LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 351 – 360

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, 19 January, 2016, at 4.45 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	J. S. Phillips
S. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
R. E. Evans	A. J. Rogers

351. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, T. Bowen, S. M. Donoghue, M. L. Evans, S. N. Lewis (Cllr. A. J. Rogers deputising) and G. H. Wooldridge.

352. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

Minute No.	Councillor	Interest
359	S. L. Davies	Personal – The proprietor of the company was a
		friend of the family
359	A. G. Morgan	Personal – The company was a client of his
		business

353. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

354. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE CHANGING ROOMS

Further to Minute No. 309, Members received the report of the Technical Services Officer informing of the condition and cleanliness of the changing rooms at Felinfoel Community Resource Centre.

The changing rooms were inspected on 12 January, 2016. The rugby changing rooms were found to be in a clean and satisfactory condition. However, the football changing rooms were

not found to be in a satisfactory condition and if left unaddressed this would lead to some general hygiene concerns being realised.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. A letter be sent to the Chairman, Felinfoel AFC highlighting the inspection results and that the club be requested to take immediate action to clean the changing rooms. Furthermore, the club be informed that if it fails to take action in a timely manner the Council shall arrange for the necessary cleaning and it will then recharge the club by deducting the cleaning costs from the bond.

2. A letter be sent to the Chairman, Felinfoel RFC commending the upkeep of the rugby changing rooms.

355. THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BEACONS 21 APRIL 2016

Members considered correspondence from the Chairman, One Voice Wales, informing of The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons celebrations to be held on 21 April, 2016.

On 21 April, 2016, beacons would be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday on that day. To date, 255 local communities including town and community councils, local authorities etc, had agreed to take part.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

356. STATUTORY PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT MARCH 2016

Further to Minute No. 312, Members received the completed Statutory Play Sufficiency Assessment form from the Technical Services Officer articulating Members' views and observations which had been forwarded to the Play Sufficiency Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

357. CYMRU SPICE TIME CREDITS GRANT CONFIRMATION

Further to Minute No. 313, correspondence was received from the Targeted Finance Fund, Carmarthenshire County Council confirming that up to £3,144 had been awarded to support the Council introducing Cymru Spice Time Credits to support the wide ranging interventions identified in its Whole Place Plan.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and congratulations be conveyed to the Community Development Officer on securing the funding.

358. 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.

359. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter because the proprietor of the company identified in the report as providing limited support to Felinfoel Executive Committee Limited was a friend of the family. Cllr. A. G. Morgan also declared a similar personal interest in the following matter because the same company was a business client of his company.

Members considered the report of the Community Development Officer informing of the work that had been carried out by the Community Development Officer in supporting the Felinfoel Executive Committee Limited in recent months.

Felinfoel Community Resource Centre was Council owned but managed on a voluntary basis by Felinfoel Executive Committee Limited. The organisation was a registered charity and company limited by guarantee.

Members were informed the Community Development Officer was asked to see if assistance could be provided to the Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd to produce invoices for utility bill recharges and for ground rent because the Executive Committee was experiencing some administrative difficulties with it falling behind in issuing various invoices to the sitting tenants and to other community groups hiring the facilities on a casual basis.

The Community Development Officer had agreed to assist the Executive Committee on a temporary basis until the Committee found a new volunteer to assist them.

A meeting was held on 22 October, 2015, and one of the trustees put themselves forward to take charge of all future and back dated invoicing and for the most part this had now been completed.

However, further assistance was sought in December because some payments and cheques from casual hirers of the premises needed to be paid but some of these payments had been declined by the bank. Given the issues identified in the report the Community Development Officer had recommended several preventative measures and actions for members' consideration. These measures would help sustain the actions of the Executive Committee and would aid with the general promotion of the Resource Centre going forward, and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the measures and actions identified in the report be accepted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a Special Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting be held with the Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd to discuss the current circumstances surrounding the general running of the Resource Centre and to ascertain what further support might be needed to help manage the facility going forward.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. S. L. Davies left the meeting.

360. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS PWLL RECREATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be awarded to Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee for the year ending 31 December, 2015.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.50 p.m.

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