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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 184 – 196

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, 19 September, 2017, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	J. P. Hart
T. Devichand	S. N. Lewis
P. M. Edwards	A. G. Morgan
H. J. Evans	C. A. Rees
I. G. Wooldridge	

Absent: T. M. Donoghue

184. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. R. L. Najmi.

185. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
193	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Dafen Welfare Hall Committee
193	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Dafen Welfare Hall Committee
193	S. N. Lewis	Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Dafen Welfare Hall Committee

186. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

RESOLVED that the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager on work undertaken be noted.

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187. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED that the report of the Community Development Officer on various community development initiatives be noted.

188. COMMUNITY PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Further to Minute No. 58, Members considered the report of the Community Development Officer informing of the current provision of defibrillators available for the public to use within the Council's ward boundaries.

There were 6 defibrillators available 24 hours a day within the Council's ward boundaries and 12 defibrillators available within the opening hours of organisations.

Cynheidre and Five Roads were not currently serviced by a defibrillator but Members were informed that a defibrillator was due to be installed at Five Roads over the next few weeks.

Bynea, Llwynhendy and Swiss Valley did not have access to a defibrillator 24 hours a day. Members suggested that the defibrillator currently in the Dafen Ward would suit a better purpose at the Dafen Recreation ground due to the number of sporting teams at that location.

Following a discussion, whereby Members raised questions regarding liability for the equipment if units were installed on or in Council buildings and moreover who would maintain the general upkeep of the equipment, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The Community Development Officer submits a funding bid under the Awards for All funding initiative to cover the financial cost of installing defibrillators and cabinets at Bynea, Cynheidre, Dafen Park, Llwynhendy and Swiss Valley. The preferred equipment provider being 'Cariad'.
2. Enquiries be made with the Council's insurers to ascertain the potential liability of installing the equipment on or in Council property with particular guidance being sought in allowing third parties to install the equipment and to report back to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

**189. SANDY COMMUNITY HALL
RECYCLING FACILITIES**

Members considered the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager informing Members of the request received by the Hall Management Committee to remove the glass recycling facilities from the grounds of Sandy Community Hall.

The Council had an arrangement with Carmarthenshire County Council to provide space for recycling bins at the Council's community halls. The facility at Sandy had created problems whereby people were not depositing glass into the bins and general household waste was being left in the recycling area. The grounds were often littered with broken glass and household waste.

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There was also an issue concerning unauthorised car parking at the community hall. This deprived legitimate hall users of available car parking spaces. The Hall Management Committee wanted to lock the car park gate between hire periods to discourage unauthorised parking, and requested the Council to arrange for Carmarthenshire County Council to remove the recycling facilities from the hall grounds and seek an alternative location in the area.

Following discussion, whereby Members recognised the site issues at Sandy Hall and then considered whether the Council could charge the County Council for placing recycling facilities on its land, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. Carmarthenshire County Council be requested to remove the recycling facilities from Sandy Community Hall with immediate effect;
2. Enquiries be made to establish if the Council could charge for placing recycling facilities on its land and report back to a future committee meeting.

**190. SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL
ROOFING REPAIRS**

Members received a report from the Technical and Burial Services Manager on quotations received for roofing repairs at Swiss Valley Community Hall as follows:

1. £4,841.20
2. £5,712.64
3. £3,951.96
4. failed to return quote

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the lowest tender submitted by Stewart Moore & Son, 50 Elgin Road, Llanelli, SA15 4AE, in the sum of £3,951.96 excluding VAT be accepted.

Cllrs. S. L. Davies and J P Hart left the meeting and the remainder of the business was chaired by Cllr. P. M. Edwards (Vice Chairman).

**191. TRANSFER OF ASSETS
LLWYNHENDY AND PWLL EDUCATION CENTRES**

Further to Minute No. 134, Members received email correspondence in reply to the Clerk's letter dated 27 July, 2017, concerning Llwynhendy and Pwll Education Centres.

In response the Valuer, Carmarthenshire County Council give a rough guide price for the two properties and that there might be potential for the Council to proceed with a community bid at under market value dependant on the business case put forward.

The Technical and Burial Services Manager informed Members that quotations had been received for a structural survey of the buildings.

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There then followed a lengthy discussion, whereby Members wished to proceed with caution to safeguard the Council's position but there was general agreement that full structural reports were required on both buildings before deciding the next course of action and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. A full structured survey be commissioned on the former education centres;
2. Enquiries be made to establish if grants are available for the work because no budget provision was available in the current financial year. If no grant funding was available the cost of commissioning the surveys be met from general reserve balances;
3. A further invitation be extended to Officers, Carmarthenshire County Council to attend a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee to discuss the future of the buildings in more detail.

192. CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Correspondence was received from the Secretary, Events Committee, Holy Trinity Church Felinfoel, informing Members that the Events Committee was organising a Christmas Tree Festival to be held from Thursday, 23 November to Sunday, 26 November, 2017 in Holy Trinity Church, Felinfoel, and enquired if the Council would consider participating in the event by displaying a decorated Christmas tree or by contributing towards the event in some other capacity and it was

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Local Ward Members for consideration.

**193. DAFEN COMMUNITY HALL
CEILING MOUNTED PROJECTOR**

Cllrs. S. L. Davies, T. Devichand and S. N. Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as they were members of Dafen Community Hall committee. Cllr. Davies had already left the meeting to attend another engagement whereas the other Members left the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members considered correspondence from the Secretary, Llanelli Photographic Society requesting permission to install a ceiling mounted projector at Dafen Community Hall.

Following discussion,

RESOLVED that the request to install a ceiling mounted projector be refused.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. H. J. Evans left the meeting.

Cllrs. T. Devichand and S. N. Lewis re-joined the meeting.

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194. 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.

**195. PLAY AREA
PANT BRYN ISAF, LLWYNHENDY**

Correspondence was received from the Asset Management Surveyor, Property Division, Carmarthenshire County Council enquiring if the Council would consider transferring Pant Bryn Isaf play area to further support the County Council with its asset transfer programme.

Following a lengthy discussion, whereby Members noted that the current play equipment was in very poor condition and that the development opportunities for the play area were limited because of the general condition and location of the site, it was

RESOLVED that the transfer request be refused especially because of the close proximity of the site to Trallwm play area which could be accessed via the footpath traversing the Pant Bryn Isaf play area and because of the future intention to invest money to fully refurbish the Trallwm play area, which had more development potential to install a wider range of play equipment.

**196. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
PONTYATES WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

Further to Minute No. 540 (20 April, 2017 refers), Members were circulated with a Statement of Accounts received from the above Management Committee.

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 for the year's ending 31 March, 2016 and 31 March, 2017 be deferred until the breakdown and necessary receipts be received and reported back to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.15 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 October, 2017, adopted by the Council.