

**20 March, 2007.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 462 – 470**

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 March, 2007, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

T. D. Bowen	T. J. Jones
M. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. L. Evans	C. A. Rees
R. E. Evans	R. G. Thorne

Together with: Mrs. A. Rees, Sports Development Unit Manager, Mr. C. Staples, Carmarthenshire Football Development Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council  
Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge, representing Trallwm Forum.

**462. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D. J. Davies, S. L. Davies (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising) and A. G. Morgan.

**463. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs. S. N. Lewis and R. G. Thorne declared an interest in Minute No. 467 as they were both members of Dafen Forum.

**464. FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. A. Rees, Sports Development Unit Manager, and Mr. C. Staples, Carmarthenshire Football Development Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, to the meeting and invited them to present the annual report of the Football Development Officer which had been previously circulated to Members.

Mrs. Rees gave a short introduction followed by Mr. Staples giving a lengthy presentation by referring to key areas of development and of the success achieved over the past year and to future secondary school accreditation, all of which was self financing.

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Mrs. Rees requested that the Authority consider extending the three-year agreement between Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Rural Council, Llanelli Town Council and the FAW Trust from 1 April, 2007 to 31 March, 2010, and increase the annual contribution from £2,500 to £2,750.

Members congratulated Mr. Staples upon the achievements of the Sports Development team and in particular that Mr. Staples was continuing to fund raise for Cancer Research UK. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Rees and Mr. Staples for attending the meeting and they thereupon withdrew, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the

- (1) Annual Report be noted; and
- (2) that the Council renew the partnership agreement for funding the post of Football Development Officer to 31 March, 2010, with an annual contribution of £2,750.

**465. PROGRESS REPORT**

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

**466. FFYNNON Y WAN, PONTHENRI  
SECTION 106 AGREEMENT**

Further to Minute No. 358, S/15114, correspondence was received from the Head of Planning, Carmarthenshire County Council, advising that there was no Section 106 Agreement associated with the above application. Contribution had been made in the form of unilateral agreements and were presently being held pending finalising issues in relation to the above development.

Two amounts of £31,000 (total of £62,000) were involved for the provision for “off site play provision in the local community” and the writer was interested to receive any details of the proposal that the Council may have to ensure compliance with legislative requirements on the use of Section 106 Agreements.

The local Members identified drainage works to the football pitch and the drainage and enhancement of the play facilities as being areas in need of improvement.

**RESOLVED** that Carmarthenshire County Council be informed accordingly.

**467. LAND AT GLOBE ROW, DAFEN**

Cllrs. S. N. Lewis and R. G. Thorne declared an interest in the following item as both Councillors were members of the Dafen Forum and did not vote on the matter.

Further to Minute No. 392, a letter was received from the Head of Corporate Property, Carmarthenshire County Council, stating that the Authority would seek to terminate letting arrangements when grant aid requirements had been sourced by this Council. However,

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should potential funders require evidence of a letting, an option for a lease could be issued which would be conditional on vacant possession being available.

The writer referred to the adjoining land of interest and that the area concerned would need to be agreed with the party concerned; timescale would be dependant on several factors including planning consent and an agreement on terms. The County Council would need to be advised of when planning consent for a change of use of land to recreational purposes. Legal documentation would be drawn up when the planning issue was resolved.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) confirmed that a notice would be served on Carmarthenshire County Council, as landowners, when the planning application was submitted. It was not anticipated that grant aid would be available for converting the land for recreational facilities, i.e. football pitch. The adoption of this land would not jeopardise the Council's capital scheme programme. She added that Dafen Forum could possibly obtain funding for a feasibility study on that area for the proposed usage as there was no budget available within the Council's funds.

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) an option for a lease be accepted;
- (2) a planning application for change of use to recreational use be submitted at the appropriate time;
- (3) Dafen Forum be requested to investigate the possibility of funding being available for a feasibility study.

**468. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL**

“At a Meeting of the RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE of Llanelli Rural Council held at the car park of Llwynhendy Further Education Centre, Llwynhendy, on Tuesday, 27 February, 2007, at 10.00 a.m.

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

Cllrs.  
T. J. Jones

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen and D. J. Davies.

5. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL - CONTAINER

Further to Minute No. 354(1) of the Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting held on 16 January, 2007, Members viewed the storage container used by Communities First Llwynhendy.

Members proceeded to the rear of Trallwm Community Hall where they were joined by Cllr. M. P. Jones.

