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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 172 – 189

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, 18 September, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies J. P. Hart
T. Devichand T. J. Jones
S. M. Donoghue A. G. Morgan
W. V. Thomas

172. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, T. M. Donoghue (Cllr. S. M. Donoghue deputising) S. N. Lewis, C. A. Rees (Cllr. T. J. Jones deputising), E. Simmons and I. G. Wooldridge.

173. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
177	P. M. Edwards	Personal interest – she had made a personal donation towards the cost of the sculpture in memory of her late husband
184	S. M. Donoghue	Personal interest – member of the Bynea District Forum
185	A. G. Morgan	Personal interest – his business sponsored the rugby club

174. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

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175. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

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

176. SKATE PARK – TIR EINON PARK

Members considered correspondence from Cllr. J. P. Hart requesting the inclusion of a skate park at Tir Einon park on the Council's list of capital scheme projects and whether an estimate could be obtained for its provision.

Members supported the request in principle. However, the debate broadened to talk more about the general size of the site, especially in light of the other needs identified for the electoral ward and in particular, the desire to identify land or a building for conversion into a community hall. Officers suggested that potentially the site could be completely redeveloped to accommodate both initiatives (subject to checks).

Members were happy to support the suggestion and expressed the view that providing a community facility at this location would solve the problems associated with anti-social behaviour with it creating a more vibrant and less isolated facility. With that in mind it was suggested that the Council keep an open mind on the potential redevelopment of the site including the type of play facilities that could be provided alongside a community building and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. In the interim a cost estimate for the provision of a concrete formed skate board facility be obtained for possible inclusion on the Council's list of capital projects going forward.
2. An evaluation of the site be instigated to assess the viability of constructing a community building on the parcel of land alongside the play facilities with the results being reported back to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

**177. CYCLIST SCULPTURE
PWLL RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr. P. M. Edwards declared a personal interest in the following matter because she had made a personal donation towards the costs of the sculpture in memory of her late husband.

Members received the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of the cycle sculpture commissioned to support and commemorate the Cycle of Britain Tour 2018.

Cllr. Edwards had been in discussion with Splat Cymru on a sculpture to be situated in Pwll Park to celebrate the Cycle of Britain Tour that would begin from Pembrey Country Park on Sunday, 2 September, 2018.

The work was quoted as being £675 but with additional costs for a pole and welding of the sculpture to a pole. A sum of £500 was identified from the Community Development Budget. Cllr. Edwards had requested that the contribution of £500 previously made by her family for expenditure at Pwll Park, in memory of her late husband be used towards the cost.

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The sculpture had been temporarily installed to the rear of the tennis courts and adjacent to the Millennium Cycle Path. Temporary fencing had been placed around the sculpture until such time as measures had been put in place to ensure its integrity and its permanent re-location.

Advice had been sought from Civil and Structural Engineers about the type of foundation required for ensuring its structural stability and to rule out as much as possible injuries that could be caused by the sculpture being misused as a climbing frame by children.

A quotation had been received to visit the site, obtain costs from a geotechnical engineer, assess wind load, assess forces, the design of the foundation based on the loads and allowable ground bearing pressure and to prepare illustrated drawings and possible design of a baseplate for supporting the structure.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that recommendations set out in the report be accepted.

178. DAFEN PARK – UTILITIES

Members received the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of the transfer of accounts from Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) for electricity bills for Dafen Park.

There was no record of CCC recharging for utilities consumed at Dafen Community Hall. The meters were located within the changing room with no sub-meters to distinguish community hall use.

Electricity bills received from British Gas had been forwarded to the Council from CCC for electricity consumed at Dafen Park. British Gas had agreed to put payment demands on hold for the time being. CCC transferred the account to EDF Energy from 1 April, 2018 and similarly, EDF has agreed to put the payments on hold.

The Council's policy was that utility costs were paid/reimbursed for the first year of operation of community facilities new to the property/portfolio.

The lease for Dafen Welfare Park had not been completed but a licence to occupy the land had been granted from 1 April, 2017.

Historically, CCC had not recharged Dafen Welfare Committee for the utility bills. As such, Dafen Welfare Committee had not budgeted for the cost of utilities and could suffer hardship in having to pay all the costs.

It was not known presently whether gas and water charges would be raised by CCC or the utility companies backdated to 1 April, 2017.

In line with Council policy, Dafen Welfare Committee was responsible for utility bills from 1 April, 2018. Unexpected costs could render the welfare committee financially unviable. Therefore, the Council's policy of paying the utility costs for the first 12 months of operation

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i.e. 1 April, 2017 to 31 March, 2018, would ensure that Dafen Welfare Committee was not burdened with historical costs.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The Committee extends the Council's policy to taking on the utility costs for Dafen Hall/Park for the first 12 months of operation following transfer i.e. 1 April, 2017 to 31 March, 2018. The bill for the period 25 July to 23 August 2015 would also be paid.
2. Dafen Welfare Committee would be responsible for utility costs from 1 April, 2018 and apportioning the costs to the various users at the Park.
3. To supply and install standard energy consumption meters at £125 each to aid with the recharging of utilities by the welfare committee.
4. Further investigation be made with the Welsh Water and the gas company regarding the supply of water/gas and sub meters and report back to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

179. BUS SHELTER – GORSFACH DAFEN

Further to Minute No. 134, the Technical and Burial Services Manager informed Members that he had received information from Carmarthenshire County Council on the costs associated with replacing bus shelter panels should replacements be required at the proposed new bus shelter at Gorsfach, Dafen. A guide price of £240-£260 was received to replace a side panel and a cost of £280 for a roof sheet.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Council now proceeds to install the bus shelter and in pursuance of this a planning application be submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council for planning permission to install it.

