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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 340 – 348

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 January, 2019, at 4.45 p.m.

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

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

340. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

341. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. T. M. Donoghue declared a personal interest in Minute No. 347, as she was the Chairman, Trallwm Hall Management Committee.

342. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

343. STREET BUDDIES

Members received a progress report from the Community Development Officer on the Street Buddies project detailing the work done to date and future plans.

A steering group consisting of officers from Carmarthenshire Housing, Communities for Work+, Dewis, Fusion, Llanelli Rural and Town Councils, Tempo Time Credits and Ymlaen Llanelli had been established and met on four occasions in 2018.

This had enabled two community events, a focus group session and a volunteer recruitment day held in February and November 2018. The feedback received at those meetings had helped the steering group produce a role description whilst also providing areas to focus on as the project was rolled out.

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Monthly Street Buddies Network meetings would be co-produced by the steering group and volunteers who would set the following meeting agendas. Each meeting would look to have a guest speaker/training element whilst also allowing the volunteers to network together. The first meeting was due to be held on Wednesday, 16 January, 2019.

An Awards for All Wales funding bid was to be submitted to cover identified costs and the Council would act as partner lead on the application.

The Council was working with a number of partners and was open to working with more. One of the project objectives was to reduce isolation and improve well-being. This met a few National Well-being Goals (Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act). It also met recommendations set out in Welsh Government's report on 'A review on the basic principles of sustainable community-based volunteering approaches to tackling loneliness and social isolation among older people'.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

344. FOOTWAY LIGHTING – BYNEA

Correspondence was received from Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the cost for three footway lighting lanterns at Yspitty Road, Bynea.

Columns would not be required for the lights because the lights could be attached to the existing wooden electricity poles which the County Council could supply and fit new brackets and lanterns to. The cost per lantern fitted with new supply would be £575 plus VAT. The annual maintenance and energy cost would be £32.26 each and this cost would have to be met by the Council.

Following discussion, Members enquired if there was Section 106 money available to fund the installation costs given the amount of new housing being built in the Bynea Ward and it was

RESOLVED that in the first instance enquiries be made with Carmarthenshire County Council to establish if Section 106 money was available. If the money was not available then the cost estimate for the provision of the lights shall be included for consideration in the Council's draft estimates of income and expenditure.

345. BYNEA SQUARE – STREET BENCHES

Members received correspondence from Bynea District Forum requesting permission to install three additional street benches at Bynea Square. The benches would be procured by Bynea District Forum.

Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that the request be supported and permission be given to Bynea District Forum to install the three benches.

346. 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.

347. TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. T. M. Donoghue declared a personal interest in the following matter as she was the Chairman of the hall management committee.

Members received email correspondence from Cllr. S. M. Donoghue highlighting the issues concerning the hiring of the Trallwm community hall and changing room facilities.

Cllr. T. M. Donoghue also provided further information about the ongoing issues in support of the email and following a lengthy discussion by Members, it was

RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged between Council officers, Trallwm Hall Management Committee and Trallwm AFC committee to discuss the ongoing issues and that a further report shall be submitted to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee in respect of the possible remedies in so far as matters could be influenced by the Council's direct intervention.

348. DAFEN PARK – ASTROTURF FACILITY

Further to Minute No. 133, Members considered the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager on quotations received to deliver architectural and quantity surveyor services for the redevelopment of the sports facility at Dafen Park. Following consideration of the report and the quotations received, it was

RESOLVED that the quotation received in the sum of £4,500 plus VAT from W. Griffiths Architects, Falcon Chambers, Thomas Street, Llanelli, SA15 3JB, shall be accepted in support of the project.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.35 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 February, 2019, adopted by the Council.