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Discussion thereupon took place on the siting of the container and, it was RESOLVED that

- (1) permission be granted to Communities First Llwynhendy to site the container at the rear of Trallwm Community Hall at the right hand edge of the parking area (when looking in a southerly direction) subject to the hall management committee agreeing to the proposal and the Council submitting a planning application on behalf of that committee.
- (2) the container would be sited as a temporary measure to assess whether it encourages anti-social behaviour following concerns put by Cllr. M. P. Jones

Cllr. M. P. Jones requested that her objection to the proposal be recorded in the Minutes and that she voted against the container being moved from Llwynhendy Further Education Centre.

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The meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.”  
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“At a Meeting of the RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE of Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 20 March, 2007, at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. D. Bowen (Pro Tempore)

Cllrs.  
C. Edwards R. E. Evans

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. J. Davies, T. J. Jones and A. S. Peters.

9. MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

10. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND

Further to Minute No. 428 of the Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting held on 20 February, 2007, the Chairman welcomed Ms. Lisa Jones to the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed the Committee of the back ground to the project with the hope of working with Communities First Felinfoel for the enhancement of the above recreation ground.

Discuss took place deciding the next course of action to be taken with Communities First and forming a partnership to enhance the play area for the community.

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Following a lengthy discussion, it was  
**RESOLVED** that a further Sub-Committee be convened in June for Ms Jones to report back to the Committee with any outcomes for funding she has managed to discover.

In the long-term the Clerk stated that the Council had a budget of £202,360 for the development of a new pavilion at Felinfoel. Further consultation would take place in September 2007 to ascertain the needs of the community. It was anticipated that Communities First Felinfoel could be involved and that endeavours would be made to obtain match funding for the project. The sporting organisations would also become partners and would, as a condition of seeking grant aid, be require to undertake an element of fund raising as a contribution towards the costs of the new facilities. He suggested that the sporting organisations discuss the provision required and to bring them back to the Council to establish costings. The Sub-Committee would inspect other like facilities with a view to putting together proposals.

Members having reiterated the Council’s commitment to providing a short and long term solution to the problems being experienced with the Felinfoel Changing Rooms, it was

**RESOLVED** to convey another meeting in June 2007,

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The meeting concluded at 4.10 p.m.”  
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**RESOLVED** that the minutes be noted.

**469. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL - ALTERATION**

Further to Minute No. 430, the Chairman welcomed Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge who was representing Trallwm Forum and invited him to address Members.

Cllr. Wooldridge thanked Members, on behalf of the Trallwm Forum for the invitation to the meeting.

Cllr. Wooldridge stated that, initially, an extension to allow the provision of changing room was priority. However, the project was being viewed as a complete hall enhancement with a stage, more storage facilities and better equipped kitchen and toilet facilities together with changing/shower facilities mainly for hall users and, possibly, for Trallwm A.F.C.

Several meetings had taken place with the Welsh Assembly Members and a senior official of the Community Facilities and Activities Project (CFAP) when a 21 year lease from the Council to Trallwm Forum had been identified as being essential in any bid for funding under CFAP. A maximum amount of £300,000 over three years (£100,000 per year) could be available from CFAP in addition with £51,000 Section 106 Agreement being held by Carmarthenshire County Council. The bid would be made in October 2007.

Cllr. Wooldridge retired from the meeting.

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Members were in favour of the project but expressed concern that plans, feasibility study and costings had not been presented in accordance with the decision made in Minute No. 79 of the Committee meeting held on 20 June, 2006.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) referred Members to the following matters to be considered:-

- (1) the proposed scheme would be an enhancement to the existing facilities at Trallwm Community Hall;
- (2) the project was being driven by a third party, i.e. Trallwm Forum;
- (3) changing/showering facilities would be at some distance from the nearby playing fields;
- (4) the primary user for the changing/showering facilities would be Trallwm A.F.C. Inadequate facilities for such use was the concern of Carmarthenshire County Council;
- (5) the Council was committed to identified capital schemes and the proposed project was not included within that programme;
- (6) officer time involved in the Council's capital schemes in particular the Technical Services Officer would not allow any participation in drawing up the scheme or being involved in the bid for funding by Trallwm Forum;
- (7) there would be a long-term revenue implication on the Council's budget in maintaining the facilities following completion of the capital works.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be supported in principle on the condition that the Forum submitted plans, feasibility study and a business plan to this Authority for its approval at every stage of the project.

**470. PWLL A.F.C.**

Members, in consideration of a request for a grant from Pwll A.F.C. expressed concern at the manner in which the application had been made.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) a contribution of £600 be made;
- (2) the concern of Members be conveyed to the sporting organisations accordingly.

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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 12 April, 2007, adopted by the Council.