

**16 October, 2018**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 219 – 230**

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 October, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:**

**Cllrs.**

S. M. Caiach	J. P. Hart
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	W. V. Thomas
S. M. Donoghue	I. G. Wooldridge

**219. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. S. M. Caiach be appointed Chairman Pro-Tempore.

**220. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising), T. M. Donoghue (Cllr. S. M. Donoghue deputising), P. M. Edwards, S. N. Lewis, C. A. Rees and E. Simmons.

**221. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
230(3)	S. M. Caiach	Personal interest – member, Sandy and Stradey Hall Management Committee
230(3)	M. V. Davies	Personal interest – Chairman, Sandy and Stradey Hall Management Committee
226	S. M. Donoghue	Personal interest – member of the Bynea District Forum

**222. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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

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**223. SWISS VALLEY PLAY AREA – MURAL**

Members received a request from Cllr. A. G. Morgan for a mural to be depicted on the rear wall of the play area.

The wall ran along the northern perimeter of the play area and served as a party wall with a neighbouring property. Cllr. Morgan commented that the previous occupiers of the property had consented to the wall being decorated and felt the new occupiers wouldn't object to this proposal. He suggested that he would approach an organisation to paint a mural on the wall in order to tidy up the visual appearance of the play area and deter children from daubing it with graffiti. During discussion, it was suggested that Cllr. Morgan looked to involve the local school children in the project. Furthermore, that grant funding might be obtained for the initiative based on experience of similar work in the Pemberton Ward and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The request be agreed to in principle;
2. Quotations be obtained from Splat Cymru and other similar providers for consideration at a future Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting.

**224. BUS SHELTER  
PENYBRYN/PENNANT SWISS VALLEY**

Members considered a request received from Cllr. A. G. Morgan to provide and install a bus shelter at Penybryn/Pennant, Swiss Valley.

There was currently a bus stop at the location but no shelter to protect residents during inclement weather.

**RESOLVED** that the proposal be supported in principle and that the feasibility of it be investigated with Carmarthenshire County Council and reported to a future Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting for further consideration.

**225. RoSPA PLAY SAFETY - INSPECTION REPORTS**

Members were circulated with reports prepared by Playsafety Limited appertaining to the Authority's playground equipment and surfaces.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the inspection reports be accepted.

Arising out of discussion of the above, Members enquired about the progress of removing graffiti from the play equipment at Tir Einon play area. The Clerk informed Members that a quotation had been received but unfortunately there was no budget to complete all of the suggested works in this financial year. He suggested splitting the works over the current and next financial year provided a sum of money could be vired to cover the costs of the graffiti removal this year, with the remainder of the works being deferred to next year. The cost of the graffiti removal was quoted at £650 excluding VAT.

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Members were informed the matter would be presented to the next Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting for further consideration.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**226. SARON COMMUNITY HALL  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

*Cllr. S. M. Donoghue declared a person interest in the following item as he was a member of the Bynea District Forum.*

Further to Minute No. 184, Members received further correspondence from the Chairman, Bynea District Forum informing that consultation had taken place with Saron Hall Management Committee and Bynea District Forum. The writer confirmed the hall management committee had no objection to the installation of an electrical socket to the exterior of Saron Hall and also confirmed that Bynea District Forum would be responsible for meeting the electricity supply costs for the Christmas lights over the festive period.

**RESOLVED** that the request be agreed to in principle and subject to Bynea District Forum's grant application (submitted to the Council's Community Development Grants Panel) for Christmas lights being approved.

**227. PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL  
EXTERNAL ADAPTATIONS**

Members received correspondence from Cylch Meithrin Ponthenri requesting permission from the Council to erect a demountable fence for developing an outdoor space for the children who attend Cylch Meithrin Ponthenri at Ponthenri Community Hall.

The fencing would be placed along the existing hand rail which would prevent the children from falling and would create a secure barrier. The writer was also seeking permission to erect a shed aligned to the rear of the community hall in order to store equipment. The new shed would replace the dilapidated shed that was already situated in the car park

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be supported in principle and subject to the Council receiving supplementary information about safety controls along with the dimensions of the proposed shed.

**228. LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE  
COUNCIL FACILITIES**

Members received the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager on measures to control Legionnaires' disease in water systems at Council facilities.

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Earlier this year a specialised contractor completed legionella specific risk assessments at some of the Council's facilities. It became apparent that the Council's present management policy was not complying with the latest HSE guidance.

The risk assessments had identified several areas of concern with a medium to high risk rating of potential legionella contamination in the water systems. Work had been commissioned to deal with the areas of greatest concern and further risk assessments had been arranged at the Council's remaining facilities. The results of these assessments would influence the Council's response to any measures required in the short and longer term. If control measures were to remain effective, regular monitoring of the systems and ongoing checks were essential.

This would have implications for the Council's resource base both financially and the staffing requirement to visit council property to perform the necessary tests and checks. The completion of the remaining risk assessments would influence future council policy in relation to general health and safety responsibilities and compliance with the Health and Safety Executive's Approved Code of Practice on the subject.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the report be accepted.

**229. 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.

**230. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS  
(1) FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL**

Further to Minute No. 189, Members received the Statement of Accounts from the above hall management committee.

Following discussion, Members noticed arithmetical errors and agreed that the annual grants should not be paid until the statements had been amended and re-submitted to Officers.

**RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Treasurer, Furnace Community Hall requesting amendments be made to the statement of accounts.

**(2) PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL**

Members were circulated with a Statement of Accounts received from the above hall management committee.

**RESOLVED** that the annual grant of £400 be made to Ponthenri Community Hall for the years ending 5 April, 2016 and 5 April 2017 respectively.

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**(3) SANDY AND STRADEY COMMUNITY HALL**

*Cllrs. S. M. Caiach and M. V. Davies declared personal interests in the following matter as they were both members of the Sandy and Stradey Hall Management Committee with Cllr. Davies serving as its Chairman.*

Members were circulated with a Statement of Accounts received from the above hall management committee for the year ending 31 August, 2018.

Following discussion, Members queried particular items of expenditure and pointed out arithmetical errors.

**RESOLVED** that contact be made with the Treasurer, Sandy and Stradey Community Hall requesting amendments be made to the statement of accounts following which the grant would be released.

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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 13 November, 2018, adopted by the Council.