LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 94 - 104

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, 16 June, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. M. J. Lewis.

95. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Minute No.	Councillor	Interest
97	D. J. Davies	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
97	G. H. Wooldridge	Member, Trallwm Area Forum
101	M. L. Davies	Member, Pwll Recreation Ground Development
		Committee

96. PROGRESS REPORT

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

97. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL – EXTENSION AND REFURBISHMENT

Cllrs. D. J. Davies and G. H. Wooldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the items (1), (2) and (3) below, as Cllr. Davies was a member of Trallwm Hall Management Committee and Cllr. Wooldridge a member of Trallwm Area Forum. Both Members withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

(1) PROGRESS REPORT

Pursuant to Minute No. 61, Members were circulated with a progress report received from Ms. Weightman, ER Brown Ltd., on behalf of Mr. G. Gibson.

The report informed that the contract was progressing well despite various issues which had occurred but had been resolved and that inter-company communications were working well. The increased speed of progress was visible and that was anticipated to continue over the next month. The completion date had not formally been adjusted however, the Contractor was reporting completion early October 2009 and had confirmed that he would endeavour to absorb time where possible to reduce the overrun of the works.

Issues surrounding VAT and funding requirements were on-going and it was stated that the project team were working closely with the main contractor and his sub-contractors to ensure that the project was brought in on budget.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(2) PROPOSED PLAY AREA

E-mail correspondence was received from the Chair, Trallwm Area Forum, enquiring as to whether this Council would consider the future maintenance of a proposed fenced-off soft surface play area to the side of the Hall. The scheme would proceed if an application to Carmarthenshire County Council's collaboration fund was successful.

RESOLVED that the proposal be agreed to.

(3) CAFETERIA AND BILINGUAL SIGNAGE

Correspondence was received from the Chair, Trallwm Area Forum, requesting permission to ask the local community to suggest a name for the proposed cafeteria. It was also requested that the Hall's name be displayed bilingually.

RESOLVED that both proposals be acceded to.

Cllrs. Davies and Wooldridge returned to the meeting.

98. SECTION 106 FUNDING – IMPROVEMENT TO PLAY AREAS AND FOOTBALL PITCH

Pursuant to Minute No. 361, Members considered the progress report of the Technical Services Officer, regarding the installation of equipment at Berwick play area and proposed start dates for Five Roads and Ponthenri play areas.

He also reported upon the drainage system being installed at the football pitch in Ponthenri which was nearing completion.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

99. LAND AT GLOBE ROW, DAFEN

Further to Minute No. 404 (20 January, 2009), Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer informing of quotations received for ground investigation consultancy services.

The Clerk referred Members to the demand of Carmarthenshire County Council that it should be indemnified against the proposed survey.

RESOLVED that the quotation received from Quantum Geotechnical, Ty Berwig, Bynea, Llanelli, SA14 9ST, in the sum of £2,288 plus VAT, be accepted; together with a further provisional sum of £700 plus VAT, in respect of laboratory testing of soil and water samples.

100. LUNCHEON CLUBS – PATRONAGE

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) regarding the attendance of patrons at the various luncheon clubs for the period 1 April – 5 June, 2009.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) publicity leaflets and posters be placed in the Hengoed Ward to advertise the luncheon club being held at Sandy Community Hall; and
- (2) that a full report be presented to the Committee meeting to be held on 15 September, 2009, informing Members of the patronage and cost of the service to 31 August, 2009.

101. PWLL PAVILION

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

E-mail correspondence was received from Mr. P. Williams, Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee, stating that, as the pavilion was the only remaining community facility in Pwll, there was a great need and opportunity to develop its role and that the Committee would very much like to work with this Council on the forward development plan.

Following discussion, during which Cllr. C. A. Rees withdrew, it was

RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted and to await further developments.

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

- 102. (1) DAFEN WELFARE AFC
 - (2) TRALLWM AFC

Members having considered applications for financial assistance received from the above, it was

RESOLVED that a contribution of £600 be made to Dafen Welfare AFC (retrospectively) and Trallwm AFC, respectively.

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

104. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS - SANDY AND STRADEY COMMUNITY HALL

RESOLVED that the annual grant be forwarded to the above Committee for the year ended 31 August, 2007 and 31 August, 2008, respectively.

The Meeting concluded at 5.35 p.m.

The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 14 July, 2009, adopted by the Council.