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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 425 – 434**

At a Special Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 14 February, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

T. Devichand	H. J. Evans
S. M. Donoghue	J. P. Hart
P. M. Edwards	A. G. Morgan

**Absent:** R. L. Najmi, I. G. Wooldridge

**425. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**426. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared an interest in the undermentioned matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
427	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial interest – she had instigated the issue in her capacity as a County Councillor
428	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Dafen Welfare Management Committee
428	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest – member of the Dafen Welfare Management Committee

*Cllr. P. M. Edwards (Vice Chairman) took the Chair for items 427 and 428 below.*

**427. PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER  
GORSFACH, DAFEN**

*Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she had instigated the issue in her capacity as a County Councillor and left the meeting before discussion commenced.*

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Further to Minute No. 324, Members were informed that Cllr. S. L. Davies had made enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council for the provision of a bus shelter at Gorsfach, Dafen. Members were presented with costings and a proposed plan of the works to install a bus shelter.

During discussion, Members queried the maintenance costs and how much replacement panels and the like would cost if they were vandalised and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The provision of the bus shelter by the Council be supported in principle but before proceeding further, costings for maintenance and replacement panels be obtained.
2. The residents living in the close vicinity of the proposed bus shelter location shall be consulted to garner the amount of support for the facility.
3. Enquiries shall be made about the need for applying for planning permission.
4. A further report be presented to a future Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting for further discussion.

**428. 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.*

Further to Minute No. 360, Members received the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager which presented further information in relation to the request from Dafen Welfare Management Committee to install a defibrillator unit and memorial plaque at Dafen Park changing rooms.

Previously, Members raised concern regarding the location of the defibrillator due to the potential vandalism and cost involved to maintain the defibrillator. The Technical and Burial Services Manager informed Members that Dafen Welfare Management Committee had committed to fund the installation of the defibrillator but had requested that the Council fund the ongoing maintenance and upkeep.

The defibrillator would require regular checks to ensure it was always operational. The battery would require replacing every three to five years depending on use at an average cost of £200. The electrode pads had a two year lifespan and the cost to replace was £40.

Enquiries had been made with Cariad as to whether it would perform service and maintenance checks on the equipment. Cariad confirmed it would carry out a programme of regular checks on the defibrillator and would replace any components but would not meet the cost of purchasing serviceable or replacement items. Cariad estimated that over a ten-year period this service arrangement would cost between £400-£600 to provide. Call outs to replace pads etc after emergency use would carry an additional charge.

Following discussion, it was

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**RESOLVED** that:

1. The defibrillator be erected on the external changing room wall opposite the cricket clubhouse entrance.
2. The defibrillator would be maintained by the Council.
3. The defibrillator would be incorporated into Cariad's database and maintenance programme.
4. Permission be granted for a memorial plaque to be erected by a local stonemason on the changing room wall.

*Cllrs. S. L. Davies and T. Devichand returned to the meeting and Cllr. S. L. Davies resumed the Chair.*

**429. DAFEN CRICKET CLUB**

Members considered email correspondence from the Secretary, Dafen Cricket Club requesting the re-instating of the cricket pitch at Pwll recreation ground for the use of the Dafen Cricket teams.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be refused.

**430. 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.

**431. DWYFOR GROWING SPACE**

Members considered email correspondence from the Head of Homes and Safer Communities, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the general principle for the transfer of the community growing space at Dwyfor to the Council.

Dwyfor Growing Space was situated on land owned by Carmarthenshire County Council. The project started out as a Communities First scheme, and was now managed by Llys Caradog Children's Centre. Past projects at the site had failed due to the lack of interest and the site was now overgrown. However, the site infrastructure was found to be in an acceptable condition.

There was complimentary shed space for growing plots. Fencing surrounded the site which was locked up to protect the site from anti-social behaviour. Recent consultations performed by Buildings Communities Trust and the Council's Whole Place Plan showed there was a lack of community assets in the area.

