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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 434 – 443

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, 19 February, 2008, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge (Chairman)

Cllrs.

D. J. Davies	T. J. Jones
M. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. P. Jones	R. G. Thorne

434. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, S. L. Davies (Cllr. R. G. Thorne deputising), R. E. Evans and M. B. Hughes.

435. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in Minute No. 439 as he was a member of the Saron Community Hall Management Committee.

436. PROGRESS REPORT

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

437. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL

Members were circulated with a report received from the Technical Services Officer informing of construction progress of the new hall.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**438. DAFEN COMMUNITY HALL –
EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF
HAFAN-Y-COED CARE HOME**

A letter was received from the General Manager, Hafan-y-Coed Care Home, Dafen, which referred to a request to use Dafen Hall for emergency evacuation purposes.

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The writer gave the following confirmation that:-

- Full responsibility for the Care Home's residents would be taken in the event of an evacuation taking place;
- The duration required would depend upon the Senior Fire Officer declaring the Home safe to return to;
- The accommodation required would be the main hall and the use of the kitchen for drinks;
- Social Services had no role or input in providing emergency accommodation and care;
- It would be their responsibility to contact relatives and, if necessary, arrange alternative accommodation in the event that the Home was unsafe to use.

During the ensuing discussion, Members referred to many concerns regarding the request, in particular, the impact upon other users of the hall, the Council's own health and safety aspects, insurance liabilities and risk assessments. Reference was made to a local school as being more suitable premises for such an occurrence. It was suggested that the local Fire Officer and Social Services be contacted for their advice and to enquire as to whether there were reciprocal arrangements with other privately run residential homes.

RESOLVED that further investigations be made into the matter accordingly.

**439. SARON COMMUNITY HALL –
COMMEMMORATIVE STONE**

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in the following item as he was a member of the Saron Community Hall Management Committee. Cllr. Wooldridge spoke on the matter but did not vote.

A request was received from the Chairperson, Saron Community Hall Management Committee, for the installation of a commemorative stone in remembrance of those fallen in the First World War.

During discussion, Members suggested that consultation should take place between the Hall Committee, members of the families involved and representatives of the Royal British Legion.

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported in principle and to await further developments.

440. LUNCHEON CLUBS – INCREASE IN PRICES

A letter was received from the Hotel Services Co-ordinator, Carmarthenshire NHS Trust, informing that it was necessary to increase the cost of meals. It was proposed that the cost of meals supplied to the Senior Citizens' Luncheon Clubs be increased from £2.00 to £2.12 excluding VAT, as from 1 March, 2008.

RESOLVED that the proposal be accepted and that the cost of the meals be increased to £2.49 per person (inclusive of VAT) as from 1 March, 2008.

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- 441. (1) CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH AND CHILDRENS' ASSOCIATION
- (2) PWLL A.F.C.
- (3) TRALLWM A.F.C.

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

RESOLVED that a contribution of £1000 be made to Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association, and a contribution of £600 to Pwll AFC and Trallwm AFC, respectively.

442. 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.

443. LLANELLI CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Members were circulated with a report received from the Clerk in relation to the staging of the 2008 carnival.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that support be given to the carnival reverting to the traditional last Friday in November and that the name of the event be reverted to the 'Llanelli Christmas Carnival'.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.20 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 11 March, 2008, adopted by the Council.