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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 374 – 378

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, 21 January, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

T. Bowen	M. L. Evans
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	W. V. Thomas

374. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, D. M. Cundy, G. N. R. Edwards, T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees (Cllr. M. L. Evans deputising) and A. J. Rogers (Cllr. W. V. Thomas deputising).

375. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in Minute No. 377 as she was the Secretary of Dafen Welfare Hall Committee and she was involved with Carmarthenshire County Council's transfer of the Multi-Use Games Area at Llwynhendy.

376. PROGRESS REPORT

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

377. PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND OTHER COMMUNITY ASSETS

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as she was the Secretary of Dafen Welfare Hall Committee and she was involved with Carmarthenshire County Council's transfer of the Multi-Use Games Area at Llwynhendy.

Further to Minute No. 330, the Clerk provided Members with a progress report regarding the planned asset transfers and new developments concerning other County Council assets.

Members were informed that the County Council now expected the Rural Council to submit grant bids to raise money to bring the assets up to an acceptable standard as part of the

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transfer process. The County Council maintained this was always the case; but the position had not been clarified up until now. Despite the County Council preparing the grant bids for the Council to put its name to; this was still a new twist in developments. The Clerk informed Members that nothing had been done with the bids as Members were quite clear the County Council had to transfer over the assets in a good state of repair before the bids were processed.

In terms of charting progress for each site, the Clerk confirmed a draft lease had now been received for Bryngolau play area. However, there was still a small amount of remedial work required prior to the transfer taking place. According to the County Council the outstanding issue with an item of equipment was to be dealt with by the end of the month.

Cilsaig play area was in limbo as the land title needed to be re-registered in the County Council's name before the transfer to the Rural Council could proceed. The play area in Swiss Valley and the park in Pontyates were affected by the grant impasse. In the interim another play equipment provider had visited the sites along with the Cilsaig site and had subsequently submitted quotation proposals for consideration.

The lease paperwork for the assets was with the County Council's legal department but the grant bids would have a knock-on effect on progress on this front. The Clerk informed Members it would be helpful to receive the draft paperwork at least to check through. Pwll Pavilion was being pursued separately and the lease paper work had been received.

The Clerk also informed Members that the Head of Corporate Property, Carmarthenshire County Council had contacted him to discuss the Council's interest in the possible transfer of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Llwynhendy. The County Council would like to transfer the games area to the Council as part of the overall package of transfers currently in the pipeline. Email correspondence was then tabled for Members' consideration setting out the terms for the potential transfer together with a location plan highlighting the parcel of land to be maintained.

The Clerk then informed Members that a meeting had been arranged with County Officers and representatives of Dafen Welfare Committee to discuss transfer issues and service costs surrounding Dafen Park. The meeting was being held on 23 January, 2014, and a further report on the outcome would be presented to a future committee meeting.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the Clerk's progress report be noted;
- (2) the draft leases for Bryngolau play area and Pwll Pavilion received from Carmarthenshire County Council be forwarded to the Council's Solicitors for completion;
- (3) the draft leases for Cilsaig, Pontyates and Swiss Valley play areas be pursued to help expedite the transfers and to help prevent possible further delays based on the assumption funding implications will be resolved going forward.
- (4) the Council shall lend its support to the completion and submission of grant bids and where necessary shall submit such bids in its own name.

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Furthermore, it was

RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) Carmarthenshire County Council's offer to transfer the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), Heol Gwili, Llwynhendy to the Council be accepted in principle without prejudice and subject to formal agreement and contract;
- (2) the terms of the proposed transfer be negotiated with the County Council broadly on the terms specified in the offer proposal set out in the email correspondence; and
- (3) the financial contribution to be received from the County Council to support the transfer of the asset shall be negotiated for the maximum sum available.

Cllr. M. V. Davies left the meeting midway through discussion of the above item.

378. CRIBYN FOOTPATH - SWISS VALLEY

Members considered a request from Cllr. A. G. Morgan for a cost estimate to be prepared to re-surface Cribyn footpath, Swiss Valley. The path was a popular route with Swiss Valley residents and local ramblers.

RESOLVED that the Technical Services Officer prepares a cost estimate for further consideration in the Committee's draft estimates of expenditure for 2014/15.

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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 February, 2014, adopted by the Council.