

**16 January, 2018**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 353 – 360**

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, 16 January, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

T. Devichand                      J. P. Hart  
P. M. Edwards                    A. G. Morgan  
H. J. Evans                        R. L. Najmi  
    W. V. Thomas

**Absent:** M. V. Davies

**353.                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue (Cllr. W. V. Thomas deputising), S. N. Lewis, C. A. Rees and I. G. Wooldridge.

**354.                      MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

| <i>Minute No.</i> | <i>Councillor</i> | <i>Interest</i>  |
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| 357               | P. M. Edwards     | Personal interest – considered the matter in her capacity as a County Councillor |
| 360               | S. L. Davies      | Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Dafen Welfare Committee        |
| 360               | T. Devichand      | Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Dafen Welfare Committee        |

**355.                      COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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

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**356. MEMORIAL BENCH - DAFEN PARK**

Members considered correspondence from Cllr. S. N. Lewis requesting permission from the Council to place a bench in memory of her late husband at Dafen Park.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that permission be given for a bench to be placed at Dafen Park.

**357. PROPOSAL TO DIVERT PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH  
36/114, GENWEN FARM, BYNEA**

*Cllr. P. M. Edwards declared a personal interest in the following matter as she had already considered the matter in her capacity as a member of Carmarthenshire County Council's Planning Committee.*

Correspondence was received from Birchill Access Consultancy Ltd on behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council informing the Council that an application had been received from Persimmon Homes requesting to divert part of the public footpath 36/114, Genwen Farm, Bynea, Llanelli.

The diversion had been requested from Persimmon Homes further to them obtaining planning permission for the construction of 240 dwellings together with associated vehicular and pedestrian accesses. The footpath needed to be diverted in order to enable the development to take place. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the proposal be accepted.

**358. HEART OF WALES LINE TRAIL  
LLANELLI TO CRAVEN ARMS**

Members considered correspondence from the Heart of Wales Steering Group regarding the development of a new long-distance walking route called the Heart of Wales Line Trail which mirrored the route of the railway of the same name. The route started at the Craven Arms which then passed through Powys and Carmarthenshire to finish in Llanelli.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the development of a new long-distance walking route be supported.

**359. TRANSFER OF ASSET  
DANYBANC PLAY AREA**

Further to Minute No. 294, the Technical and Burial Services Manager informed Members that an independent risk assessment survey had been conducted at Danybanc play area, the results of which were generally positive.

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Furthermore, Members were informed that the organisation commissioned to undertake the risk assessment had indicated the existing play equipment could be refurbished if so required at a cheaper cost than originally envisaged. However, a written quotation would need to be sought from the organisation to confirm approximate costs. The quotation would also need to provide for extending the safety flooring around some of the equipment fall areas.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The transfer of Danybanc play area be supported in principle but subject to receiving favourable and affordable prices to carry out the required repairs to the equipment and floor areas.
2. Confirmation be obtained from Carmarthenshire County Council to establish if funding would be available if the park was transferred to the Council even if the transfer fell outside of the deadline for submitting an expression of interest.
3. The issue be revisited when determining council budgets and the prioritisation of capital schemes for the financial year 2018/19.

*Cllr. P. M. Edwards (Vice Chairman) took the Chair for item 360.*

**360. DEFIBRILLATOR  
DAFEN PARK**

*Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was a member of Dafen Welfare Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was a member of Dafen Welfare Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced.*

Members considered correspondence from Cllr. A. J. Rogers requesting permission for the installation of a defibrillator that had been donated to Dafen Park.

Following a lengthy discussion, whereby Members raised concerns regarding the location of the defibrillator on the changing rooms and it perhaps being prone to potential vandalism and also the unquantified costs of maintaining the defibrillator, it was

**RESOLVED** that the matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee to further ascertain the likely maintenance costs and to further discuss the general siting of the defibrillator.

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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, 2018, adopted by the Council.