

15 May, 2018

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 50 – 58

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, 15 May, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. P. M. Edwards (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand E. Simmons
H. J. Evans W. V. Thomas
I. G. Wooldridge

Absent: S. M. Caiach, S. N. Lewis, C. A. Rees

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue and J. P. Hart (Cllr. H. J. Evans deputising).

51. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

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56	T. Devichand	Personal interest – Chairman of the Dafen Welfare Committee
58	H. J. Evans	Personal and prejudicial interest – trustee of Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd
58	W. V. Thomas	Personal interest – Council representative and Member of Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd

52. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that a sub-committee, comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council, Leader and Local Ward Members be appointed.

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53. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

Arising out of discussion of the above, Members referred to the vandalism of the trees at the newly landscaped Felinfoel Play Area off Ynyswen. The estimated damage was in the region of £1,500 and it was suggested that the public ought to be informed via various media outlets in the hope of raising local awareness of the problem and to possibly help combat further acts of vandalism by asking people to be more vigilant.

RESOLVED accordingly.

54. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

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

Arising out of discussion of the above, Members enquired about the developments with the Building Communities Trust Invest Local Llwynhendy and the amount of money expended by the local group. The Community Development Officer provided a comprehensive response given his personal interactions with the group and stated that slow but steady progress was now being made. To date the balance of the first phase funding pot stood at £12,000 out of the original sum of £20,000, and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED that the information be noted.

55. SARON COMMUNITY HALL – DEFIBRILLATOR

Members received correspondence from the Chair, Bynea District Forum requesting the Council's permission to erect a defibrillator at Saron Community Hall.

Due to the hard work of the Bynea District Forum, support of local residents, businesses and Bynea Festival Committee the Forum had raised enough funds to purchase a defibrillator. The defibrillator would be installed with an outside casing enabling it to be available to the community at all times. Cariad were responsible for supplying, fitting and the maintenance of the defibrillator and the outside casing.

Members were informed that an appropriate location for the unit had been identified in conjunction with the Council's Technical and Burial Services Manager who had met on site with representatives of the Forum.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that permission be granted to Bynea District Forum to erect a defibrillator outside Saron Community Hall on the understanding that Cariad will be responsible for maintaining all of the equipment in accordance with the terms set out in the letter presented by the Forum to the Council in email correspondence dated 1 May, 2018.

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56. DAFEN PARK – ASTROTURF FACILITY

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal interest in the following matter as she was a Chairman of the Dafen Welfare Committee.

Further to Minute No. 433, (14 February, 2018), the Clerk sought Member guidance over the refurbishment of the astroturf facility at Dafen Park so that a preliminary report on the design concept could be compiled prior to garnering public opinion about the Council’s general plans.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. A costing exercise be undertaken on the different specifications of astroturf surfaces available (based on the current footprint) and the sources of grant funding available.
2. Community consultation be undertaken with the local sporting clubs and the public to ascertain local opinions.
3. The corresponding information referred to in 1 and 2 above be presented in a covering report to a future Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. M. V. Davies left the meeting.

57. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

**58. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
FELINFOEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIMITED**

Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a trustee of Felinfoel Executive Committee Limited and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. W. V. Thomas declared a personal interest in the following matter because he was a Council representative and member of Felinfoel Executive Committee Limited.

Members were circulated with a Statement of Accounts received from the above Management Committee.

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be made to Felinfoel Executive Committee Limited for the years ending 31 July, 2015 and 31 July, 2016, resulting in a total payment of £800.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.40 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 June, 2018, adopted by the Council.