

16 December, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 312 – 320

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, 16 December, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

T. Bowen	S. L. Davies
L. J. Butler	R. E. Evans
S. M. Caiach	S. N. Lewis
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan

312. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, S. M. Donoghue and M. L. Evans (Cllr. S. M. Caiach deputising).

313. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
319	Cllr. D. M. Cundy	Personal and prejudicial – he was a Director of Care and Repair Carmarthenshire.
320	Cllr. S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial – she supported the organisation in an application for grant funding.

314. PROGRESS REPORT

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

315. FIVE ROADS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Members received email correspondence from the Headteacher, Five Roads Primary School requesting permission from the Council for the school to use the Five Roads community hall car park area for netball and hockey.

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Following discussion, where Members raised concerns that it was a public car park, it was

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

**316. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
CAR PARK**

Correspondence was received from the Cluster Manager, Communities First enquiring if the Council would grant permission for parking a lease vehicle overnight at the car park, Felinfoel Community Resource Centre.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be declined.

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following Minute No. 318 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.

318. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL

(1) HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of non-payment of Non-Domestic Rates by the Trallwm Hall Management Committee. The report also referred to the viability of the hall management committee.

Following a lengthy discussion, whereby Members were disappointed with the lack of community support, it was

RESOLVED that

1. A meeting be arranged with Officers, Hall Chairman and Local Ward Members to establish a way forward and a means of assessing what needs to be done in the short term to avoid the situation repeating itself. This will entail an audit of bank balances and an examination of the hall accounts;
2. An Annual General Meeting be organised as soon as possible as a means of enhancing community support for the hall management committee going forward; and
3. A generic housekeeping checklist be developed for further consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee to help manage the level of risk associated with the Council's assets being managed by community volunteers.

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(2) CAR PARK EXTENSION

Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer which detailed tenders received for a car park extension as follows:

1. £28,977.05
2. £29,555.65
3. £43,375.61

The proposed works comprised adding an extension to the existing car park, additional drainage with a new soakaway, car park lighting columns and white line painting of the parking spaces with a dedicated disabled parking bay.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the tenders be noted and that no further action be taken for the time being.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the £10,000 budget set aside in earmarked reserves shall remain as a budget commitment for the present time with the matter being revisited when the hall starts operating on a more sustainable footing.

319. CARE AND REPAIR CARMARTHENSHIRE

Cllr. D. M. Cundy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a Director of the company and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members considered correspondence from the Agency Manager, Care and Repair Carmarthenshire regarding hiring space at Furnace Community Hall for storing materials and tools.

The Clerk informed Members that the area designated for the Council's storage space was currently being occupied by Llanelli Youth Theatre free of charge.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be declined.

Cllr. D. M. Cundy re-joined the meeting.

320. STRADEY HERITAGE TRAIL

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she helped the organisation in obtaining grant funding and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

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Correspondence was received from the Chairman, Llanelli R.F.C. Scarlets Former Players Association requesting consent from the Council for it to apply for planning permission for a monument to be erected at the former Parc Y Strade site on the Association's behalf.

The Planning Department at Carmarthenshire County Council had advised the Association that it could not apply for planning permission as a voluntary organisation but suggested it could approach the Rural Council to ascertain whether it would act as an intermediary. The Clerk informed Members that the Council had acted as an intermediary previously with other organisations and associations and it was

Cllr. S. M. Caiach left the meeting.

RESOLVED that the request be approved on the understanding that the Association shall be solely responsible for preparing the planning application in full for the Council's authorisation and that it also meets the fee for submitting the planning application to Carmarthenshire County Council.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association be reminded of the requirement to have the Council's logo incorporated with the final design of the memorial.

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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 13 January, 2015, adopted by the Council.