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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 151 - 161

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, 21 July, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	T. J. Jones
D. J. Davies	M. J. Lewis
M. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Rh. Ifan	C. A. Rees
G. H. Wooldridge	

151. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. M. L. Evans (Cllr. T. Rh. Ifan deputising).

152. 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>
157 (1)	L. J. Butler	Employed as a Co-ordinator with Communities First Llwynhendy
158 & 160	L. J. Butler	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
158 & 160	D. J. Davies	Member, Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee
158 & 160	G. H. Wooldridge	Member, Trallwm Area Forum

153. PROGRESS REPORT

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

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154. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

RESOLVED that the playground inspection reports be noted and that items relating to Tir Einon play area and Sandy Community Hall be attended to.

The Technical Services Officer informed Members that the annual playground inspections undertaken by ROSPA following completion of the installation works at the play areas referred to in Minute No. 155 below.

Cllr. D. J. Davies requested that his concern that the surfacing at Tir Einon play area was not suitable for disabled access be recorded.

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

Further to Minute No. 98, the Technical Services Officer presented a progress report on the installation of new equipment at Bynea, Five Roads and Ponthenri play areas.

Following a lengthy discussion during which Cllr. T. J. Jones expressed his disappointment with play chip being used as a safety surface under some of the equipment at Five Roads play area, it was

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the specifications for safety surfacing at Five Roads and Ponthenri play areas be reviewed;
- (3) in the case of Ponthenri play area, plenary powers be afforded to the Officers, in consultation with the Chairman of Council and Leader, to instruct Record RSS Ltd. to replace the provision of play bark with wet pour surfacing if not contained within the specification;
- (4) the cost of replacing play chip at Five Roads play area with a wet pour surface be reported to Members in due course;
- (5) safety surfacing for future capital projects, i.e. Tir Einon play area, should be wet pour/rubber.

**156. SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL –
PROVISION OF RAMP FOR THE DISABLED**

Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer on tenders received for the provision of a new access ramp for the disabled at Swiss Valley Community Hall as follows:-

- (i) £29,865
- (ii) £26,250
- (iii) £25,000
- (iv) £22,017

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The Technical Services Officer explained that there had been a gradual series of improvements to the initial specification after consultation with the statutory bodies which had led to the available budget of £7,500 being exceeded by £14,500.

Members were of the opinion that the provision of the ramp was necessary to comply with regulations and enquired whether monies were available to enable the scheme to proceed during the current financial year.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) suggested that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested to transfer an amount of £14,500 from General Reserves to off-set the deficit.

RECOMMENDED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested to authorise the transfer of £14,500 from General Reserves to enable the provision of an access ramp for the disabled at Swiss Valley Community Hall to proceed, with the lowest tender submitted by M. Hiorns Building Contractor Ltd., Unit 4, Delta Lakes, Llanelli, in the sum of £22,107 being accepted.

157. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cllr. L. J. Butler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item (1) as she was employed as the Co-ordinator of Communities First Llwynhendy, and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members having considered applications to hold the following community events:-

- (1) Tir Einon Park – 24 July, 2009 – Communities First Llwynhendy
- (2) Felinfoel Recreation Ground – 5 August, 2009 – Communities First Felinfoel

RESOLVED that the requests be acceded to subject to the organisations having adequate insurance indemnity in place and that the litter collections be undertaken after the events.

Cllr. Butler returned to the meeting.

158. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL EXTENSION AND REFURBISHMENT

Cllrs. L. J. Butler and D. J. Davies declared a personal interest in items (1) and (2) below as they were both members of Trallwm Hall Management Committee.

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items (1) and (2) as he was a member of the Trallwm Hall Management Committee and Trallwm Forum. Cllr. Wooldridge withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

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(1) PROGRESS REPORT

The Technical Services Officer presented a report on the project management meeting held on 24 June, 2009, and provided a copy of the project administrator's monthly report.

The reports revealed that the project was estimated at having lost 32 days with a revised completion date of 12 October, 2009. Although it was deemed that the project would be within budget, outstanding architect instructions needed to be costed to give a realistic projection. Finishings, mechanical and electrical schedules were in the process of being completed. The next project management meeting would be held on 29 July, 2009, to which further information would be presented.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(2) POST OF TREASURER

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that the Treasurer to Trallwm Hall Management Committee had resigned from the position and that the accounts, cheque book etc. were being held in the office. She also referred to administrative problems with the Hall Committee's bank.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Trallwm Hall Management Committee convene a meeting as soon as possible to appoint a Treasurer and resolve the banking matters.

159. 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.

**160. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL
RECOVERY OF VAT AND ADMINISTRATION OF
BUILDING CONTRACT**

Cllrs. L. J. Butler and D. J. Davies declared a personal interest in the item below as they were both members of Trallwm Hall Management Committee.

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as he was a member of the Trallwm Hall Management Committee and Trallwm Forum. Cllr. Wooldridge withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Arising out of Minute No. 97(1), Members considered correspondence from the Council's accountants, DCK Beavers Ltd., on the future administration and the recovery of VAT should it agree to accept the transfer of the project from Trallwm Forum which would involve many

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financial procedures being undertaken to comply with HMRC rules and regulations as referred to in the documents.

Following a discussion during which Members reiterated the need for proper control of the scheme and referred to the sterling work undertaken by Trallwm Forum in attracting funding for the project, it was

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (1) the Council be requested to adopt the project to refurbish and extend Trallwm Community Hall subject to all the financial information being made available by Trallwm Forum, and it takes full control and management of the scheme;
- (2) anticipated project costs being made available by the Architect;
- (3) a Special Council meeting be held when all necessary information is available to deliberate the matter.

161. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS -

- (1) DAFEN COMMUNITY HALL**
- (2) SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL**

RESOLVED that the annual grant be forwarded to the above Committees for the years ended 30 April, 2009 and 31 May, 2009, respectively.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.45 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 8 September, 2009, adopted by the Council.