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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 52 – 60

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, 23 May, 2017, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
P. Edwards	R. L. Najmi
J. P. Hart	C. A. Rees
I. G. Wooldridge	

Absent: H. J. Evans

52. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman referred to the tragic events in Manchester on Monday, 22 May, 2017, and as a mark of respect, Members and Officers stood in silent tribute.

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received was Cllr. T. M. Donoghue.

54. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

55. WASTE DISPOSAL – COMMUNITY HALLS

Further to Minute No. 18(1), the Chairman welcomed Ms M. Kathrens and Mr M. Jones, Environment Enforcement Officers, Carmarthenshire County Council to the meeting.

Ms Kathrens thanked Members for the opportunity to attend the meeting and together with Mr Jones proceeded to inform Members about The Environmental Protection Act 1990 which stated that anyone who produced, stored, transported, treated or disposed of waste must take all reasonable steps to ensure that waste was managed properly. The Act defined waste from premises used for a trade or for the purpose of sport, recreation or entertainment as business waste.

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Any waste that was produced at the Council's community halls or sporting facilities was classed as commercial waste and the necessary steps had to be in place to comply with the Act.

Members argued the point that the halls were a not for profit making enterprise. However, Ms Kathrens suggested that to cover the cost of a waste disposal contract, halls should increase the hire costs. Members raised concerns over future sustainability, if halls increased the hire charge: this could ultimately affect the number people taking out bookings thus making it more difficult to cover the cost of the waste disposal contract.

Mr Jones emphasised the point that charities and some organisations enjoyed a reduced rate for the collection of waste and perhaps enquiries should be made with local waste disposal businesses.

The Chairman thanked Ms M. Kathrens and Mr M. Jones for attending and they withdrew from the meeting.

Members then proceeded to further consider the accompanying report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager informing them of the recent progress of the review of waste disposal arrangements for the Council's community halls and sports facilities.

A review of the waste management arrangements for Council facilities was undertaken in May 2017. This revealed that the vast majority of the Council's community halls and sports facilities did not comply with the legal responsibilities under the Act. The community halls and sports facilities produced different volumes of waste due to the range of activities at each place. Some facilities might not produce any waste whereas others could probably produce significant waste.

The Technical and Burial Services Manager took Members through different waste disposal options available to the community halls and sport facilities and following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Technical and Burial Services Manager contact the community halls and sporting facilities committees about the waste disposal arrangements reiterating the need for a waste disposal contract to be put in place and in doing so, to also offer any ongoing support deemed necessary to bring about total compliance.

56. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that a sub-committee, comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council, Leader and Local Ward Members be appointed.

57. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

RESOLVED that the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager on work undertaken be noted.

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Members commented that the extent of work now being undertaken by the workforce was impressive and that this was welcomed and valued by the community.

58. COMMUNITY PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr. S. L. Davies informed Members that there were grants available for the provision of community defibrillators and enquired whether there was interest in installing defibrillators throughout the Council's administration area.

Members were informed the Community Development Officer had been researching the options available for grant funding or purchasing defibrillators for the community from The British Heart Foundation, Cariad and Welsh Hearts.

Following a lengthy discussion, whereby Members raised questions over the potential maintenance of the defibrillators and any associated liability for the Council, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The Community Development Officer garners further information for Members as to whether the installation of community defibrillators across the Council's area should be pursued for the various villages and communities making up the Council's seven electoral wards and that the total number of defibrillators required together with proposed locations for siting the units shall be established.
2. The Technical and Burial Services Manager shall investigate with the supply companies the range of equipment which is needed together with the cost per unit.
3. The information sought in items (1) and (2) above shall be reported back to committee for further consideration with a view to potentially submitting one funding bid to support the acquisition of the equipment.

59. FELINFOEL CRICKET CLUB – FUNDING

A letter had been received from the Secretary, Felinfoel Cricket Club requesting support in order for the cricket club to make an application to the National Lottery for funding for new artificial wickets at Felinfoel Recreation Ground.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the application be supported.

60. 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.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.55 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 13 June, 2017, adopted by the Council.