

16 January, 2007.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 352 – 356

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, 16 January, 2007, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. S. Peters (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	R. E. Evans
D. J. Davies	M. P. Jones
M. Davies	T. J. Jones
C. Edwards	A. G. Morgan
M. L. Evans	R. G. Thorne

Together with Mrs. L. Butler, Community Development Officer (Outreach/Youth), Communities First Llwynhendy.

352. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. S. L. Davies (Cllr. M. P. Jones deputised).

353. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. T. D. Bowen and D. J. Davies declared an interest in Minute No. 354 as Cllr. Bowen was a member and Cllr. Davies was the Vice Chairman of Communities First Llwynhendy.

- 354. (1) TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL – STORAGE CONTAINER**
(2) TIR EINON PLAY AREA – SOFT ASTRO TURF/BALL AREA

Cllrs. T. D. Bowen and D. J. Davies declared an interest in the following matters as Cllr. Bowen was a member and Cllr. Davies was the Vice Chairman of Communities First Llwynhendy and did not vote on the matters.

Having welcomed Mrs. L. Butler to the meeting and before commencing discussion, the Chairman informed that Mrs. Butler would address Members on both the above matters and would thereupon withdraw from the meeting.

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(1) TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL

Pursuant to Minute No. 310, Mrs. Butler, with the aid of a circulated report, informed of the plight of would be users of the hall requiring storage for their equipment. The container currently being used was to be imminently removed from Llwynhendy Education Centre and, should the proposal of relocating this container to the rear of Trallwm Hall be successful, organisations would be encouraged to make use of the hall. As the cost of hiring the container was being funded by Communities First, there would be no cost to this Authority. The container was made of solid steel and virtually vandal-proof and would not be sited too close to the hall to enable access from one facility to the other.

At present, most of the users' equipment and facilities were being placed in the hall which raised Health and Safety issues, therefore Mrs. Butler felt that it was vital that the matter be resolved.

During discussion, Members referred to concerns regarding the actual positioning of the container.

(2) TIR EINON PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 311, Mrs. Butler informed Members that Llwynhendy Youth Group had successfully gained funding for various projects within the area and were interested in seeking funding for a soft astro turf/ball facility at Tir Einon play area. The Council's consent, therefore, to the proposal was requested prior to funding bids being made.

During discussion, the Deputy Clerk (Administration) referred to the Council's Capital List programme which included the proposed refurbishment of the play area and stated that the type of facility proposed would be similar to the Council's requirement. Consideration should also be given to incorporating lighting and CCTV in the proposal.

In reply to whether, as the land was owned by Carmarthenshire County Council, a lease would be required, Mrs. Butler indicated that this would be probable and that, as Communities First Llwynhendy had 6 years left out of a lifespan of 10 years, future maintenance would also have to be considered.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Butler for attending and she thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL – STORAGE CONTAINER**
 - (a) a Sub-Committee site visit be convened to inspect the area at the rear of Trallwm Community Hall and to view the storage container; and that
 - (b) plenary powers be given to the Sub-Committee to decide upon whether the container could be placed at that location in consultation with the Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee.

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**(2) TIR EINON PLAY AREA –
SOFT ASTRO TURF/BALL AREA**

RESOLVED that the proposal be acceded to and that enquiries be made of Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the sub-leasing of the land at Tir Einon play area to the Llwynhendy Youth Group.

355. PROGRESS REPORT

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

**356. FOOTWAY LIGHTING –
32-34 PENNANT ROAD, SWISS VALLEY**

Following a recent enquiry, correspondence was received from the Head of Street Scene, Carmarthenshire County Council, indicating the position of a new lighting column at the above with an estimated cost of £1,600 for all costs involved (at 2006/07 prices).

All future energy and maintenance costs would be borne by the Rural Council.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) residents affected by the proposal be contacted for their views and the information collated to enable a decision to be made on whether or not to proceed with the proposal; and that
- (2) should the proposal be accepted by the residents, the necessary budget be included within the Council’s Estimates of Expenditure for 2007/08.

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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 13 February, 2007, adopted by the Council.