

18 December, 2012.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 324 - 331

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 December, 2012, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. H. J. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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| F. Akhtar | M. L. Evans |
| L. J. Butler | A. G. Morgan |
| D. M. Cundy | W. V. Thomas |

324. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Bowen, S. L. Davies (F. Akhtar deputising), T. Devichand, G. N. R. Edwards, T. J. Jones and G. H. Wooldridge.

325. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Minute No. 326 below as he was a member of the Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd.

326. PROGRESS REPORT

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

Cllrs. H J Evans left the meeting prior to Minute No. 327 below being discussed.

327. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Cllr. A. G. Morgan was nominated as Chairman pro tempore during Cllr. H. J. Evans' temporary absence.

A letter was received from a Trustee of Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd relating to the following matters: -

1. A request to resurface the entrance roadway.
2. Concern at the inadequate operation of the showers in the changing rooms.

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3. Replacement of benches following the completion of the construction work at the recreation ground.

Members referred to previous discussions when it had been agreed to provide a budget sum for consideration for resurfacing the entrance roadway in February 2013 for the financial year 2013/14. However, in the meantime, the roadway would be maintained to provide as even a surface as possible.

The Technical Services Officer gave a resume of actions undertaken to date to rectify problems associated with the supply of water to the showering facilities. Additional investigations would be carried out in the New Year by the Consultant Architect's mechanical engineer with a view to resolving the problems as soon as possible. Members were assured that the cost of investigatory work and the solution would be borne by the Consultant Architect.

The Technical Services Officer also stated that the benches had been replaced in their original locations.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1.) A detailed response be forwarded to the Felinfoel Executive Committee in line with the above comments;
- (2.) the Council's concerns at the delay in resolving the inadequate supply of water to the showering facilities be conveyed to the Consultant Architect.

Cllr. H. J. Evans returned to the meeting.

328. TIR EINON PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 124, a letter was received from the Technical Director at SMP Playgrounds reaffirming that the DNA 5 multi-unit at Tir Einon play area had been installed correctly and certified to all the applicable safety standards.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) stated that Carmarthenshire County Council had requested SMP to propose a modification to the multi-unit to its satisfaction. Following acceptance of the modification and the work being undertaken, the donation of £10,000 towards the capital scheme could be released.

The modification proposed by SMP was the removal of the fireman's pole section and to replace it with an infill as illustrated within the letter. Although the modification would reduce the play value, the alteration would be achievable due to the modular nature of the product's design. The wet pour surface would be made good after the removal of the pole.

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During the ensuing discussion, Members agreed to the modification and it was

RESOLVED that SMP Playgrounds and Carmarthenshire County Council be informed accordingly.

329. CHILDREN'S PLAY AND LEISURE – PROMOTING A BALANCED APPROACH

Members received a publication from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) clarifying that, as a regulator, it recognised the benefits of allowing children and young people of all ages and abilities to have challenging play opportunities. The aim of the HSE was to encourage a focus on a sensible and proportionate control of real risks and not on unnecessary paperwork.

Guidance was given on recognising the benefits of play, as well as what parents and society should expect from play providers. Reference was also made to unnecessary fear of litigation.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

330. 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.

331. DAFEN AND SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALLS

Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer which detailed tenders received for re-roofing works at Dafen and Swiss Valley Community Halls as follows:-

1. £9,485.90
2. £9,688.50
3. £10,828.71

RESOLVED that the lowest tender submitted by H. M. Thomas, (Loughor) Ltd, 218 West Street, Gorseinon, in the sum of £9,485.90 be accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.12 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 January, 2013, adopted by the Council.