

18 March, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 480 – 489

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, 18 March, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. A. Beer	M. L. Evans
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
G. N. R. Edwards	A. G. Morgan
A. J. Rogers	

480. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced that former Council Chairman, Mr T. Dillwyn Bowen, had passed away. As a mark of respect, Members and Officers stood in silent tribute.

481. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Bowen (Cllr. M. L. Evans deputising) and D. M. Cundy (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising).

482. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 485, as she was helping to deal with the matter in her capacity as a County Councillor.

483. PROGRESS REPORT

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

484. DRAINAGE EASEMENT – TIR EINON PARK

Members received correspondence from the Administration and Law Department, Carmarthenshire County Council enclosing a draft easement agreement for consideration.

The easement was being organised by Carmarthenshire County Council as landlord of the park and Welsh Water but because the Rural Council had taken out a lease over the land the

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Council's permission was needed before the agreement could be completed. Welsh Water was planning to install a new sewer connection for a property being built at Heol Hen for it to connect to a manhole connection in the park grounds.

Following discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED that the Council approves the easement agreement with it being executed as a deed and formally sealed.

485. LLWYNHENDY LIBRARY

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item because she was helping to deal with the matter in her capacity as a County Councillor and she withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members were circulated with correspondence received from the Senior Cultural Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Library Service currently consisted of three regional or town libraries and fifteen branch libraries and they were currently undertaking a service review which would provide a framework for assessing the viability of branches as the impact of the latest financial settlement started to be felt during 2014/15 onwards.

A request had been made for the future development of Llwynhendy library. The library was currently subsidised by the library service with a controllable budget of £20,287 with maintenance being funded through a centralised budget. Any capital improvements or alterations to the premises would have to be sourced from external funding pots. The Council had been contacted to assess whether there was interest in pursuing the building as an asset transfer. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk facilitates a meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council Officers to discuss how the Rural Council might be involved in safeguarding and sustaining the library premises with a further report on the subject being presented to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in view of the current workload associated with other asset transfers under Carmarthenshire County Council's community asset transfer programme, priority be given to the completion of those transfers prior to any meeting or discussion taking place over the future of the library premises.

486. CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

Members considered correspondence from the Association Manager, Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association requesting financial assistance, it was

RESOLVED that a contribution of £1,000 be made to Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association.

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487. PWLL CRICKET CLUB

Further to Minute No. 56, Members received a verbal report from the Deputy Clerk (Administration) regarding an application for financial assistance.

RESOLVED that a grant of £334 be awarded to the club for 2012/13.

488. 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.

489. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS

- (1) PONTHENRI AFC;**
- (2) PONTYATES WELFARE ASSOCIATION;**
- (3) SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL.**

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

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be respectively made to Ponthenri AFC for the year ending 31 May, 2013, Pontyates Welfare Association for the year ending 31 March, 2013, and Swiss Valley Community Hall for the year ending 31 May, 2013.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.10 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 8 April, 2014, adopted by the Council.