

**20 September, 2016.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 191 – 203**

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, 20 September, 2016, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

L. J. Butler	H. J. Evans
M. V. Davies	M. L. Evans
S. L. Davies	R. E. Evans
T. Devichand	J. S. Phillips
A. J. Rogers	

**191. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**192. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 202, as he was a member of the Felinfoel Community Resource Management Committee.

**193. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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

**194. RoSPA PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS**

Members were circulated with reports prepared by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) appertaining to the Authority's playground equipment and surfaces.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the inspection reports be accepted and to await further developments about the future status of Trallwm Play Area because of its possible relocation closer to Trallwm Community Hall in order to accommodate the construction of social housing by Carmarthenshire County Council.

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**195. SAFE ROUTES IN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

Members considered correspondence received from the Transport Planner, Strategy and Infrastructure, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the Safe Routes in Communities Scheme.

The scheme gives an opportunity to local communities and schools to play a vital role in the promotion and development of safe sustainable transport; in turn reducing reliance on car journeys reducing congestion, improving road safety and improving health and well-being of children and adults.

Safe Routes in the Communities was a grant accessed through the Welsh Government. The scheme focused on improving walking and cycling access to school for parents and pupils as well as improving links within the wider community.

Following discussion, whereby Members raised concern regarding traffic calming measures in the Hengoed Ward, it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and that Members be encouraged to work with their local communities to identify potential schemes and if appropriate, to submit an application(s) to the scheme by the 3 October deadline.

**196. PWLL WAR MEMORIAL**

Members received the report of the Cemetery Manager informing of the maintenance works and form of sponsorship procured for Pwll War Memorial.

The war memorial plaque and garden area were in need of refurbishment due to the overgrown trees and shrubs and the minor vandalism of the memorial plaque.

Several local businesses had expressed an interest in assisting the project by providing a combined total of £400 towards funding for the materials to refurbish the memorial and the garden area.

The Training Department's Prince's Trust programme was seeking a community project to complete by November 2016 and the team leader had confirmed the scale and scope of the refurbishment of Pwll War Memorial would be an ideal community project for the group.

It was proposed that under the guidance of the DLO, the Prince's Trust team would clear the planting area, apply weed control measures, decorative stone and re-plant. The two benches would be repaired, replacing the timbers with new treated hardwood slats and the cast iron frames would be painted. The small area of damage on the stone wall would be repaired and the slate memorial plaque would be polished and sealed.

The renovation work would be completed in time for Remembrance Sunday on 13 November, 2016.

Following discussion, whereby Members welcomed the maintenance work to the area, it was

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**RESOLVED** that the report be accepted and the refurbishment work approved.

**197. LLWYNHENDY MUGA**

Members considered the report of the Community Development Officer on potential upgrades to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The MUGA was enclosed by a low perimeter fence on all four sides.

One of the MUGA's four sides ran parallel to the Heol Gwili estate road which was popular with car users wishing to park temporarily to use the shop premises directly opposite.

Members were informed that quite often ball games played on the MUGA were interrupted because the perimeter fencing was not high enough to prevent the ball going over the fence on to the estate road. This was a safety concern and needed to be addressed.

A recent inspection of the MUGA revealed the play area needed a small amount of refurbishment and the following works had been identified:

- Install a three metre high fence to the northern perimeter adjacent to the road;
- Renew line markings on the floor surface for the various game courts;
- Install new basketball hoops;
- Install new strike boards.

The cost for the suggested upgrades would be met out of the £10,000 maintenance grant received from Carmarthenshire County Council.

Following discussion, whereby Members enquired if the MUGA play equipment was still under guarantee with the play provider, it was

**RESOLVED** that enquiries be made with the play provider to establish if the play equipment was still under guarantee and that quotations be obtained to increase the fence height adjacent to the estate road with a further report on all matters being presented to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

**198. ASSET TRANSFER – MAINTENANCE GRANT**

The Clerk informed Members that he had received correspondence from the Asset Management Surveyor, Carmarthenshire County Council informing that the County Council's Executive Board recently viewed the progress of the Community Asset Transfers and considered the process and future steps following the deadline for submitting expressions of interest.

As a result of the review, the asset transfer maintenance grant offered for transfers completed after 31 March, 2017 would be 1 x the annual cost and not 2 x the annual cost as previously informed and to confirm that no maintenance grant would be available after April 2018.

The expressions of interest made by the Council were currently being dealt with by the County Council's legal department which had been instructed to proceed with the drafting of

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the leases for Clos Cilsaig playground, Dafen Park and playground, Pwll Recreation Ground, Clos Y Gelli playground and Heol Llanelli Park and playground in Pontiets.

The Clerk confirmed that he had received the draft leases for Dafen Park and Pwll Recreation Ground but was still waiting for the draft leases for Clos Cilsaig and Clos Y Gelli playgrounds. A draft lease for the parcel of land adjacent to Felinfoel Recreation Ground for the potential new play area and depot had also been received. Furthermore, the draft lease for the park at Heol Llanelli was close to being completed. However, the draft lease for Trallwm playing fields was being held in abeyance by the County Council because a view was being taken by its Housing Department over whether land on or adjacent to the site could be used for the construction of social housing. It was unclear at this stage how long it would take to make a decision over this but the council had submitted an expression of interest for this site along with the other aforementioned parks and play areas.

The Clerk informed Members that he was still waiting to receive various other site reports for Dafen Park. Given the park accommodated various building infrastructure, the County Council had been requested to forward all building survey condition reports; copies of the asbestos register and any associated risk assessments and details of any easements or wayleaves granted to third parties including utility companies.

During the ensuing discussion the status and condition of the Astroturf pitch was highlighted for potential repair/replacement and Dafen cricket club's lease renewal of its club house premises was also briefly discussed. Given the circumstances it seemed sensible for the County Council to continue to act as the cricket club's Landlord if the club house premises lease was to be renewed.

The local Ward Members for Dafen reiterated the amount and value of volunteer support currently being employed at Dafen Park. This was very pleasing and hopefully this support would continue. Mention was also made to localised flooding on the main pitch. This was attributable to a broken water pipe which appeared to have been damaged when laying electricity cables nearby. The pipe had now been repaired and hopefully this would considerably improve ground conditions.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and to await further developments.

*Cllr. M. V. Davies left the meeting.*

**199. 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.

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the annual grant of £400 be made to Dafen Community Hall for the year ending 30 April, 2016.

**201. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
DAFEN WELFARE CRUSADERS BOWLS CLUB**

Members considered a request for financial assistance from Dafen Welfare Crusaders Bowls Club, and it was

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £1,250 be awarded to Dafen Welfare Crusaders Bowls Club.

**202. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE  
OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

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

Further to Minute No. 163, Members considered correspondence from Rees Richards & Partners, Chartered Surveyors who were representing Hywel Dda University Local Health Board which had requested a one month rent free period at Felinfoel Community Resource Centre.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be respectfully declined.

**203. PWLL PLAY AREA**

Cllr. J. S. Phillips thanked the Cemetery Manager for his direct involvement in making sure the new play area at Pwll Recreation Ground was opened during the August bank holiday weekend and remarked it was very heart-warming to see the community using the new play area, which was proving to be very popular.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.30 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 11 October, 2016, adopted by the Council.