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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 136 – 144

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, 15 July, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. C. A. Rees (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, L. J. Butler, S. M. Donoghue and M. L. Evans.

137. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Minute No.	Councillor	Interest
141	T. Bowen	Personal – consulted over the matter in her capacity as a County Councillor.
141	D. M. Cundy	Personal – consulted over the matter in his capacity as a County Councillor.
141	S. L. Davies	Personal – commented on the matter in her capacity as a County Councillor.
144	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial as she was the Secretary for Dafen Community Hall.
141	A. G. Morgan	Personal – consulted over the matter in his capacity as a County Councillor.
144	S. N. Lewis	Personal and prejudicial – she served on the Dafen Community Hall Committee.

138. PROGRESS REPORT

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

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**139. PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND OTHER
COMMUNITY ASSETS**

Further to Minute No. 135, Members received the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which informed of the unsuccessful funding bid submitted to Cwm Community and Environmental Fund to upgrade the play area at Swiss Valley.

The application to Grantscape (the fund administrators) sought new equipment, fencing and surfacing for the play area. Since being notified of the unsuccessful bid a meeting had taken place between local Members of the Swiss Valley ward, officers of the Council and Carmarthenshire County Council, when the lack of support from the latter in the above bid submission was discussed.

In going forward, it was agreed that the application be re-submitted to the Cwm Community and Environmental Fund for a lesser amount but also that an additional application would be submitted to Veolia Environmental Trust. The outcome of both applications should be known by 31 December, 2014.

Discussion then turned to the potential ramifications to other planned asset transfers and the impact on the Council's capital programme. If the new grant bids for Swiss Valley play area proved unsuccessful the Council would need to re-evaluate the methods of funding Swiss Valley play area, if it still intended to continue with the asset transfer. Given the circumstances Members' views were sought on whether it would be prudent to defer other projects on its capital programme list until the outcome of the grant bids was known. There maybe a knock on effect which might lead to the reallocation of earmarked reserves to support revisions to the capital programme.

Members then discussed plans for providing Pwll Pavilion with a new surfaced car park to the rear of the building. As a goodwill gesture Welsh Water had already invested in preparatory works and had fenced and re-landscaped land to the rear of the pavilion and had agreed to leave everything insitu so the Council could have some indirect benefit from the recent groundworks in the area, when Welsh Water lay new sewer pipelines on land adjacent to the pavilion. The land had also been re-profiled and scalplings laid. Members felt it was important to take advantage of the situation in a bid to save money on the Council's plan to develop the car park which had been estimated at £120,000. The potential money to be saved could be re-invested into other areas of the capital programme and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. Council investment and spending on the asset transfer programme and the Council's capital programme be deferred until such time as the funding of the Swiss Valley play area had been resolved. However, the decision to defer shall not affect plans to develop a new car park at Pwll Pavilion. Work on the car park shall continue as originally planned in order to benefit from the preliminary groundwork undertaken by Welsh Water.
3. The Technical Services Officer shall prepare a cost estimate report for future committee consideration on providing a new car park at the rear of Pwll Pavilion.

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140. PWLL PAVILION

Members received the report of the Technical Services Officer, informing of the architects conditional survey undertaken on 4 June, 2014.

The report stated that the externals of the building were in a fair condition with minor works required to the roof covering, fascias, gutters and roof lights. The external walls were satisfactory but the rendering had significant amounts of hairline cracking. Window and doors were in a fair condition but would need repair. All external building elements would require some form of repair and decoration.

The report also concluded that the internal areas were in a fair condition but still required some form of repair works.

Members were informed the report did not identify any major structural problems with the pavilion but the report had catalogued a comprehensive list of internal and external defects which required rectifying.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and the recommended repairs be undertaken by the Council's Direct Labour Operatives in accordance with the Council's annual maintenance programme.

**141. TRANSFER OF ASSETS PROGRAMME
CHARGING FOR SPORT FACILITIES**

Cllrs. T. Bowen, D. M. Cundy and A. G. Morgan declared personal interests in the following matter because as County Councillors they had been consulted over the charging mechanism for sport facilities.

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter because she had commented on the matter as a County Councillor and was Secretary, Dafen Community Hall: the committee had recently discussed the matter and so she left before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No.493 (19 March, 2014), Members received a consultation document from the Director of Technical Services, Carmarthenshire County Council.

The County Council was currently undertaking a period of consultation with regards to its proposed sports facilities charging mechanism. Accordingly the Council had been sent for information a copy of the consultation letter and questionnaire sent to all sports clubs within the County.

Members were informed that the County Council currently maintained 59 sporting facilities but there was approximately another 70 sport clubs in the county that maintained and supported themselves. The County Council could not continue with any level of subsidy and therefore had dedicated to working collaboratively with other Councils to address the

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problem. The aim of the County Council was to facilitate progression to result in an equitable and non-subsidised arrangement with sporting clubs.

Following general discussion of the Council's stance and the links the proposed sports facilities charging mechanism had with the County Council's asset transfer programme, it was

RESOLVED that the consultation questionnaire be noted and to await the outcome of the consultation exercise before deciding upon any further action to be taken on the Council's part.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. A. G. Morgan withdrew from the meeting.

142. 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.

**143. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
(1) DAFEN WELFARE CRUSADERS BOWLS CLUB
(2) TRALLWM AFC**

Members considered an application for financial assistance from Dafen Welfare Crusaders Bowls Club and Trallwm AFC and it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £300 be awarded to Dafen Welfare Crusaders Bowls Club and a grant of £600 be awarded to Trallwm AFC upon receiving receipts from the clubs.

**144. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
DAFEN COMMUNITY HALL**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter because she was the Secretary of Dafen Community Hall but had previously left the meeting before the discussion of Minute No. 141 above.

Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter because she was a member of the Dafen Community Hall Committee and she withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members were circulated with a Statement of Accounts received from the above Management Committee.

Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be awarded to Dafen Community Hall for the year ending 30 April, 2014.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.00 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 9 September, 2014, adopted by the Council.