

**20 May, 2008.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 47 – 58**

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, 20 May, 2008, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

M. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
T. Devichand	B. C. M. Reynolds
M. L. Evans	A. C. Thomas
M. J. Lewis	V. R. Thomas
S. N. Lewis	G. H. Wooldridge

**47. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman welcomed Members and Staff to the first Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting to be held in this municipal year.

**48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies (Cllr. T. Devichand deputising), S. M. Donoghue (Cllr. B. C. M. Reynolds deputising) and T. J. Jones.

**49. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**50. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** that a Sub-Committee, comprising of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council, Leader and Local Ward Members, be appointed.

**51. PROGRESS REPORT**

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

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**52. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL**

Pursuant to Minute No. 532 (15 April, 2008), Members were circulated with a progress report received from the Technical Services Officer regarding the construction of the new hall.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**53. FELINFOEL CHANGING ROOMS**

Further to Minute No. 327 (18 December, 2007), Members considered a report received from the Technical Services Officer, enquiring whether the inviting of tenders should be proceeded with following the recent site inspection of the property which revealed its poor condition. Members were informed that tender documents had been completed for a short-term solution to the problems with the hot and cold water system by the provision of a new boiler and associated works at Felinfoel Changing Rooms, at a cost of approximately £54,000.

The Clerk referred to discussions with the local County Councillor who had inferred that the sporting clubs using the facilities would prefer to wait for new changing rooms to be constructed rather than to proceed with the short term option.

A lengthy discussion thereupon ensued, during which it was

**RESOLVED** that the Sub-Committee meet with representatives of the sporting clubs, together with the County Councillor for Felinfoel, to further discuss the two options available, i.e. :-

- the short-term solution of the provision of a new boiler and associated works and
- the long-term solution of constructing new changing rooms.

**54. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND –  
CARNIVAL**

A request was received from a Development Worker, Felinfoel Communities First, to hold the annual Carnival on the recreation ground at Felinfoel on Saturday, 9 August, 2008.

**RESOLVED** that the request be acceded to subject to the necessary health and safety documents being in order.

**55. PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL**

Correspondence was received from the Treasurer, Ponthenri Community Hall, regarding a request made by the Cwm Gwendraeth Mediation Service and Ammanford Housing Department, to lease the vacant former surgery within the hall, as a working office.

Following discussion, during which Members supported the proposal, it was

**RESOLVED** that a lease be agreed with the Cwm Gwendraeth Mediation Service subject to Carmarthenshire County Council bearing any associated costs in drawing up the document.

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**56. PART NIGHT LIGHTING**

Members considered correspondence from the Head of Street Scene, Carmarthenshire County Council, regarding recent requests received from Community Councils on ways of reducing energy bills.

It was stated that technology now enabled individual street lights to automatically switch off between the hours of 12.30am–5.30am, giving benefits of energy and light pollution reductions.

A request was made therefore, as to whether this Council would be interested in identifying locations where part night lighting may be considered appropriate.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that a representative of the Public Lighting Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, be invited to address Members at the next meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

**57. 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.

**58. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS -  
(1) FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL  
(2) SARON COMMUNITY HALL**

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

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The Meeting concluded at 5.30 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 10 June, 2008, adopted by the Council.