

20 April, 2010.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 552 - 562

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, 20 April, 2010, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	M. J. Lewis
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. L. Evans	A. G. Morgan
G. H. Wooldridge	

552. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. J. Davies, M. L. Davies, T. J. Jones and C. A. Rees.

553. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

554. FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Ms. A. Rees, Sports Development Unit Manager, and Mr. C. Staples, Carmarthenshire Football Development Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, to the meeting and invited them to address Members.

Ms. Rees stated that the Football Development Officer's role had evolved over the past twelve months with regard to facilitating opportunities and working a wider network with Clubs.

Mr. Staples discussed the report at length and informed that, although the work was challenging, progress and response were very good. He was working closely with the Academy and mentoring of coaches was successful. Reference was made to the fact that, although clubs were doing their best, facilities were being stretched and could not always be accommodated particularly as there was a lack of green spaces available.

Members having congratulated Mr. Staples upon his achievements, the Chairman thanked both representatives for attending and Ms. Rees and Mr. Staples withdrew from the meeting.

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Following consideration of the Service Level Agreement between FAW Football in the Community Ltd. (the Trust) and Carmarthenshire County Council, for the Football Development Officer post which was due to expire on 31 August, 2010, it was

RESOLVED that the request for time extension of the Agreement to 28 February, 2011, be agreed, on the understanding that all partners agree with the proposal.

555. PROGRESS REPORT

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

556. RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members received the following Minutes of the Recreation and Welfare Sub-Committee held on Monday, 12 April, 2010:

“At a Meeting of the RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE of the Llanelli Rural Council held at Pwll Pavilion, Pwll, on Monday, 12 April, 2010 at 3.45 p.m. and re-convened at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, at 4.30 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	M. L. Evans
M. L. Davies	T. J. Jones
M. V. Davies	C. A. Rees

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A. G. Morgan.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. M. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of recommendations 2, 3 and 4 contained in Minute No. 6 below, as she was a member of the Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee and withdrew from the meeting whilst said matters were discussed.

5. 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.

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6. PWLL PAVILION

Further to Minute No. 101, a site meeting was convened at Pwll Pavilion, Pwll, where the Committee was welcomed by Mr. P. Williams, Chairman, Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee, Mr. M. Aitken, Secretary, Pwll AFC and local Ward Members. Discussion commenced regarding a request for the Council's support in various matters.

Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation to the Council for its long standing support, especially to the capital contribution towards the construction of the building some 10 years ago. Reference was made to the fact that, following the demise of the old pavilion, the new building was erected on Millennium Coastal Park land. The access to the pavilion and car park was unserviceable and there was great difficulty in financing the upkeep of the building, which included insurance premiums.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation, concluded the site meeting at 4.10 p.m. The meeting re-convened at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Llanelli, at 4.30 p.m.

During discussion, the following matters were raised:-

1. Grant aid;
2. Would the Council be prepared to take on the legal freehold if the Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee fell into difficult times or in the absence of volunteers;
3. The inclusion of the building in the Council's group insurance policy; and
4. The level of cyclical maintenance associated with statutory/community obligations as well as any capital works required.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) an annual grant of £300 be made, subject to the receipt of an audited statement of accounts;
- (2) the Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee be supported in principle and, should it discontinue, the Council would look for partnerships with other parties to sustain the facility;
- (3) as the Council did not own the Pavilion, it could not be insured within its policy;
- (4) the Council was unable to help with capital and maintenance works as contractors would normally have to be engaged to carry out the said duties and not the Council's Direct Labour Organisation service.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.00 p.m.”
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Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes and Recommendations be accepted.

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557. LUNCHEON CLUBS – INCREASE IN PRICES

Members were circulated with a letter received from the Hotel Services Co-ordinator, Hywel Dda 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 £2.27 to £2.40 excluding VAT.

RESOLVED that the proposal be accepted and that the cost of the meals be increased to £2.82 per person (inclusive of VAT).

558. THE GREEN NETWORK PARTNERSHIP

Members were circulated with a copy of the Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Green Network Partnership (GNP) held on 23 March, 2010.

The Clerk informed that the Foothold Group had withdrawn funding for the GNP post holder and consequently, the GNP's future viability was potentially at risk. The Partnership which had generated excellent environmental projects and gained praise from the Welsh Assembly Government in the past was now at a watershed and he enquired whether Members wished to continue dialogue and support others in identifying a revised format for the GNP to continue its work.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Council continue to support the Green Network Partnership in principle, subject to any financial implications being reported to Committee for further consideration once a revised format for the GNP had been finalised. Furthermore, that the Clerk be authorised to represent the Council by attending GNP meetings.

559. TRALLWM AFC

Members considered a letter from the Secretary, Trallwm AFC, requesting the annual sports grant.

During discussion, reference was made to the deplorable condition that the newly refurbished facilities were being left in by the sporting organisation.

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £600 be withheld pending the outcome of a meeting of the Community Hall Management Committee and Trallwm AFC.

560. 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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**561. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS –
(1) PONTYATES WELFARE HALL**

Pursuant to Minute No. 505 (2), correspondence was received informing of the recorded reserves balance and it was

RESOLVED that the annual grant be forwarded to Pontyates Welfare Hall for the year ended March 2009.

- (2) PONTHENRI WELFARE HALL**
- (3) SANDY AND STRADEY COMMUNITY HALL**

RESOLVED that the annual grant be forwarded to Ponthenri Welfare Hall Committee for the year ended March 2008 and Sandy and Stradey Community Hall Committee for the year ended 31 August, 2009.

562. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman thanked Members and Staff for their support during the past year.

RESOLVED that the comments be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.35 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 May, 2010, adopted by the Council.