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Thereupon the Community Development Officer referred Members to the draft project brief that had been formulated in support of the potential rejuvenation of the site should it be transferred to the Council.

Members were informed that the Council would need to enact some preliminary work prior to contemplating the transfer. A search of the land was needed to satisfy the management of risk and this would need to be supported by an accompanying enviro search.

The Clerk commented that at a recent meeting with the Head of Homes and Safer Communities, it was stated that the County Council would make £10,000 available to help with transition and transfer work with money being used for things such as preliminary legal costs; soil sampling and testing; drainage improvements and possibly soil removal and replacement. In regard to soil removal it was commented that the Council's DLO team might be able to assist to minimise cost with soil being recycled for use at Llanelli District Cemetery. The Clerk added that the Head of Homes and Safer Communities indicated that the parcel of land could be transferred freehold depending on whether the land was deemed of little value for the County Council to develop. In the event of it holding value then a long term lease could be entered into at a peppercorn rent with a break clause inserted to safeguard interests.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The email correspondence be noted.
2. The offer of £10,000 grant support from Carmarthenshire County Council towards the potential transfer of land be noted for the time being.
3. The transfer of the Dwyfror Growing Space be supported in principle subject to a satisfactory search of the parcel of land being conducted together with appropriate soil sampling and percolation tests. The costs of the preliminary investigation works shall be initially met by the Council on the assumption that the money can be reclaimed from Carmarthenshire County Council.
4. The draft project brief for the redevelopment of the site be accepted and forwarded to the Head of Housing and Safer Communities for information.
5. The Community Development Officer shall circulate the project brief to grant funding bodies such as Keep Wales Tidy in the hope of attracting funds to support the rejuvenation of the site.
6. A progress report and update on the actions arising from today's meeting shall be presented to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee prior to determining whether to proceed with the transfer.

**432.                   TRANSFER OF ASSETS  
                          PWLL FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE**

Further to Minute No. 191, the Community Development Officer informed Members that discussions had taken place with Officers at Carmarthenshire County Council over the short to medium term future of the building.

The County Council now intended to use the classroom space at the centre while a new capital scheme was being developed to create an educational space possibly in the Burry Port

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area. This meant that the building was no longer on the open market and would be used as a temporary school possibly for the next three years.

The Clerk commented that during the meeting with County Officers, the case for the community making use of the main hall during the evenings during this interim period was put forward with it receiving favourable support from Officers and the two County Councillors who were also present at the meeting. A number of ideas were presented to support community use of the building and possibly the land to the rear which could be converted into a community growing space.

The Community Development Officer had prepared a draft project brief following the positive meeting with the County Officers and Members were asked to comment and support the brief as a means for taking up community interest in the use of the building and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The information be noted.
2. The project brief prepared by the Community Development Officer be endorsed and used to formulate the next steps in regard to the community's general involvement and future use of the building.

#### **433. CAPITAL SCHEMES**

Further to Minute No. 330, Members were presented with the report from the Deputy Clerk on Capital Schemes.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk be authorised discretion to vire funds from the Asset Transfer budget to the budgets for capital schemes in preparation for the projects to be undertaken in 2018/19.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the list of Capital Scheme items in the report and as prioritised by Members during the meeting be recommended to Council for approval and that furthermore they be included within the Committee's draft estimates of expenditure for 2018/19 namely:

<b>Priority No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Cost £</b>
1	Dafen Park	MUGA – astroturf	120,000
2	Dafen Park	Car park surfacing with parking bays	7,000
3	Danybanc	Play area	20,000
4	Gorsfach, Dafen	Bus shelter	6,500

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**434. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR 2018/19**

Members were presented with a preliminary report on estimates of income and expenditure for the Committee for 2018/19 and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) virements made for 2018/19 be approved;
- (2) the list of expenditure items annotated in the report be included within the Committee's draft estimates of expenditure for 2018/19 subject to minor adjustments;
- (3) the report be accepted;
- (4) to await a Special Meeting of Council to discuss same.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.20 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 March, 2018, adopted by the Council.