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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 513 - 525

At a Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 17 March, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	T. J. Jones
S. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis
M. L. Evans	C. A. Rees
T. Rh. Ifan	A. C. Thomas
G. H. Wooldridge	

513. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. L. Davies (Cllr. T. Rh. Ifan deputising), S. L. Davies and M. J. Lewis.

514. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
518	L. J. Butler	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
518	S. M. Donoghue	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
518	G. H. Wooldridge	Member, Trallwm Forum and Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
519	M. L. Evans	Member, Furnace Community Hall Management Committee
521	L. J. Butler	Community Development Officer, Communities First Llwynhendy

515. PROGRESS REPORT

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

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516. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

RESOLVED that

- (1) Cllr. L. J. Butler's concerns regarding the condition of equipment at Trallwm Play Area and Tir Einon Play Area be investigated, and that
- (2) the inspection reports be noted.

517. PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL

A progress report of the Technical Services Officer regarding refurbishment works at the above hall was circulated.

Members having conveyed their appreciation of the progress made, it was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**518. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL –
INSURANCE**

Cllrs. L. J. Butler, S. M. Donoghue and G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in the following item as they were all members of the Trallwm Hall Management Committee. Cllr. Wooldridge was also a member of the Trallwm Forum. All Members withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Pursuant to Minute No. 455, the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members of a quote received for insuring the Work's in Progress as being a total of £1,102.50 and enquired whether the cost should be borne by the Council or re-charged to Trallwm Forum.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Council would bear the increased premium costs.

Cllrs. Butler, Donoghue and Wooldridge returned to the meeting.

519. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. M. L. Evans declared an interest in the following matter as he was a member of the Furnace Community Hall Management Committee and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

A request was received from the Chairman, Furnace Hall Management Committee, informing that a request had been received from the Woodturning Club for additional floorspace. A further 6 metres of the storage space adjacent to the room being utilised for their craft was requested. The Club offered to pay for any building and electrical works required to make the space suitable.

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RESOLVED that the request be supported subject to the Council's approved electrical contractor being requested to undertake the electrical works.

Cllr. Evans returned to the meeting.

**520. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND –
CARNIVAL**

A request to hold the annual Carnival on the recreation ground at Felinfoel was received from Communities First Felinfoel. The event was to be held on Saturday, 15 August, 2009.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

521. TIR EINON PLAY AREA

Cllr. L. J. Butler declared an interest in the following item as she was a Community Development Officer with Communities First Llwynhendy and was working on the Tir Einon Park project. Cllr. Butler withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

RESOLVED that the notes of a Community Meeting held to discuss Tir Einon Park on 11 February, 2009, be noted.

Cllr. Butler returned to the meeting.

522. PWLL CRICKET CLUB

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

RESOLVED that a contribution of £600 be made.

523. 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.

**524. FELINFOEL CHANGING ROOMS AND
RECREATION GROUND**

Further to Minute No. 403, the Clerk circulated a general progress report, together with a revised set of illustrative plans, for the above project.

During the ensuing discussion, the Clerk referred to the need for a flood consequences assessment to be commissioned, given the site was classed as a C2 flood zone (to which

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Planning Technical Advice Note (TAN) 15 issued by the Welsh Assembly Government generally referred, and which offered advice and guidance relating to development and flood risk). Therefore in the first instance, a pre-planning application enquiry would have to be made to the Environmental Agency (Wales) in order to assess the scope of the task and to identify the level of risk. Members were informed that the Environment Agency could take up to 12 weeks to process the application.

Furthermore, preliminary work on ground investigations had been halted until planning permission had been obtained.

Members were keen to explore further options before making a final decision on a preferred scheme and, having reiterated the need for the sporting organisations' financial commitment, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) a business case be prepared for Members' consideration identifying the options available; and that
- (2) a Special Council meeting be held to discuss the matters further.

525. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS -

- (1) PONTHENRI AFC**
- (2) SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL**

RESOLVED that the annual grants be forwarded to the above Committees.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.05 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 15 April, 2009, adopted by the Council.