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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 280 – 294

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, 20 November, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

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

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

280. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

281. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
285	M. V. Davies	Personal interest – Chairman, Sandy and Stradey Hall Management Committee
285	P. M. Edwards	Personal interest – member, Sandy and Stradey Hall Management Committee
288(2)	P. M. Edwards	Personal and Prejudicial interest – she had made a personal donation towards the cost of the sculpture in memory of her late husband
294	W. V. Thomas	Personal interest – member, Felinfoel Executive Committee

282. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

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**283. TRANSFER OF ASSETS –
(1) PENYGRAIG PLAY AREA**

Members received a request from Cllr. S. M. Donoghue for the Council to reprioritise the provision of a play area for the residents of Penygraig on the Council's list of capital schemes and for it to be included in the budget 2019/20.

Section 106 monies had been potentially secured from Carmarthenshire County Council which could be used as match funding along with grant applications for the new play area. Furthermore a site for the play area had been identified at Parc Richard.

During discussion, Members suggested that a consultation exercise be undertaken with the neighbouring properties at Parc Richard to garner opinion about the proposed location and moreover a tree survey be undertaken to assess the stability and condition of the trees lining the perimeter of the proposed site should the asset transfer be agreed with Carmarthenshire County Council and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The Council shall submit an expression of interest to Carmarthenshire County Council over the possible transfer of the land identified at Parc Richard for the purpose of constructing a play area for residents at Penygraig.
2. A consultation exercise be undertaken with the residents living in the close vicinity of the proposed play area to garner support for the facility.
3. Subject to 1 and 2 above, the proposed scheme shall be included on the Council's list of capital schemes for 2019/20.
4. All methods of funding the initiative shall be investigated including utilising Section 106 monies and grant aid.

(2) YSPITTY ROAD PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Carmarthenshire County Council enquiring whether the Council would consider the asset transfer of the play area at Yspitty Road, Bynea.

Members were informed that Section 106 monies had been secured for maintaining the play area. Following discussion,

RESOLVED that the request be supported and that the necessary arrangements be put in place to enact the asset transfer of the play area.

**284. SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL
STRUCTURAL APPRAISAL**

Members received a structural appraisal report about Swiss Valley Community Hall from the Engineer, Roger Casey Associates.

It was reported that cracking had been noted to some walls and to the floor slab in the area joining the extension to the building.

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Following discussion of the report, it was

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that arrangements be put in place to carry out the necessary repairs and remedial work.

285. SANDY AND STRADEY COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. M. V. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was the Chairman, Sandy and Stradey Community Hall Management Committee. Cllr. P. M. Edwards declared a personal interest in the following matter as she was a member of the Sandy and Stradey Community Hall Management Committee.

Email correspondence was received from the Secretary, Sandy and Stradey Community Hall enquiring whether the Council could procure five additional permanent tables for the hall and a new kitchen and that the items be included in the Council's budget for 2019/20.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the requested be supported.

**286. FIVE ROADS RECREATION GROUND
TREE PLANTING**

Members received correspondence from the Chairman, Five Roads Heritage Society requesting the Council's permission to plant trees at Five Roads Recreation Ground.

Members were informed that Five Roads Heritage Society together with Five Roads W.I. would like to purchase trees from the local Woodland Trust and plant them in Five Roads Recreation Ground. The trees would replace the failed oak tree that represents the Queen's jubilee. A silver birch to commemorate the centenary of the end of the great war and a group of trees planted by the W.I. to help towards conservation and fight climate change.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be supported but first and foremost a meeting be arranged with the Chairman, Five Roads Heritage Society, local Ward Members and the Technical and Burial Services Manager to discuss where the trees should be planted so that they do not impinge upon site infrastructure and neighbouring development.

287. PONTHENRI RECREATION GROUND

Members received email correspondence from Ponthenri Juniors, Ponthenri AFC requesting the Council's permission to have sole use of the recreation ground facilities to run football and touch/tag rugby sessions for children 14 years and under.

During discussion, the Technical and Burial Services Manager informed Members that the showers would not be accessible to the club, and it was

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RESOLVED that the request be supported subject to the team complying with the Bond agreement together with the 'Terms and Conditions of Use' contract required from sporting teams using the Council's sporting facilities.

