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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 272 – 280

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, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
M. J. Lewis	B. C. M. Reynolds
S. N. Lewis	A. C. Thomas

272. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler (Cllr. B. C. M. Reynolds deputising), D. J. Davies (Cllr. T. D. Bowen deputising), M. L. Davies (Cllr. A. C. Thomas deputising) T. J. Jones and G. H. Wooldridge.

273. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Minute No.	Councillor	Interest
276	T. D. Bowen	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
278	A. G. Morgan	Member, Swiss Valley Community Hall Management Committee

274. PROGRESS REPORT

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

275. ROSPA PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

Members were circulated with reports prepared by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) appertaining to the Authority's playground equipment and surfaces. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the reports be accepted.

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276. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. T. D. Bowen declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a Member of the Trallwm Hall Management Committee.

Further to Minute No. 158, Members considered email correspondence from Ms J Weightman, ER Brown Ltd, which provided a progress update on refurbishment works associated with Trallwm Community Hall. The writer stated that work had progressed well since last month with the Mechanical and Electrical second fix progressing. The completion date had been formally adjusted to 16 October, 2009, but the Contractor was reporting completion in mid November, 2009.

Members were informed that the project team continued to work closely with the main contractor and the project would be completed within budget.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

277. RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members received the following Minutes of the Recreation and Welfare Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 30 September, 2009:

“At a Meeting of the RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 30 September, 2009, at 5.15 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. Rh. Ifan A. G. Morgan

Together with Ms. K. Shefford, Tidy Towns Project Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, Mr. R. Davie, Green Network Project Manager and Mr. D. Kirk, Secretary, Swiss Valley Community & Residents' Association.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees and Mr. J. J. Derrick, Swiss Valley Community & Residents' Association.

**2. SWISS VALLEY SHOP FRONTS –
CAPITAL SCHEME**

Further to Minute No. 88, the Chairman welcomed and introduced everyone to the meeting. The Clerk referred to Minute No. 66 of the meeting held on 21 May, 2009, which had been circulated with the Agenda, together with a detailed landscaped plan and pertinent

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photographs in order to agree a project framework. Mr. Kirk circulated a wish-list which the Residents' Association had drawn up in order to aid matters.

A general discussion thereupon ensued, with reference being made to the state of disrepair within the area and to the need for a scheme which would not only enhance the environment but also make the area more aesthetically appealing.

Reference was made to the fact that this Council undertook a low level of maintenance however, an amount of £5000 had been budgeted for a capital scheme. Ms. Shefford informed that there was a rolling programme of funding available depending upon the community's requirements. It was suggested that Corscadden Associates, who had drawn up the landscape plan, be consulted as the area of ground involved was particularly difficult to maintain. Mr. Davie, having informed of aid available within the Green Network, enquired as to whether the business community had been approached in order to gain further funding avenues and that any enhancement of the area would require planning permission.

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) a site visit by the Sub-Committee be arranged, together with the Tidy Towns Project Officer, Green Network Project Manager and Corscadden Associates;
- (2) funding avenues be explored;
- (3) the Council commission the services of Corscadden Associates to come up with a consultation design brief with a request for a schedule of work costs based on the criteria circulated at the meeting by the Residents' Association and the anticipated funding criteria to be received from the Tidy Towns Project Officer;
- (4) once a scheme had been drawn up and overall costs established, a funding application be submitted under the Tidy Towns scheme and that consideration also be given to referring the scheme to the Green Network for further support and assistance at that time.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.45 p.m.”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

**278. SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL –
RAMP ACCESS**

Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a Member of the Swiss Valley Community Centre Association.

Further to Minute No. 173, a letter was received from the Chairperson, Swiss Valley Community Centre Association, which expressed concern over the proposed disabled ramp access planned for the community hall, which was to be constructed shortly.

The writer set out a number of concerns over general security of the hall both during the planned work and in the longer term following the permanent removal of the steel gates

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which were originally erected to protect the community hall. Concern was also raised over temporary access to the building by hall patrons and to potential difficulties in staging planned events.

Thereupon Officers briefed Members on the general project arrangements and confirmed what action was planned to alleviate the concerns raised in the letter, following which it was

RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

279. ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Members considered a letter received from the Enforcement Co-ordinator, Street Scene, Carmarthenshire County Council. The writer stated that Carmarthenshire County Council was planning to start using powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2005 to retrieve trolleys found, believed to be abandoned.

Members were informed that the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA), Schedule 4 contained powers which formally allowed a local authority to seize and remove abandoned trolleys, retain them and then sell or dispose of them. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 supported the EPA and would permit the County Council to collect, remove and dispose of an abandoned trolley. It was proposed to charge the owner for the costs of removal, storage and disposal of trolleys (if found) with the charge being payable on demand and which could be recovered as a statutory debt. Accordingly, this Council's views were sought on the proposed scheme and it was

RESOLVED that the scheme be supported.

280. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(1) CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

Members considered a letter from the Association Manager, Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association, requesting financial assistance.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred to the next committee meeting to be held on 17 November, 2009, in order for further information to be obtained.

(2) DAFEN WELFARE CRICKET CLUB

Members considered a letter received from the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Cricket Club requesting the annual sports grant and further financial assistance and it was

RESOLVED that a contribution of £600 be made and the request for financial assistance towards the Edgar Andrews Presentation Evening be forwarded to the local ward Members

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(3) DAFEN WELFARE BOWLS CLUB

Members considered a letter from the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Bowls Club requesting the annual sports grant.

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £300 be made.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.20 p.m.

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