180. DANYBANC PLAY AREA – ASSET TRANSFER

Correspondence was received from Evans Powell & Co Solicitors informing of the outcome of searches carried out at Danybanc Play Area at Felinfoel and the legal position from Carmarthenshire County Council. Members were informed the local search results had been returned with no adverse findings. However, the roadway outside the play area at 'Pleasant View' was not adopted.

The draft lease had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council but the solicitors were waiting a response to their enquiries.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted and to await further information regarding the progress with the draft lease.

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**181. COMMUNITY GARDEN – LLYS CARADOG, TRALLWM
ASSET TRANSFER**

Members received correspondence from Evans Powell & Co Solicitors in regard to the transfer of the County Council asset to the Rural Council informing that the local search results were returned with no adverse findings.

The Solicitor informed the Council that to date no lease had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted and that Carmarthenshire County Council be contacted over the receipt of the draft lease.

**182. LLANELLI GREAT PLACE SCHEME
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Correspondence was received from the Museums Development Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council informing that Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) had been successful in applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Great Place Pilot scheme on behalf of a local partnership for a project named Llanelli: Your Heritage, Your Opportunity, Your Place.

The project cash value was £250,652 of which £200,500 was grant funded from the Heritage Lottery Fund under its pilot Great Place Scheme.

The project would be based at Parc Howard Museum and would focus on building partnerships across the Town and Rural Council areas to achieve the project goals over two years.

The Museums Development Manager was requesting the Council to enter into a partnership agreement via a Memorandum of Understanding with the other project partners namely CCC and Llanelli Town Council and by contributing £750 per annum for two years as match funding in order to progress the project and draw down the Heritage Lottery Fund Award. A steering group to oversee the project was to be established and the Council could nominate two representatives to serve on it.

Following discussion, whereby Members welcomed the opportunity to be involved in the scheme, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The partnership agreement be agreed to;
2. The Council contributes £750 per annum for two years; and
3. Members will represent the Council on future steering group meetings.

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**183. PONTHENRI COMMUNITY HALL
CHRISTMAS TREE**

Correspondence was received from Ponthenri Hall Management Committee requesting permission for the installation of a Christmas tree and associated works at Ponthenri Recreation Ground. During discussion, the local ward Member suggested that perhaps a more suitable place for the Christmas tree would be in the village square and it was

RESOLVED that Officers and local ward Members meet with Ponthenri Hall Management Committee on site to discuss the best location for the Christmas tree but in any event the application be supported in principle.

**184. SARON COMMUNITY HALL
CHRISTMAS TREE**

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

Members considered correspondence from the Chairman, Bynea District Forum requesting permission for the installation of an external electrical socket for the installation of external Christmas lights at Saron Community Hall over the festive period.

Following discussion, Members felt that the application should be made by the Saron Hall Management Committee as it would be responsible for meeting the electricity supply costs over the festive period, it was

RESOLVED that the application be deferred and kept in abeyance until the Saron Hall Management Committee came forward with the request.

**185. HOSPITALITY TRAILER
FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal interest in the following matter being a business sponsor of the rugby club.

Further to Minute No. 514 (17 April, 2018), Members received a letter informing that Felinfoel RFC had submitted a planning application to Carmarthenshire County Council for the permanent secure storage of the club's hospitality trailer at Felinfoel Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

186. 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.

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**187. DAFEN PARK – CAR PARK
RESURFACING WORKS**

Members considered the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager on tenders received for the resurfacing works at Dafen Car Park as follows:

1. £11,985.50
2. £10,925.61
3. £ 7,055.00

Resurfacing the car park would improve the facilities for members of the public using the park. The new marked out bays would improve the capacity of the car park and provide a safer environment.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Gwendraeth Valley Tarmac Limited, Ffrwd Vale Garage, Pontyates, Llanelli, SA15 5UF, in the sum of £7,055.00 excluding VAT be accepted.

**188. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
(1) FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL
(2) SARON COMMUNITY HALL**

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

RESOLVED that an annual grant of £400 be made to Five Roads Community Hall for the year ending 31 March, 2018 and Saron Community Hall for the year ending 31 December, 2017 respectively.

**189. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
(1) FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL
(2) TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL**

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of outstanding submission of Statement of Accounts for the above Hall Management Committees.

Repeated requests had been made to the Treasurers of both Furnace and Trallwm Community Halls for Statement of Accounts to be submitted.

The Heads of Agreement stated that hall committees must submit annual audited Statement of Accounts on the pro-forma form supplied. Following acceptance of the statement by the Recreation and Welfare Committee a grant of £400 was made.

Following discussion, whereby Members were disappointed that the Statement of Accounts had not been received despite requests from the Council, it was

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RESOLVED that letters be sent to the Treasurers of Furnace and Trallwm Community Hall requesting the outstanding Statement of Accounts to be received no later than 9 October, 2018, to enable inclusion on the next Recreation and Welfare Committee agenda.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.10 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 9 October, 2018, adopted by the Council.