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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 364 – 373

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 December, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	M. L. Evans
D. J. Davies	T. J. Jones
M. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
G. H. Wooldridge	

364. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. M. J. Lewis (Cllr. M. V. Davies deputising).

365. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the under-mentioned matters:-

Minute No.	Councillor	Interest
367	L. J. Butler	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
367	D. J. Davies	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
367	G. H. Wooldridge	Member, Trallwm Forum
369	M. L. Davies	Member, Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee
372	A. G. Morgan	Member, Swiss Valley Community and Residents Association

366. PROGRESS REPORT

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

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367. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL

Cllrs. L. J. Butler and D. J. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as they were members of Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee. Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a Member of the Trallwm Forum and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No. 316, the Technical Services Officer informed Members that practical completion had been achieved but there were two outstanding elements of work to be undertaken at the hall. New roller shutters were to be installed before Christmas and the gas metre had to be changed due to the low pressure.

RESOLVED that information be noted.

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge returned to the meeting.

368. FIVE ROADS PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 218, the Technical Services Officer informed Members of the completion of the drainage works at Five Roads Play Area. Since the completion of the works there had been no recurrence of the bark pit being flooded. The bark was now able to perform its safety function under the play apparatus.

During the ensuing discussion, Members expressed concern over potential health and safety issues in maintaining bark surfaced play areas and also felt the surface was generally unclean and so it was

RESOLVED that the information report be noted but the Council's draft estimates of expenditure include for the bark to be replaced with a wet pour rubber surface at Five Roads Play Area.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in light of the concerns expressed by Members over the quality of bark surfaces, a rolling programme be devised to replace all of the Council's bark surfaced play areas to wet pour/rubber surfaces.

369. PWLL RECREATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. M. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was a Member of the Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No. 320, Members considered additional information requested from the Chairman, Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee, in order to assess whether the Council ought to become involved with the Committee on an ongoing basis in order to safeguard the sustainability of Pwll Pavilion.

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During the ensuing discussion, Members supported the request in principle and as a means of promoting further dialogue it was

RESOLVED that a sub committee, comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council, Leader and Local Ward Members be appointed to facilitate further discussions with Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee.

Cllr. M. L. Davies returned to the meeting.

370. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered a letter received from the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Crusaders Bowls Club requesting the annual sports grant and it was

RESOLVED that a contribution of £300 be made.

371. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter in Minute No. 372 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.

372. SWISS VALLEY SHOP FRONTS

Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a Member of the Swiss Valley Community and Residents Association and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No. 277, Members were circulated with correspondence from Corscadden Associates informing of the fee proposal for designing a scheme of physical improvements to the parcel of land at Swiss Valley shop fronts.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the fee proposal of £975 plus VAT received from Corscadden Associates of 77 Fairleigh Road, Pontcanna, Cardiff, CF11 9JW be accepted.

373. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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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 13 January, 2010, adopted by the Council.