

15 October, 2013.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 245 – 251

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 October, 2013, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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| T. Bowen | G. N. R. Edwards |
| S. L. Davies | M.L. Evans |
| W. V. Thomas | |

245. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A Beer, D. M. Cundy, M. V. Davies, T. J. Jones (M. L. Evans deputising), A. G. Morgan and A. J. Rogers (W. V. Thomas deputising).

246. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ASSET TRANSFERS

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Medi Williams, Grants Officer, Community Regeneration and Grants Department, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) to the meeting.

Mrs Williams had kindly agreed to attend the meeting to share and discuss with Members information about her role within the Community Regeneration Team at CCC.

Mrs Williams stated CCC's Grants Bureau currently administered a number of core grants from CCC funds. It also assisted the voluntary sector and community groups in giving advice and guidance on how to apply for grant aid.

Mrs Williams also stated she advised community groups about potential sources of grant funding to help community groups to network and gain experience from other examples of best practice. Grants officers would help community, voluntary and charitable groups in Carmarthenshire to access support, advice and grants quickly. The team would respond to individual needs helping people to reach their targets in the most effective way. The bureau had up to date information and access to grant funding programmes and could identify the most appropriate grants for community projects, including asset transfers.

Mrs Williams went on to speak about her involvement in community asset transfers such as parks, play areas, playing fields and community buildings. She referred to the County Council asset transfers targeted by the Rural Council and how through working in partnership she could provide assistance to facilitate the transfers.

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Mrs Williams then give examples of funding that she had secured to benefit local communities, one being the new Skate Park in Llanelli creating 29 jobs. There were currently 43 grants available totalling £50 million for funding in Llanelli.

Discussion then arose over facilities at Pwll Pavilion and Felinfoel Recreation Ground play area and how facilities might be enhanced via grant funding at both these locations. Mention was also made to the lack of community meeting space in Pwll and suggestions were put forward to local members on how this could be addressed in the future.

With regards to Felinfoel Recreation Ground, Mrs Williams referred to community plans to develop adjacent land owned by Carmarthenshire County Council. This would compliment existing facilities at the recreation ground. Funding bids were being generated to provide a new play area and possibly additional training pitches. However, and in the first instance, the community needed to purchase the site from the County Council, which had been valued at £200,000. Unfortunately, the land had value in supporting the County Council's Modernising Education Programme (MEP) and could not be transferred over as a community asset. The community had been given six months to try and secure the land otherwise it would be put on the open market for sale.

The possibility of deferring the Council's plan to resurface the access road at the recreation ground was then discussed. The road project was estimated at £40,000 and work was due to start in November 2013. However, Members felt it might be prudent to defer the start of the project if it meant the money could be used as match funding to strengthen any planned grant bids to support wider community plans to enhance recreational and leisure facilities in Felinfoel.

Mrs Williams was confident that phase one of the redevelopment of the recreation ground (which saw the construction of the Community Resource Centre) could also play a substantial part in drawing down further funding. The Clerk requested further information about the wider community funding plans in order to present a report to Committee Members. A decision could then be taken to either defer or proceed with the planned resurfacing work of the access road. Mrs Williams agreed to supply the necessary information. As a precursor Mrs Williams left some information on grants that were available to the local community and the Town and Community Council sector and it was

RESOLVED to await the receipt of further information from the Grants Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

Thereupon, the Chairman thanked Mrs Williams for attending and she withdrew from the meeting.

Cllrs T. Bowen and S. L. Davies withdrew from the meeting.

247. PROGRESS REPORT

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

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Arising out of general discussion of the above and further to Minute No. 238(2), the Technical Services Officer informed Members that the cold water tank, booster set and associated works had been completed and the water tank had been commissioned and tested today.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the information be noted.

248. SANDY WATER PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Members considered a letter from Sandy Water Park Residents Association requesting consent from the Council for it to apply for planning permission for a community notice board on the Association's behalf. The Planning Department at Carmarthenshire County Council had advised the Association that it could not apply for planning permission as a voluntary organisation but suggested it could approach the Rural Council to ascertain whether it would act as an intermediary. The Clerk informed Members that the Council had acted as an intermediary previously and it was

RESOLVED that the request be approved on the understanding that Sandy Water Park Residents Association shall be responsible for preparing the planning application in full for the Council's authorisation. Furthermore, that the Association be informed the Council will cover the cost of the planning fee on the understanding the notice board will not be used for political purposes.

**249. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND
SNACK VAN**

Further to Minute No. 415 (13 February, 2013), Members considered a request from Cllr. D. W. H. Richards seeking permission to move the snack van on the recreation ground closer to the changing rooms in the hope of reducing vandalism.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that further information be obtained from Cllr. Richards over the precise location in order to have a better understanding of how the snack van will operate, specifically how it might impact upon facilities available at the Community Resource Centre and whether relocating it might raise general health and safety concerns.

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

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

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**251. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TRALLWM AFC**

Further to Minute No. 56(4), Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration). A grant of £600 had been provisionally agreed on 21 May, 2013, to Trallwm AFC pending the receipt of invoices from Carmarthenshire County Council for playing on its football pitches.

Invoices totalling £536.55 had been received for playing at Trallwm and Penygaer and the Memorial Park. Further invoices had also been received for using the Astroturf facility at Llanelli Leisure Centre and the changing/showering facilities at Trallwm Community Hall.

The amount redeemable was less than the normal grant allocation of £600 and guidance was sought on how to proceed and it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £536.55 be awarded to the club.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.10 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 November, 2013, adopted by the Council.