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505. DAFEN PARK – FOOTWAY LIGHTING

Members received a schedule of costs for 2018/19 from Carmarthenshire County Council on the footway lighting columns at Dafen Park. These costs had not been presented to the Council by the County Council when due diligence was being performed on the potential asset transfer of the park. The costs were quite significant.

The Deputy Clerk informed Members that no budget provision had been made for the costs and Dafen Park was still under licence awaiting the asset transfer documents from Carmarthenshire County Council.

Following discussion, Members felt that the Council should not be held liable for the costs and reiterated the fact that Dafen Park was still under licence from Carmarthenshire County Council, and it was

RESOLVED that Officers liaise with Carmarthenshire County Council to challenge the footway lighting costs stating that no budget provision had been made for the footway lighting columns and that the costs were significantly higher in comparison to other footway lighting charges received from the County Council.

506. DRAFT LOCAL TOILET STRATEGY

A consultation document was received from the Waste and Environmental Services, Carmarthenshire County Council seeking the views about its draft local toilets strategy.

Following discussion, whereby Members supported the consultation document and strongly agreed for public toilets to stay open, free of charge, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The Clerk responds to the questionnaire highlighting Members view and opinions.
2. The consultation document also be circulated to all Members to enable them to respond to the questionnaire on an individual basis if they so wish.

507. 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.

508. LLWYNHENDY LIBRARY

Cllrs. S. L. Davies and J. P. Hart declared a personal interest in the following item due to their involvement in preliminary discussions over the potential community asset transfer of Llwynhendy Library in their respective capacities as County and local Councillors for the area and both members also being involved with various local groups.

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Further to Minute No. 421, Members received the report of the Community Development Officer providing Members with an update on recent developments regarding Llwynhendy library and its surrounding area.

A working group had been established between representatives of Llanelli Rural Council, Carmarthenshire County Council leisure, library, corporate property, economic development and housing services along with elected Members as well as a representative from the 'Our Llwynhendy' a local community group.

Initial discussions on the future development of the site had focused on extending the library building and installing a play area on the grassed land area. After consultations, there was a need for a community hub-type building. For example the building, whilst continuing with the library provision could cater for the identified needs amongst young people from ages 11+, the elderly, IT and Wi-fi access, community meeting rooms, hot desk space for services such as well-being and community safety, a café, a multi-purpose hall area etc.

The next step would be for the Council to prepare a project brief incorporating the suggested needs and approach the Council's architect to develop a site plan. This would then be presented to the Head of Leisure, Carmarthenshire County Council for consideration.

During discussion reference was made to the Environmental Strategy for the library site published by Sylfaen Cynefin in February 2008 on behalf of the former Llwynhendy Communities First Partnership. The report had identified water issues with Gwili field and it was recognised the water issues could have an adverse impact on the potential development of the land, bearing significant cost to remedy.

Following general discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted and to await further updates.

**509. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
(1) SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL**

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

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be made to Swiss Valley Community Hall Committee for the year ending 31 May, 2018.

(2) DAFEN COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was a member of Dafen Hall Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was Chairman, Dafen Hall Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

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

RESOLVED that that the annual grant of £400 be made to Dafen Community Hall Committee for the year ending 28 April, 2018.

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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 14 May, 2019, adopted by the Council.