

20 May, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 52 – 60

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 May, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	S. L. Davies
L. J. Butler	S. N. Lewis
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Bowen, S. M. Donoghue, G. N. R. Edwards, M. L. Evans and R. E. Evans.

53. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. A. Rees declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 60 because she was the next door neighbour of the proprietor of the company that submitted the lowest tender for the said works.

54. PROGRESS REPORT

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

55. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND

Members received correspondence from Nia Griffith MP informing of a complaint that she had received from a resident of Ynyswen, Felinfoel. The complainant was enquiring if the residents at Ynyswen could be granted permission to park inside Felinfoel recreation ground, this would ease parking congestion on Ynyswen, Felinfoel.

Following a discussion whereby Members were reminded of the Council's obligations as sole trustee to act in the interests of the charitable objects of the recreation ground as a King George V playing field; it was suggested that the complainant might wish to contact the Highways Department, Carmarthenshire County Council to apply for a 'H' parking vehicle restriction road marking in order to deter members of the public from parking outside the property and blocking the complainants' driveway.

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RESOLVED that the request be refused but as part of the response letter to be sent to Nia Griffith MP the complainant be advised to contact Carmarthenshire County Council to enquire about having the road marking installed.

56. 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.

57. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL – STORAGE AREA

Members considered correspondence from the Secretary, Furnace Community Hall regarding the storage space underneath the hall. The Secretary had concerns over the vast amount of materials being stored there and felt the area had been stacked beyond its capacity resulting in the overspill of materials being stored under the stair well causing a health and safety hazard.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that contact had been made with the third party using the storage space. The user had been requested to attend to the matter immediately ensuring items and materials that were no longer required or were simply too large to fit neatly and safely in the storage room be removed from the building.

Members were informed that Council staff would continue to monitor the situation to ensure the health and safety hazard was removed as an urgent priority. If the situation did not improve a further report would be presented to Committee recommending that permission to use the storage facility be withdrawn.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the matter be monitored and the third party be informed of the health and safety concerns and advised that failure to take positive action will result in the facility being withdrawn.

58. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
(1) FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
(2) FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL
(3) PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL

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

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £300 and £400 be respectively made to Felinfoel Community Resource Centre for the year ending 30 June, 2012 and 31 July, 2013; £300 be awarded to Five Roads Community Hall for the year ending 31 March, 2013 and £300 be awarded to Ponthenri Community Hall for the year ending 31 March 2012.

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59. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

RESOLVED that Cllr. L. J. Butler be appointed Chairman pro tempore.

**60. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND
ACCESS ROAD**

Cllr. C. A. Rees declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter because she was the next door neighbour of the proprietor of the company that submitted the lowest tender for the said works and she withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No. 297, Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer which detailed tenders received for resurfacing works to the existing access road at Felinfoel Recreation Ground as follows:-

1. £59,506.00
2. £50,293.18
3. £42,908.41

RESOLVED that the lowest tender submitted by Gwendraeth Valley Tarmac, Froodvale Garage, Pontyates in the sum of £42,908.41 excluding VAT be accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.25p.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 10 June, 2014, adopted by the Council.