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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 152 – 155

At a Special Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 24 July, 2013, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

T. Bowen	S. L. Davies
D. M. Cundy	G. N. R. Edwards
M. V. Davies	A. J. Rogers
G. H. Wooldridge	

152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer and T. J. Jones.

153. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

154. PWLL PAVILION

Further to Minute No. 97(5), Members received the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration).

The Treasurer of Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee had enquired whether the Council would be prepared to initiate revenue responsibility for Pwll Pavilion prior to the transfer of the asset being completed as the Committee was experiencing financial constraints.

Provision had been made in the Council's budget for 2013/14 for utilities, property maintenance and insurance etc. for Pwll Pavilion.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. To accept responsibility for Pwll Pavilion before the transfer was completed;
2. to reimburse Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee for the cost of utilities and building maintenance incurred since 1 April, 2013;

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3. the Council to include Pwll Pavilion on its insurance policy from 13 August, 2013; and
4. to further consider the reimbursement of the insurance premium from 1 April to 12 August, 2013, at a future meeting following a review of the budget provision.

155. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Members received the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) regarding the situation with the water supply to the showers and also the concern expressed by the management committee on fuel costs being incurred at Felinfoel Community Resource Centre.

The water pressure supply to the showers remained inadequate and the situation remained unresolved. A reading taken by the mechanical engineer showed a flow rate of around 4.5 litres per second and not 6.3 litres per second as claimed by Welsh Water. The flow rate at the incoming main in the plant room was 3.6 litres per second which was lower than expected.

The mechanical engineer was of the opinion that there could be a restriction in the pipe between the meter near the gate and the plant room and/or the pipe installed was not 63mm in diameter. The CCTV survey of the pipe was inconclusive.

A major contributory factor, apart from the relatively low water pressure, was that Welsh Water's recently upgraded water metre was only 42mm in diameter rather than 50mm. Welsh Water had laid a 50mm pipe from the large main in the main road but had connected it to a short length of 32mm diameter pipe which connected the 50mm pipe to the 42mm pipe. On the park side of the meter, Welsh Water had connected a similar short length of 32mm pipe to the 63mm pipe which fed into the plant room. The reduction in the pipe diameter significantly reduced flow rate at the meter and could potentially be the root cause. The incoming pipe would be exposed between the meter and plant room to establish, as far as possible, that the correct diameter pipe had been laid and that there were no obstructions within it.

Reference was also made to the water usage meters restricting flow rates and possible restriction by partially closed valves. The Architect suggested that all shower heads be fitted with 6 litres/second flow restrictors at an estimated cost of £350.

The Architect also outlined proposals which could be considered should the above measures be ineffective.

The concern of the Felinfoel Community Resource Centre Management Committee at the high level of fuel consumed at the property i.e. gas and electricity, was also conveyed to Members. The Technical Services Officer stated that a review of the operation of the various systems would be undertaken before meters to monitor usage would be considered.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

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1. A special meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee be held to receive information from the Architect and Mechanical Engineer following proposals from Welsh Water on the meters and pipework;
2. representatives of Felinfoel Community Resource Centre Management Committee be invited to attend the special meeting;
3. flow restrictors should not be fitted to the shower heads; and
4. as an initial step, copies of the utility bills be obtained from the management committee to enable an assessment to be made of the energy consumed and a review of the systems undertaken. The outcome of the investigation to be reported to a future meeting.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.15 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 10 September, 2013, adopted by the Council.