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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 90 – 104

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, 21 June, 2016, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	R. E. Evans
H. J. Evans	S. N. Lewis
M. L. Evans	J. S. Phillips
C. A. Rees	

Absent: L. J. Butler

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L. A. Beer, S. L. Davies, S. M. Donoghue, T. J. Jones (M. V. Davies deputising) and G. H. Wooldridge (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

91. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

92. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

93. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED that the report of the Community Development Officer on various community development initiatives be noted.

94. BUS STOP – SANDY ROAD

Further to Minute No. 58, Members considered correspondence from the Principal Assistant Engineer, Engineering and Design Section, Carmarthenshire County Council requesting

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permission to erect a bus stop outside Sandy Community Hall with raised kerbs, flag pole signage and markings.

The work would be contained within the existing highway and would also look to further improve pedestrian movement along Sandy Road by reducing the junction width across the back lane.

Following a lengthy discussion, whereby Members raised concerns regarding the traffic flow on the busy main road, it was

RESOLVED that the bus stop relocation request be accepted given there appeared to be no viable alternative location but Members concerns about traffic congestion and traffic flow along this route be forwarded to the Principal Assistant Engineer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

95. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS

Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer informing on the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) that were being implemented by Carmarthenshire County Council to public spaces such as play areas and parks.

The implementation of the PSPO legislation was introduced to restrict peoples' behaviour on public land and public spaces. Carmarthenshire County Council had on behalf of the Council undertaken a survey of the Rural parks to ascertain if they met the criteria of the Order.

The new Order would allow the County Council to designate parks to be free of drinking alcohol, anti-social behaviour and the control of dogs. In respect of Rural parks it would propose to exclude dogs from the children's play areas. The exclusion orders would be monitored and policed by the County Council dog warden services; the play areas would have notices displayed at the entrance gates.

RESOLVED that the information be accepted.

96. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Further to Minute No. 414 (16 February, 2016), Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer informing of the mechanical engineer's report on the system installed at the plant room in Felinfoel Community Resource Centre.

The engineer's report provided an overview of the system and plant installed together with the operating controls. The report identified that the system was designed to provide a good BREEM energy rating and the engineer found very little wrong with the system. During the inspection the engineer noted historic faults being displayed on the control panel. However, the system still operated and functioned correctly. Access codes were required to clear the faults but these were not available at present.

The system control unit did not function as it was designed and an engineer from the manufacturing company (BSC) was required to attend and examine the system to ascertain

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any missing modules, remove the faults and set the system. The manufacturing company had been contacted to provide a quotation for the work.

A list of maintenance issues needing attention in the near future and next year was tabled as part of the report.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that a quotation be obtained from BSC for commissioning and completing any outstanding works to the system installed in the plant room at Felinfoel Community Resource Centre.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. C. A. Rees left the meeting.

**97. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL
CAR PARK EXTENSION**

Further to Minute No. 445 (15 March, 2016), Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer on tenders received for extending the existing car park at Trallwm Community Hall as follows:

1. £22,177.47
2. £25,963.00
3. £29,033.54

A brief overview of the proposed works comprised excavating the topsoil, laying a hardcore base, concrete kerbs, surface water drains and soakaway construction; the whole area to be finished with tarmac.

Members were informed that the additional carpark would enhance the hall and provide a safer area to park when the public used the hall.

A sum of £10,000 was held in reserves for the carpark extension and if the lowest tender was accepted this would leave a balance of £12,177.47 which was to be funded from the Section 106 development monies available to the local county council ward Member.

RESOLVED that:

1. The lowest tender submitted by Gwendraeth Valley Tarmac, Ffrwd Vale Garage, Pontyates, Llanelli, SA5 5UF, in the sum of £22,177.47 excluding VAT be accepted in principle subject to receiving confirmation from Cllr. D. M. Cundy that Section 106 development monies were available to fund the shortfall.
2. Confirmation of when the section 106 development monies would be made available be reported to the committee as soon as possible and prior to any formal commitment being given to carrying out the said works.

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98. PWLL PAVILION – POST OFFICE

Members received correspondence from the BAU Field Change Advisor, Post Office informing of the re-introducing of the Post Office service to Pwll.

Enquiries had been made and one of the options was to have an outreach service in the pavilion café. Unfortunately there was no telephone line nor poles within a distance that a new line could be taken from.

The BAU Field Change Advisor requested whether the Rural Council would be prepared to install a new phone line for the use of the pavilion and some poles.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. R. E. Evans left the meeting.

99. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL – STORAGE AREA

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that correspondence had been sent to the Administrator, Llanelli Youth Theatre asking them to vacate the storage area at Furnace Community Hall by 31 July, 2016. Members were informed that the hall storage area was now desperately needed to store council equipment and furniture which could not be stored elsewhere because of space constraints in other council buildings.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

100. PONTYATES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

RESOLVED that the letter of appreciation received from Pontyates Rugby Football Club for continued support in relation to the preparation and maintenance of the playing fields be noted.

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters 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.

Cllr. J. S. Phillips left the meeting.

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102. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND

Correspondence was received from Mr & Mrs G T informing the Council that they were in the process of purchasing a house at Ynys Wen, Felinfoel and were enquiring if the land to the rear of the property could be purchased or leased from the Rural Council.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be declined.

**103. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

The Chairman welcomed County Cllr. D. W. H. Richards to the meeting and asked him to address Members in respect of the draft Heads of Terms in respect of the potential lease of office accommodation to Hywel Dda University Health Board.

Following a lengthy discussion, whereby Members raised concern that the rent per annum was too low and that utility charges should be paid for separately at cost by the health board it was

RESOLVED that the draft Heads of Terms be rejected on the basis the financial sum put forward by the health board for leasing the premises was not deemed financially sustainable and that Cllr. Richards be asked to enter into fresh negotiations with the health board in order to arrive at a financially viable rent solution for the letting of the premises with the outcome of these negotiations being reported to the Council prior to any further action being taken.

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

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

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be made to Ponthenri Community Hall for the year ending 31 March, 2016, subject to the statement of accounts proforma being correctly completed annotating the financial year end date.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.05 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 July, 2016, adopted by the Council.