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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 151 – 165

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, 19 September, 2006, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. S. Peters (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	M. L. Evans
D. J. Davies	R. E. Evans
M. Davies	T. J. Jones
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
R. G. Thorne	

Apologies: Cllr. C. Edwards.

151. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
158	M. Davies	Secretary, Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee
164	S. L. Davies	Member, Dafen Forum
164	R. G. Thorne	Member, Dafen Forum

**152. WELSH RUGBY UNION –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. P. John, Community Rugby Manager and Mr. P. Fisher, Rugby Development Officer, Welsh Rugby Union Ltd., to the meeting. Mr. John was invited to address Members regarding the letter received requesting Members to consider renewing the agreement currently held between this Council and Llanelli Town Council, which was to expire at the end of the month. The annual contribution would increase to £7,380 from the date of renewal.

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An annual report produced by Mr. Fisher was also circulated, and following Members support and endorsement of the project, it was

RESOLVED that the tripartite agreement to fund a Rugby Development Officer with the Welsh Rugby Union and Llanelli Town Council be renewed for a further three years and that the annual report be accepted.

The Chairman thanked Mr. John and Mr. Fisher for attending and they thereupon withdrew from the Meeting.

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

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was

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.

154. FURNACE – PROPOSED NEW COMMUNITY HALL

Pursuant to Minute No.75, Members considered a report of the Technical Services Officer informing of a recent Consultants meeting which resulted in anticipated cost savings being identified for the above project.

Following a lengthy discussion, during which Members discussed same, it was

RECOMMENDED that the savings identified be agreed with the exception of the surface of the lower car park being retained as a tarmacadam finish.

155. PROGRESS REPORT

Cllr. T. J. Jones having conveyed his pleasure with the work undertaken by the DLO at Heol Hen, Five Roads and Cllr. R. E. Evans' request for information regarding a footpath at Pleasant View, Felinfoel, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) the report of the Technical Services Officer on work undertaken together with Cllr. Jones' comments be noted; and
- (2) that the Technical Services Officer and Cllr. Evans inspect the footpath at Pleasant View, Felinfoel.

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156. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

RESOLVED that the reports, together with information regarding recent vandalism appertaining to Ponthenri play area and Cllr. T. D. Bowen's comments regarding skate boarding apparatus at Tir Einon play area, be noted.

**157. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL –
TRALLWM FORUM – FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Further to Minute No. 79, Members were circulated with correspondence received from the PACT Development Project Assistant, Carmarthenshire County Council, informing that an application was being made for 1 Fund assistance for a feasibility study for the refurbishment of Trallwm Hall and installation of new changing facilities.

An enquiry was made as to whether the Council would consider acting as silent partners and provide funding upfront for the Forum which, should the application prove successful, could be claimed back.

During discussion, Members commented that the Council was unable to loan funds to organisations. The Authority had its own capital programme to sustain existing facilities and, as the provision of changing rooms at Trallwm Community Hall was not an existing facility, it would not take precedence over schemes already identified in the capital programme.

RESOLVED that the Council continue to support the project in principle only.

158. LUNCHEON CLUB SERVICE – PWLL

Cllr. M. Davies declared an interest in the following item as she was Secretary of the Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee and did not speak or vote on the matter.

Pursuant to Minute No. 114 (2), Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which informed of a recent inspection and assessment of Pwll Pavilion as a possible venue for the luncheon club service.

The report stated that the roadway access, car park surface and pathway around the building were uneven, inadequate and would prove difficult and possibly, hazardous, to the less mobile and wheelchair users. Difficulties could also be encountered by the delivery vehicle for the safe transportation of hot food and the manoeuvring of the actual trolley.

The Pavilion's kitchen would be required for the sole use of the Council's staff during the process of the luncheon club, however, as the café was a business venture, this would not be possible. Overall, it was found that the Pavilion was not suitable for a luncheon club service.

Members, having discussed the report at length, conveyed their disappointment, and it was

RESOLVED that the luncheon club service at Pwll be withdrawn; with patrons being informed of the decision and of the service available at Sandy and Stradey Community Hall.

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159. PROVISION OF PAYPHONES IN COMMUNITY HALLS

Members were circulated with a report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration), informing of the recent theft of the payphone at Trallwm Community Hall and to invite Members to consider the future provision of payphones in the Council's community halls.

It was stated that the equipment was owned by the Council, however, line rental and maintenance charges were payable to British Telecom on a quarterly basis. With the advent of mobile phones, there was very little use made of the payphones and this was illustrated by way of a chart.

During the ensuing discussion, Members stated that the service was not cost effective.

RESOLVED that the service be withdrawn; and that British Telecom and the Hall Management Committees be informed of the decision.

**160. FOOTWAY LIGHTING –
INCREASE OF ENERGY COSTS**

A letter was received from the Head of Street Scene, Carmarthenshire County Council, informing that, following a recent engineers meeting, the above issue was raised. The current two year contract was due to expire in March 2007. It was envisaged that the cost of energy would increase in the region of 50% based on current market figures. This increase would be included in this Council's footway lighting charges for the new financial year. Should the actual cost of energy be less or more than the above percentage, notification would be made with charges being amended accordingly.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

161. FOOTWAY LIGHTING - SOLAR PANELS

Arising out of the preceding Minute, Members enquired as to whether the use of solar panels could be incorporated within the footway lighting system.

RESOLVED that an enquiry be made into the matter as and when new installations take place.

**162. BYWAY NOS. 57/15, 36/33 AND 30/122 –
FFOSLAS, TRIMSARAN**

Further to Minute No. 407 (19 April, 2005), correspondence was received from the Head of Administration and Law, Carmarthenshire County Council, informing that an application was to be made to Llanelli Magistrates Court in order to downgrade the above byways to bridleway status in accordance with Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.

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Confirmation was also requested of this Council’s decision not to object to the application.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and that confirmation of the Council’s stance on the matter be forwarded.

163. URDD GOBAITH CYMRU

Pursuant to Minute No. 307 (25 January, 2006), correspondence was received from the Chairman, Llanelli Rural and Town Urdd Appeals Committee, informing that, as the Eisteddfod would be visiting Carmarthenshire in 2007, an Appeals Committee had recently been formed in order to begin the process of raising funds. A request was made therein for financial assistance.

RESOLVED that the designated contribution of £1000.00 be forwarded to the Appeals Committee.

**164. DAFEN FORUM – VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS/
HERITAGE PANEL**

Cllrs. S. L. Davies and R. G. Thorne declared an interest in the following item as they were members of Dafen Forum and did not speak or vote on the matter.

Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer which informed of a recent request from Dafen Forum for the Council to prepare and submit five planning applications on their behalf for four village notice boards and a heritage panel in Dafen. The applications would be submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council 1Funding for funding to cover the cost of the panels.

RESOLVED that the Council agree to act as agent for the Forum and that the Forum not be re-charged the planning costs.

**165. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS –
(1) PONTYATES WELFARE ASSOCIATION
(2) SARON COMMUNITY HALL**

Members were circulated with Statements of Accounts received from the above Management Committees.

RESOLVED that the annual grants be forwarded to Pontyates Welfare Association and Saron Hall’s Management Committee, respectively.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m.
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