

**19 November, 2013.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 293 – 300**

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, 19 November, 2013, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

L. A. Beer	G. N. R. Edwards
T. Bowen	S. N. Lewis
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan

**293. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. V. Davies, S. L. Davies, T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees and A. J. Rogers (S. N. Lewis deputising).

**294. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**295. CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION (CYCA)**

Further to Minute No, 241, the Chairman welcomed Mrs Tracy Pike and Cllr. Jan Williams, Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association (CYCA) to the meeting.

Mrs Pike kindly agreed to attend the meeting following a letter sent to the Council dated 6 September, 2013, from the Chair of Trustees regarding the change of Membership on the CYCA trustee board. CYCA would no longer be able to accept from the Council its annual nomination of representatives to serve on its board.

Due to the expansion of CYCA, expertise and specialist knowledge was now required to become a member of the board to help manage its activities and functions. The Trustees had decided that if people wished to join the board they would have to write to Mrs Pike and then go through an interview process and be CRB checked. Mrs Pike stated that if Members were interested they could apply themselves and become individual Trustees if successful.

Members were informed that most charitable organisations acted similarly when appointing Trustees to boards. Membership of the board normally consisted of longer periods than a year with Trustees often serving over a particular term of four years or even longer. CYCA

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held four meetings per year and there was an expectation that Trustees attended at least half of the meetings. Mrs Pike stated there was a cost associated with inducting new Trustees on top of the CRB check so it was important to have low turnover of Trustees so that they could dedicate most of the time to attending board meetings.

Following general discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and henceforth Members wishing to apply to serve on the CYCA Board of Trustees should do so by contacting CYCA direct.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that for the purpose of making appointments to outside bodies at the Council's annual meeting, nominations for CYCA shall be no longer applicable with its details being removed from the list.

Thereupon, the Chairman thanked Mrs Pike and Cllr. Williams for attending and they withdrew from the meeting.

**296.            PROGRESS REPORT**

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

**297.            FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND  
ACCESS ROAD**

Members considered the Clerk's report regarding the resurfacing work to the access road at Felinfoel Recreation Ground.

The Council intended to resurface the access road leading from the entrance of Felinfoel Recreation Ground and had set aside £40,000 in earmarked reserves for the project and preliminary work was due to start this month.

The upgrading of the recreation ground access road was originally included in phase one of the redevelopment of the recreation ground which realised the construction of the Felinfoel Community Resource Centre. The build cost was just under £1 million but the resurfacing of the access road was omitted in order to make savings to deliver the scheme.

The local community had planned to redevelop some of the vacant land adjoining the recreation ground for additional recreational and leisure purposes. The land was owned by Carmarthenshire County Council and had been valued at £200,000. Carmarthenshire County Council had given the local community a six month deadline to acquire the land otherwise it would be put up for sale on the open market.

The community wished to build a new play area on the land, the cost of which was somewhere in the region of £120,000. It was also hoped to create additional sports training pitches for junior football and rugby.

The playground project was going to be put forward for funding as a secondary phase to the construction of the community resource centre and various funding bodies, such as the

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lottery, the Welsh Government's Communities Facilities and Activities Programme and also CWM Environmental being approached. The former Communities First team on behalf of the Felinfoel partnership intended to submit grant bids for the playground work but the work was delayed due to the Communities First Programme being reformatted. Communities First Officers had been earmarked to lead on the playground scheme, however, the role of the Officers had now changed. The local community had to take on more of a leading role with the submission of grant bids but with support from the Grants Bureau team, Carmarthenshire County Council.

Previously it was felt that if the Council deferred the resurfacing work to the access road, the money which was ring-fenced for the project, could be used as additional match funding in the hope of standing more chance of drawing down the necessary money from the funding bodies to complete phase two. The monetary commitment would add further strength to the quality of the funding bids put forward. Hopefully this would result in the bids being successful for the additional facilities sought by the community.

Members were informed the Clerk had held a few meetings with Mrs Medi Williams, Grants Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, where the subject of delaying the work to the access road was discussed. The advice provided by the Grants Officer at the most recent meeting was now to proceed with the access road because no firm commitment could be given about the community's commitment to submitting funding bids in a timely manner. The Grants Officer was confident the funding secured for phase one of the recreation ground redevelopment would be sufficient to secure any additional grant monies. In view of this the £40,000 match funding wouldn't be seen as a crucial element to draw down further funding, therefore there was no point in delaying the resurfacing work to the access road.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Council proceed with the access road as originally planned.

**298. SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL  
CAR PARK – GLASS RECYCLING BIN**

Members considered a request from Cllr. A. G. Morgan to provide glass recycling bins at the car park of Swiss Valley Community Hall.

Following a discussion, whereby Members raised concern about members of the public dumping waste rubbish by the bins, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved.

**299. 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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**300. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
DAFEN WELFARE BOWLS CLUB**

Members considered an application for financial assistance from the above sport club.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £600 be awarded to 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 December, 2013, adopted by the Council.