i> | <i>Councillor</i> | <i>Interest</i>                                      |
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| 212               | S. L. Davies      | Personal – Secretary, Dafen Welfare Committee        |
| 212               | A. J. Rogers      | Personal – Committee member, Dafen Welfare Committee |

**207. PROGRESS REPORTS**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The report of the Technical Services Officer on work undertaken be noted.
2. The report of the Community Development Officer be noted.

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**208. FOOTWAY LIGHTING**

Members considered correspondence from the Street Lighting Engineer, Carmarthenshire County Council submitting energy and maintenance costs for a proposed new lighting column to be erected on the footpath at Constitution Hill, Stradey.

Members were informed that a request had been made by a member of the public for street lighting at Constitution Hill, Stradey due to the path being well used by the public.

Members welcomed the installation of a new lighting column and following discussion whereby Members enquired what the cost would be for solar lighting, it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. the request for a new lighting column at a cost of £1,975 plus VAT, energy and maintenance cost of £37.65 (subject to future energy costs) be agreed to.
2. That a quotation be furnished for solar and LED lighting should any future requests for new lighting columns be received.

**209. FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL  
ROOFING REPAIRS**

Members received the report of the Technical Services Officer informing that the repair works to the roof gable had been suspended due to the presence of bats.

Repair works had been programmed to replace the boarding and lead flashing to the hall roof gable facing the main road. The Council's workmen commenced repair works on 7 September, 2015, and started to remove the boarding. However, they found a number of bats roosting behind the boarding. The work was suspended due to the bats being a protected species.

Natural Resources Wales advised the Council that a licensed bat ecologist would need to be consulted and engaged to prepare a report for a licence application to enable the repair works to be resumed.

Members were informed that Wildwood Ecology had been commissioned to provide a site survey, report, licence application and on-going advice for a fee of £525. Preliminary advice had been received from the consultant following a site visit on 13 October, 2015.

Wildwood Ecology stated it might be possible to continue with the repair works without a licence if an ecologist was present to supervise. The fee for this service was £50 per hour plus expenses.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that consent be given to continue with the repair works with an ecologist present on site provided that the fee did not exceed £525 being the fee for applying formally for a licence.

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**210. LUNCHEON CLUBS**

Further to Minute No. 201(1), Members considered a letter received from the Head of Specialist Services, Hywel Dda University Health Board regarding the future provision of meals for the Council's luncheon club service.

The letter advised that the Health Board had made a decision to close the kitchen facility at Bryntirion due to the concerns in relation to the building infrastructure which would require substantial capital investment in order to ensure a sustainable service.

The Health Board was currently in the process of discussing the closure with its existing members of staff but a definite date for closure had not been determined as yet and there was an urgency to source alternative means of meal provision. It was highly likely that this would be a brought-in solution from a third party provider. The Health Board stated it would include the Council's interests as part of the future provision arrangements if required.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that this was not an option for the Council's luncheon club service due to the inadequate kitchen facilities at the community halls and the additional equipment needed to prepare the meals, which would be delivered frozen, in bulk. The costs for the new equipment ranged between £2,000 to £6,000 depending on the type of equipment to be used. This was an unsustainable option for the Council, given that the number of patrons at its luncheon club services were diminishing every year. Further enquiries would be made on other alternative catering suppliers.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that enquiries be made to source alternative catering suppliers and to wait further correspondence from the Head of Specialist Services, Hywel Dda University Health Board.

*During discussion of the above, Cllr. S. L. Davies left the meeting.*

**211. ASSET TRANSFER – PUBLIC OPEN SPACE NOTICE**

Members received correspondence from the Asset Management Surveyor, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the Public Open Space Notice to be published in the Western Mail for two consecutive weeks. A number of errors in the notice were pointed out during the meeting.

Members were informed that the notice was a legal requirement prior to transferring open spaces to Community/Town Councils and Community Organisations.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

*During discussion of the above, Cllrs S. M. Donoghue and R. E. Evans left the meeting.*

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**212. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
DAFEN WELFARE BOWLS CLUB**

*Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as she was the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Committee. However, Cllr. Davies had already left the meeting to attend another engagement. Cllr. A. J. Rogers declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a committee member, Dafen Welfare Committee.*

Members considered an application for financial assistance from Dafen Welfare Bowls Club and it was

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £1,250 be awarded to Dafen Welfare Bowls Club on receiving receipts from the club.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.35 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 10 November, 2015, adopted by the Council.