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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 552 - 561

At a Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 21 April, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Vice-Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	M. J. Lewis
M. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. M. Donoghue	A. C. Thomas
M. L. Evans	G. H. Wooldridge

552. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. J. Jones, A. G. Morgan and C. A. Rees.

553. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in Minute No. 557, as he was a member of Trallwm Forum.

554. PROGRESS REPORT

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

555. FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Ms. A. M. Rees, Sports Development Unit Manager and Mr. C. Staples, Carmarthenshire Football Development Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, to the meeting and invited them to present the annual report of the Football Development Officer which had been previously circulated to Members.

Mr. Staples gave a lengthy presentation by referring to key areas of development and of the success achieved over the past year.

Ms. Rees supported Mr. Staples and described him as being extremely experienced in his field, particularly within the Welsh Football Trust and had become a strong member of the development team.

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Members conveyed their appreciation for the excellent work being undertaken and were encouraged with the report.

The Chairman thanked both representatives for attending and they thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

556. PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL

Members having considered a progress report of the Technical Services Officer regarding refurbishment works at the above hall, it was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

557. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL – ALTERATIONS

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as he was a member of Trallwm Forum and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No. 518, Members were circulated with copy e-mail correspondence received from the Director/Urban Designer, Sylfaen Cynefin, in response to a request for monthly progress reports on the above contract.

Several issues of concern were raised, in particular, delays due to Building Regulation requirements regarding coal workings and possible cost implications thereto; decision making regarding the front screen walling system; numerous design adjustments and the matter of VAT recovery on monies being contributed by Carmarthenshire County Council.

During discussion, Members were fearful that such problems would rebound on this Council and that it needed to safeguard its assets. Following which, it was

RESOLVED that monthly reports be submitted by the Director/Urban Designer, Sylfaen Cynefin, for Members' perusal and that Mr. G. Gibson be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to address Members' concerns.

Cllr. Wooldridge returned to the meeting.

558. ALLOTMENTS SCHEME – LLANELLI

Pursuant to Minute No. 463, correspondence was received from the Valuer, Corporate Property, Carmarthenshire County Council, which stated that a number of sites had been identified as might being suitable for allotment purposes. It was hoped the identified sites, one of which was located in Dwyfor and being in the Rural Council's area, would be brought up to allotment standard using capital monies available to the County Council. Thereafter, the responsibility and maintenance would be handed over to this Council.

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Confirmation was requested therefore, of this Council's commitment to the scheme.

RESOLVED that the scheme be fully supported.

559. LUNCHEON CLUBS – INCREASE IN PRICES

Members were circulated with a letter received from the Hotel Services Co-ordinator, Hywel Dda NHS Trust, informing that it was necessary to increase the cost of meals. It was proposed that the cost of meals supplied to the Senior Citizens' Luncheon Clubs be increased from £2.12 to £2.27 excluding VAT, as from 6 April, 2009.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed that she had requested that, to aid administration, the adjustment be made as of 1 May, 2009.

RESOLVED that the proposal be accepted and that the cost of the meals be increased to £2.61 per person (inclusive of VAT) as from 1 May, 2009.

560. 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.

561. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS - PONTYATES WELFARE HALL

RESOLVED that the annual grant be forwarded to the above Committee.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.30 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 14 May, 2009, adopted by the Council.