

**8 February, 2017.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 420 – 430**

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, 8 February, 2017, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

M. V. Davies	R. E. Evans
S. L. Davies	T. J. Jones
S. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis
H. J. Evans	J. S. Phillips
M. L. Evans	C. A. Rees

**420. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, L. J. Butler (M. V. Davies deputising) and G. H. Wooldridge (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

**421. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. C. A. Rees declared a personal interest in Minute No. 425, as she was a committee member.

**422. (1) FIVE ROADS PLAY AREA  
(2) PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL  
(3) PONTHENRI RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr. C. A. Rees informed Members that she would like feasibility studies on the following:

- Five Roads Play Area – to extend the play area and install swings;
- Ponthenri Community Hall - renovation of the former Ponthenri changing rooms to a storage area; and
- Ponthenri Recreation Ground - to covert the tennis courts to an all- weather surface.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the matters raised by Cllr. Rees be investigated over the course of the next 12 months, with reports addressing feasibility and cost being reported back to the committee for further consideration.

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**423. CYMRU SPICE TIME CREDITS**

Members received the report from the Community Development Officer on the key outcomes of the last 12 months (year one) of the Llanelli Rural Time Credits (LRTC) project.

The 12 month (year one) partnership agreement with Spice Time Credits was funded in its entirety by The Big Lottery Fund's Awards for all programme with an upfront grant payment of £5,000 and Carmarthenshire County Council's Targeted Finance Fund, which made up the shortfall of £3,144.

A quotation had been received from Spice in the sum of £7,402.60 for the period February 2017 until January 2018 (year two). This would be the yearly cost to the Council for the Time Credits programme.

A 12 month action plan for year two had been developed using the experience and lessons learned from the previous 12 months in order to improve community engagement and increase the general public's awareness of the Time Credits programme. Members were informed that 43 individuals and three community groups had been involved to date. Involving these and signing up more in year two was the key to the success of the project within the communities.

To date Spice had collected LRTC notes from the National Botanic Garden of Wales, Ramps skate park and at the Spice Christmas party held in Llanelli Library.

There were fourteen interventions outlined in the Llanelli Rural Whole Place Plan; One of the intervention was an expansion of the time credits programme. The time credits would help to recruit and reward the volunteers contributing to other Whole Place Plan interventions like Community Flood Wardens, Keep Llanelli Tidy, Street/Village Buddies, Caring Community and also the Bus Champion (Changes Dialogue & Response in local areas).

A priority for the Whole Place Plan in 2017 was to set up a steering group in order to focus and prioritise on key areas highlighted within the plan. Time credits could be used in return for the volunteers participating in the group, once it was established.

All work was being considered in line with the Council's Whole Place Plan and its impact on the Wellbeing of future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.

During general discussion, Members queried the charge for year two and felt that there needed to be more uptake to justify the level of expenditure. In view of this it was

**RESOLVED** that the Llanelli Rural Time Credits Project be fully supported for a further year but a review report be presented to Members in six months time to assess the overall impact of the scheme.

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**424. PONTHENRI RECREATION GROUND  
DRAINAGE WORKS**

Members consider correspondence from Mr R Culley, Ponthenri AFC requesting a grant towards an independent PQS survey from a consultant linked to Sport Wales in order to ascertain if remedial work was needed at Ponthenri Recreation Ground football pitch.

Mr Culley stated the pitch at Ponthenri had a higher game cancellation rate than other such pitches in the vicinity due to the drainage problems suffered over the years from the pitch being cut up during games.

During discussion, Members raised concerns that the pitch was not rested during the week because the club also held their mid week training sessions on the pitch. It was suggested that the club finds alternative training facilities to give the pitch adequate recovery time during the week. Furthermore, given the Council had just purchased additional grounds maintenance equipment, the new aeroter should be used on the pitch in the next few months in an effort to ease compaction of the soil. Contact should also be made with Turfdry Drainage System (the company that originally installed the drainage system in 2009) for appropriate professional advice, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the appropriate arrangements be put in place to help remedy the situation as annotated above and that the Cemetery Manager liaise with the football club to inform representatives of the Council's intentions.

**425. PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL**

*Cllr. C. A. Rees declared a personal interest in the following matter as she was a committee member.*

A letter was received from the Chairman, Ponthenri Community Hall requesting items to improve the standard and visitors experience at the hall. The items requested would improve and modernise the hall's appearance and create a better and more welcoming experience for the people that use the community hall.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that Council's support be agreed to in principle and that the list of items presented by the hall committee shall be considered alongside the list of expenditure items annotated within the Committee's draft estimates of expenditure for 2017/18 as detailed in Minute No. 430 below.

**426. 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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**427. FELINFOEL PLAY AREA AND PROPOSED DEPOT COMPOUND**

Further to Minute No. 241, Members received the report of the Cemetery Manager informing of the quotations received for architect's services relating to the development of the new children's play area and proposed depot compound at Felinfoel.

Quotations had been sought from three companies to provide architectural and associated services. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the tender submitted by Pembroke Design Limited, 26 Spilman Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1LQ in the sum £3,425 excluding VAT be accepted.

**428. CLOS Y GELLI PLAY AREA**

Members considered correspondence from the Head of Administration and Law, Carmarthenshire County Council in respect of the draft lease and lease plan for the play area at Clos Y Gelli. The Clerk commented everything was in order with the draft lease and the Council's solicitor had been requested to carry out standard searches of the land. There was a small parcel of land at the site registered to a third party but the County Council intended to deal with this by claiming the land under a statutory declaration. Therefore, the searches would also include the sliver of land registered to the third party.

During the general discussion that followed, the Clerk then informed Members that he attended a meeting in St. David's, Carmarthen last week, where he met with Carmarthenshire County Council officers to discuss general progress with the asset transfer programme. The Clerk outlined the outstanding issues to Members and stated that in instances where specific transfers of parks and play areas could not be completed by the County Council's 31 March deadline; the County Council confirmed it would issue the Council with a licence(s) to occupy in order to commence maintaining the grounds. The grant funding would then follow as phased quarterly payments.

Following discussion, during which Members thanked the Clerk for his diligence in pursuing the transfers, it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The draft lease and accompanying paperwork for Clos Y Gelli play area shall be forwarded to the Council's solicitor in order to complete the necessary legal formalities; and
2. The general information report on progress with the remaining asset transfers be duly noted.

**429. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS  
PWLL RECREATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

**RESOLVED** that the annual grant of £400 be made to Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee for the year ending 31 December, 2016.

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*Cllr. S. L. Davies withdrew from the meeting.*

**430. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR 2017/18**

Members were presented with a preliminary report on estimates of income and expenditure for the Committee for 2017/18 and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) virements made for 2016/17 be approved;
- (2) the list of expenditure items annotated in the report be included within the Committee's draft estimates of expenditure for 2017/18 subject to minor adjustments;
- (3) the report be accepted;
- (4) to await a Special Meeting of Council to discuss same.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.05 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 14 February, 2017, adopted by the Council.