

**28 August, 2013.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 174 – 176**

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, 28 August, 2013, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

T. Bowen	S. L. Davies
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	A. J. Rogers

**174. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, G. N. R. Edwards and T. J. Jones.

**175. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**176. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

Further to Minute No. 155, the Chairman welcomed Mr Julian Mansel Thomas, Consultant Architect, Pembroke Design and Mr Paul Bullock, Director, Bullock Consulting, to the meeting who had been invited to the meeting to address Members on the inadequate water pressure supply to the showers in the changing rooms at the Felinfoel Community Resource Centre.

Mr Mansel Thomas informed Members that the only solution to the problem would be to install either a 1500 litre or a 2250 litre cold water tank and booster set within the grounds maintenance store. The approximate cost would be around £12,500 and £13,000, respectively, for the tanks excluding builders work, professional fees and VAT. The 2250 litre water tank could cater for 60 simultaneous showers at 5 minutes per shower. Also recommended was an electric heater with a frost stat be installed close to the tank to provide frost protection as the store room was unheated.

Mr Bullock had recently tested the water delivery to the showers. There was a 50mm water connection that connected onto a 1¼" meter tail and then onto the 40mm meter pipe. To resolve the issue Welsh Water would have to change the 40mm meter pipe to a 50mm meter pipe. Mr Bullock had been liaising with Welsh Water and confirmed that Welsh Water would

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not permit an increase in meter size and pipework to 50mm diameter off the 3" water main as this would have a detrimental effect on local water supplies to the Felinfoel area which it was duty bound to protect.

If an increase of diameter pipe was required a new application would need to be made to Welsh Water but this could take weeks and it was not certain that it would be granted therefore the only option would be to install a cold water tank and booster set.

Following discussion, it was

**RECOMMENDED** that

- (1) the 2250 litre cold water tank booster set and associated works be the preferred option subject to costs being confirmed by the Consultant Architect and presented to the Council meeting to be held on 10 September, 2013;
- (2) an assurance be given by the Consultant Architect that the proposal detailed in (1) above would provide a sufficient water supply to allow all shower heads within the changing rooms to operate concurrently;
- (3) a fixed contract price be received with costs being kept as low as possible without compromising the specification;
- (4) Welsh Water be reported to Ofwat for failing to give appropriate advice when originally consulted at tender stage for the water supply to the Felinfoel Community Resource Centre with a reimbursement of abortive costs being requested.

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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 10 September, 2013, adopted by the Council.