

17 January, 2017.

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 372 – 382**

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, 17 January, 2017, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
H. J. Evans	J. S. Phillips
M. L. Evans	C. A. Rees

**Absent:** L. J. Butler

**372. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, S. M. Donoghue, T. J. Jones and G. H. Wooldridge.

**373. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
377	H. J. Evans	Personal interest – member of the Community Resource Management Committee
377	A. G. Morgan	Personal and prejudicial interest – sponsor Felinfoel RFC
378	H. J. Evans	Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Community Resource Management Committee

**374. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Cemetery Manager on work undertaken be noted.

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**375. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Community Development Officer on various community development initiatives be noted.

**376. PWLL PAVILION – FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS**

Members considered a report from the Cemetery Manager seeking approval to make funds available from general reserves for the installation of insulation and isolator valves to water circuits in Pwll Pavilion.

On 1 December, 2016, a cold water pipe burst in the ceiling space of the changing rooms at Pwll Pavilion causing significant damage to several ceilings and a number of electrical fixtures and fittings.

The Council's insurers were informed and estimates were obtained from local contractors to carry out the necessary repairs. The insurance company selected the contractor to undertake the works.

To prevent a recurrence, the Cemetery Manager suggested that the pipes in the unheated areas of the Pavilion be insulated to the appropriate British Standard. He also suggested installing isolator valves so that the changing rooms and café could be isolated from each other so as to minimise disruption if further works were needed in the future. The Council's insurers regarded this as additional work and said it could not be included as part of the claim for repairs. If the additional work was to proceed then funds would need to be vired from general reserves because there was no money available in the current budget. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that an amount of £1,860 be made available from general reserves to enable the additional works to proceed at the same time as carrying out the general repairs.

**377. STORAGE FACILITY – FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND**

*Cllr. H. J. Evans, declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a member of Felinfoel Community Resource Management Committee. Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter as he was a sponsor of Felinfoel RFC and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Vice Chairman of Committee, Cllr. M. L. Evans took the Chair for the item of business.*

Members considered correspondence from the Secretary of Felinfoel RFC requesting permission to site a hospitality trailer in the compound attached to the Community Resource Centre. The intention was to use the trailer for their own events, and to hire it out to other organisations. Members were informed however, that the compound area had been earmarked by the Council to store some of its additional equipment and supplies needed to cater for the parks and play areas being transferred from Carmarthenshire County Council. Following discussion to was:

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**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Felinfoel RFC, kindly explaining that the compound area had been earmarked by the Council for its own intended use.

*Cllr. A. G. Morgan re-joined the meeting and resumed the role of Chairman.*

**378. SIGNPOST, FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

*Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a member of Felinfoel Community Resource Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced.*

Members considered correspondence from the Trustees of Felinfoel Executive Committee, requesting that the Council provide and install a signpost outside the park, visible from the roads, indicating the location of the Felinfoel Community Resource Centre. Members were informed that there wasn't sufficient money available in the current budget to accommodate the request, however it was something the Council should address in the next financial year. Members suggested three signposts would be required to be located at specific locations on the approach road to the centre. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the matter be reported back to a future committee meeting once when the required cost information had been obtained.

**379. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960**

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

**380. TRANSFER OF ASSETS – PONTYATES PLAY AREA**

Members received a report from the Cemetery Manager, informing Members of the quotations received for the replacement of playground equipment at Pontyates Park. Thereupon, the Community Development Officer remarked that the public consultation events had been very well attended by the local community. Two companies out of three that had been invited to tender had submitted tenders, both amounting to the maximum sum stated of £70,000. Furthermore, public votes for the two play schemes had been high. The scheme submitted by Wicksteed Leisure Limited received 83 votes and the scheme submitted by HAGS SMP received 43 votes. It was intended that work would commence on 1 March, 2017, and be completed in four to six weeks.

Members queried whether the actual transfer of the park from Carmarthenshire County Council had been completed. The Clerk in reply stated the transfer was imminent.

Members thanked the Cemetery Manager and the Community Development Officer for their hard work and commitment in this matter and it was

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**RESOLVED** that the company with the highest votes from the public consultation (Wicksteed Leisure Limited, Digby Street, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN16 8YJ) be awarded the contract in the sum of £70,000 and that work commence on 1 March, 2017, as agreed, or as soon as is practicable following completion of the transfer of the asset from Carmarthenshire County Council.

**381. ASTRO TURF, DAFEN PARK**

Members considered correspondence from the Managing Director of Astrosport Ltd, on the condition of the astro turf pitch at Dafen Park. It had been reported that the existing surface had come to the end of its life cycle and although there was sufficient pile to carry out a 'rejuve' on the surface, the process would cause more damage than actually improving it. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the costs involved in the refurbishment of the astro turf pitch be noted for future reference and consideration.

**382. PONTYATES WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

Members received statements of accounts to 31 March, 2016 from Pontyates Welfare Association. Members felt the miscellaneous sum of £2,533 quoted in the financial statement seemed high and queried this amount. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the matter be re-presented for further consideration following the receipt of further information from the committee.

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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 14 February, 2017, adopted by the Council.