**288. PWLL RECREATION GROUND
(1) PWLL PARK RUN**

Correspondence was received from the Co-Event Director, Llanelli Coast Office requesting the Council's permission to hold weekly park runs at Pwll Recreation Ground.

The Llanelli Coast park run was established in the summer 2015 and originally had permission from Carmarthenshire County Council to hold the weekly park runs. Due to the asset transfer of the recreation ground to the Council the Llanelli Coast Office was now requesting permission to continue with the weekly park runs, and it was

RESOLVED that permission be given to Llanelli Coast Office to continue holding the weekly park runs at Pwll Recreation Ground subject to the necessary insurance and health and safety documents submitted by the organisation in support of the request being deemed satisfactory.

(2) CYCLIST SCULPTURE

Cllr. P. M. Edwards declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter because she had made a personal donation towards the costs of the sculpture in memory of her late husband and left the meeting before the matter was discussed. Cllr. S. N. Lewis (Vice Chairman) took the chair during her absence.

Further to Minute No. 177, correspondence was received from G T Ironworks recommending that in view of the condition of the welded joints, the cyclist sculpture be broken down and assessed and removed from site.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the sculpture be removed from site to eliminate risk to the public and estimates be obtained to repair and possibly re-position it in a more suitable location at Pwll Recreation Ground. Furthermore, that all associated costs be reported to committee in due course.

Cllrs. P. M. Edwards re-joined the meeting and resumed her role as Chair.

289. STATUTORY PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

Members received correspondence (including a survey questionnaire) from the Play Sufficiency Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council informing that Carmarthenshire's Statutory Play Sufficiency Assessment was due to be submitted to the Welsh Government on 31 March, 2019.

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The assessment aimed to cover a range of factors that affect children and young people's opportunities to play.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Technical and Burial Services Manager be authorised to complete the survey questionnaire.

290. DAFEN PARK – GROUNDWORK WALES

Email correspondence was received from Groundwork Wales requesting permission to use Dafen Park for organised play events.

Groundwork Wales delivered outdoor play sessions to children and families in communities across Wales which was funded by Tesco Bags for Help. Working with local authorities, housing associations and other third sector organisations, Groundwork Wales identified the communities most in need of play provision.

Following discussion, Members welcomed the initiative but felt further assurances were necessary in regard to the health and safety documentation received and the control measures to be put in place before contemplating utilising council facilities and it was

RESOLVED that the request be held in abeyance for the time being and that if deemed appropriate a meeting be convened in the New Year with representatives of Groundwork Wales to further assess whether an agreement over the use of the park's facilities can be accommodated for next year.

291. 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.

292. TIR EINON PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 225, Members considered a quotation received for the removal of graffiti at Tir Einon play area.

The Clerk informed Members that there was currently no budget available to provide for all the recommended works and suggested spreading the cost of the proposed refurbishment over the current and next financial year. However, a small amount of money had been identified to remove the graffiti from the plastic panels of the playground equipment.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

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1. The quotation in the sum of £710.00 plus VAT from M&S Exterior Cleaning Ltd, 14 Pentre Doc Y Gogledd, Llanelli, SA15 2JW, be agreed to for the graffiti removal but also to include and provide for the cleaning of concrete furniture;
2. The remaining element of the quotation for the cleaning and treatment of the tarmac and wetpour surfaces shall be included in the budget for 2019/20.

**293. PONTHENRI RECREATION GROUND
SKATE PARK**

The Technical and Burial Services Manager informed Members that due to the condition and age of the skate park at Ponthenri Recreation Ground it was necessary to arrange for the removal of the equipment as soon as possible. As a stop gap measure it was recommended that the area be fenced off until the work could be arranged.

Members were informed it was proposed to purchase safety fencing to erect around the area which would make the area safe and secure in the interim and until such time when a decision was reached over the future use of the skate park area.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that safety fencing be purchased and erected around the skate park area at Ponthenri Recreation Ground.

**294. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
FELINFOEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LTD**

Cllr. W. V. Thomas declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a member of the Felinfoel Executive Committee LTD.

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

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be made to Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd for years ending 31 July, 2017 and 31 July, 2018, resulting in a total payment of £800.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.25 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 11 December, 2018, adopted by the Council.