LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 127 – 137

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 July, 2016, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. L. Davies H. J. Evans
T. Devichand R. E. Evans
S. M. Donoghue S. N. Lewis
J. S. Phillips

Absent: L. J. Butler

127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L. A. Beer (Cllr. T. Devichand deputising), M. L. Evans, T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees and G. H. Wooldridge (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

128. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 133, as she was named on the grant application for the tyre sculpture.

129. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

130. FOOTWAY LIGHTING – SWISS VALLEY

Cllr. A. G. Morgan informed Members he believed that a footway lighting column was required at the footpath between Oaklands and Heol Beili Glas, Swiss Valley.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that a quotation be obtained from Carmarthenshire County Council for a new footway lighting column and that the matter be the subject to a further report to the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

131. PONTYATES WELFARE ASSOCIATION – LIBRARY

Members received correspondence from the Secretary, Pontyates Welfare Association requesting financial assistance for the purchase and installation of four new lights as the existing set were beyond economic repair.

Following discussion, whereby the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that the Association received an annual grant of £400 from the Rural Council, it was

RESOLVED that the request be noted.

132. FELINFOEL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE TREE PLANTING PROPOSAL

Members considered a request from the Secretary, Felinfoel Woman's Institute informing that the Carmarthenshire County Federation of Woman's Institutes were celebrating their 90th birthday this year and all the Institutes within the county were being asked to celebrate the occasion by doing something. The Secretary enquired if the Institute could plant a tree in the Felinfoel area.

Members raised questions about the location and maintenance of the tree and suggested that the Secretary be advised to contact Carmarthenshire County Council to identify a suitable location. The Rural Council was only responsible for the recreation ground which was deemed unsuitable given the combination of existing uses and the potential future development proposals for the site.

RESOLVED that the request be referred to Carmarthenshire County Council.

133. TIR EINON PLAY AREA TYRE SCULPTURE

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item because she was named on the grant application for the project and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members received the report from the Community Development Officer informing of the proposal for a new crocodile tyre sculpture at Tir Einon play area.

The sculpture would be made out of used tyres in various sizes and would be bound by fixing nuts, bolts, screws and rivets. When completed the sculpture would be approximately 18 metres in length, weigh 500kg and would be bedded into the ground. The project would last three days with the crocodile being spray painted by local children.

The project was a result of Dyfed Powys Police Commissioner community funding successfully applied for by the Llwynhendy ward Police Community Support Officers. The funding would pay for Splat Cymru to source the materials, coordinate the installation and actively involve the community to help with the build.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that application for a new crocodile tyre sculpture at Tir Einion play area be supported.

Cllr. S. L. Davies re-joined the meeting.

134. PWLL PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 62, Members considered the report from the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of the need to add an extension of the perimeter fencing to the contract for the play area at Pwll.

The installation of the play area within one of the tennis courts adjacent to Pwll Pavilion was to commence on Monday, 18 July, 2016. A pre-contract meeting had been held with contractors when it was established that the chain link fencing to one half of the tennis court was in an irreparable condition.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that a quotation had been received to install a 50m length of galvanised coloured bow topped fencing but enquiries had been made to source the fencing panels independently with installation by the DLO team which was a cheaper option.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the fencing be obtained independently from IAE, Mossfield Road, Adderley Green, Longton, Stoke On Trent in the sum of £2045 exclusive of VAT and installed by the DLO team.

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

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.

136. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Further to Minute No. 103, Members considered the report of the Community Development Officer on the amended draft Head of Terms in respect of office accommodation being leased to Hywel Dda University Local Health Board. The report revealed the health board had improved on its previous offer but there were still elements to resolve following which it was

RESOLVED that in order to move progress a meeting shall be convened with all interested parties, which the Community Development Officer shall attend to offer support to the Resource Centre Management Committee with the outcome of the negotiations being reported to a special meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

137. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman remarked that the Council's Technical Services Officer would be retiring from his post at the end of July and on behalf of Members thanked the Technical Services Officer for his diligent work over the years and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.
The Meeting concluded at 5.40 p.m.

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 September, 2016, adopted by the Council.