

15 September, 2009.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 212 - 225

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, 15 September, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	M. J. Lewis
M. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
T. J. Jones	G. H. Wooldridge

212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

213. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
217	T. D. Bowen	Personal interest - Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
217	G. H. Wooldridge	Personal and prejudicial interest - Member, Trallwm Area Forum

214. RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Mr. P. Fisher, Rugby Development Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, to the meeting and invited him to present his annual report which was circulated to Members.

Mr. Fisher gave a resume of the report and referred to the key areas of development and of the success achieved over the past year.

Members having congratulated Mr. Fisher upon his commitment and success, the Chairman thanked him for attending and he thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that the

- (1) Annual Report be noted; and
- (2) that the Council renew the tripartite partnership agreement for funding the post of Rugby Development Officer for the next 3 years with an annual contribution of £7380 (payable in arrears) subject to the other two partners, namely Llanelli Town Council and the Welsh Rugby Union confirming their support for the agreement to continue from 1 September, 2009 to 31 August, 2012.

215. CHAIRMAN'S INVITATION

Arising out of the preceding Minute, Members referred to the Chairman not being invited to attend functions at Parc y Scarlets and requested that the Clerk liaise with said management.

RESOLVED accordingly.

216. PROGRESS REPORT

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

**217. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL –
EXTENSION AND REFURBISHMENT**

Cllr. T. D. Bowen declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a member of Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee. Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter as he was a member of Trallwm Area Forum and he withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Pursuant to Minute No. 194, Members were circulated with a progress report received from Ms. J. Weightman, ER Brown Ltd., on behalf of Mr. G. Gibson. It was noted that although the completion date had not been formally adjusted, the Contractor was reporting completion as the end of October but had confirmed his endeavour to absorb time where possible to reduce the overrun of the works.

RESOLVED that the progress report be noted.

Cllr. Wooldridge returned to the meeting.

**218. SECTION 106 FUNDING – IMPROVEMENTS TO
FIVE ROADS AND PONTHENRI PLAY AREAS**

Further to Minute No. 155, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration), which provided information on the safety surfacing at Five Roads and Ponthenri play areas and upon a quotation received for replacing the play chip at Five Roads area with wet pour surfacing.

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During discussion, reference was made to the issue of water retention at Five Roads play area and to the drainage work done to alleviate the problem. Reference was also made to the appropriateness of the use of play chip.

RESOLVED that priority be given to the monitoring of the ground condition at Five Roads play area for the next three months, with a report being provided for Members' consideration; and that further consideration to changing the play surface to wet pour surfacing be assessed at that time.

**219. BRYNGOLAU, DAFEN –
 PROPOSED PLAY AREA**

Pursuant to Minute No. 464 (17 February, 2009), correspondence was received from the Assistant Valuer, Carmarthenshire County Council, regarding the lease of the above land. It was confirmed in principle that the Authority did not object, subject to this Council agreeing to terms and conditions of a fixed term lease of 21 years at a peppercorn rental.

During discussion, reference was made to the condition that the tenant would be responsible for fencing off the area to a high standard. It was believed that the County Council was responsible for the completion of all initial infrastructure works, including the erection of suitable security fencing to the site before the play area was handed over to this Council for future maintenance. Contact would also need to be made with Gwalia regarding the existing fencing at the site.

RESOLVED that the Clerk correspond with the Assistant Valuer, Carmarthenshire County Council, and Gwalia, respectively, and to await further developments.

220. NEW KERBSIDE RECYCLING SCHEME

Members considered an invitation received from the Head of Street Scene, Carmarthenshire County Council, to attend a meeting to be held on 9 October, 2009, at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Llanelli.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Clerk be authorised to attend the meeting, and
- (2) that an invitation be extended to a representative of Street Scene to address Members at a future meeting of Council.

221. 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.

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222. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL – SURFACE WATER

Further to Minute No. 354 (16 December, 2009), Members were circulated with a surface water assessment received from Premier Water Solutions Ltd., which included a potential solution to the concern of surface water at the hall.

RESOLVED that the report be forwarded to the Consultant Architect to enable the appropriate advice to be given to the Council.

223. LUNCHEON CLUBS

Pursuant to Minute No. 100, Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration), which informed of the patronage of the luncheon clubs and of the administrative and other problems being experienced in servicing the clubs.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Leader of Council, together with the Deputy Clerk (Administration) and Local Ward Members attend each Luncheon Club to discuss matters.

224. YMCA LLANELLI

Further to Minute No. 195, Members were circulated with the report of the Clerk which informed of forthcoming remedial work associated with the building and which sought authorisation for the release of funds to meet the costs of same.

RESOLVED that the release of funds be authorised.

**225. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS -
(1) FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL
(2) PONTHENRI A.F.C.**

RESOLVED that the annual grant be forwarded to the above Committees for the years ended 31 March, 2009 and 31 May, 2009, respectively.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.30 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 13 October, 2009, adopted by the Council.