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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 83 – 89

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 June, 2019, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	T. J. Jones
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	R. L. Najmi
S. M. Donoghue	W. V. Thomas
J. P. Hart	I. G. Wooldridge

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue (Cllr. S. M. Donoghue deputising), S. N. Lewis and E. Simmons (Cllr. R. L. Najmi deputising).

84. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 88, as he was a sponsor of Felinfoel RFC.

85. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

86. DWYFOR GROWING SPACE

Further to Minute No. 431 (14 February, 2018, refers), Members received an update report from the Community Development Officer informing of the community asset transfer of the Dwyfor growing space in Llwynhendy.

Dwyfor Growing Space was situated on land owned by Carmarthenshire County Council. The project started out as a Communities First scheme, and was now managed by Llys Caradog Children's Centre. Past projects at the site had failed due to the lack of interest and the site was now overgrown. However, the site infrastructure was found to be in an acceptable condition.

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The space was land locked by the back gardens of the terraced houses on Llys Caradog, Dwyfor, Brynsierfel and Lon Ceiriog. Entrance for vehicles was via a lane off Dwyfor. There was decent parking outside the perimeter fencing at the entrance to the gardens.

Currently most of the site was overgrown. However, in terms of site infrastructure there was a complimentary shed space for the plots. There was secure fencing surrounding the perimeter of the site which safeguarded against anti-social behaviour.

Funding for a community project, dependant on the project lead, could be accessible via lottery grants, trust funds and Invest Local Llwynhendy.

Members were informed of a recent site meeting to establish the way forward and how the site might be managed. Contact had also been made with officers from the Incredible Edible organisation who had provided some valuable guidance on how to utilise the growing space.

Members commented that the £10,000 secured funding from Carmarthenshire County Council should be requested before any work commences and as part of the formal transfer process.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The information be noted and to await further developments.
2. The offer of £10,000 grant support towards the potential transfer of land be requested from Carmarthenshire County Council before the lease is signed by both parties.

87. GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Email correspondence was received from Mr G Gilroy, Gaelic Football Club, who was requesting permission to use one of the recreation grounds in the Rural Council's area to start a Gaelic Football team.

Following discussion, Members queried the timing of the Gaelic Football playing season and whether this might conflict with other sports users' activities at each of the Council's grounds but suggested that Pwll Recreation Ground might be a potential area of interest due to the second field being vacant and with it having changing room facilities on site.

RESOLVED that Officers contact Mr Gilroy and Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee to establish if the second pitch at Pwll recreation ground could be used but the potential costs be established to form part of any ongoing discussion.

88. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND A VIEWING BALCONY AT FELINFOEL RESOURCE CENTRE

Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as he was a sponsor of Felinfoel RFC and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

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Correspondence was received from the Secretaries, Felinfoel AFC, RFC and the Chairman of Felinfoel Cricket Club requesting the provision of public conveniences at the recreation ground and also a viewing balcony at the Felinfoel Resource Centre.

Due to the large volume of spectators that attend to watch the sporting games at Felinfoel recreation ground there were no public conveniences available to them. To rectify this, a portaloos had been hired to deal with the provision of public conveniences but one portaloos was not sufficient and not a long term solution.

The club secretaries requested in principle permission from the Council to consider providing a permanent toilet facility for the public to use on match days and also a balcony on the first floor to enhance the facility for spectator's to use during match days. In making the request the writers recognised that the provision of these extra facilities would be subject to grant funding and not necessarily through the Council acting as the main project lead.

Following a lengthy discussion, Members agreed that public conveniences were needed but the erection of a balcony was not essential. Concern was expressed that the Council's capital projects were growing steadily and Members commented upon what had already been agreed for the current financial year and what was in the pipeline in the future and it was

RESOLVED that the request be supported in principle for the provision of public conveniences but the clubs will be responsible for seeking grant funding opportunities as well as other fund raising activities towards their provision. Moreover and given the balcony was not viewed as essential permission for this be refused.

Cllr. A. G. Morgan re-joined the meeting.

89. LLWYNHENDY LIBRARY

Further to Minute No. 508 (16 April, 2019, refers) Members were informed that ongoing preliminary meetings had taken place with Local Ward Members and Officers including the Head of Leisure, Head of Corporate Property, Carmarthenshire County Council about the potential asset transfer and extension of the library to support community purposes.

A draft project brief had been compiled by the Community Development Officer and this would be discussed at the next local stakeholder meeting scheduled in July before arranging for an illustrative plan to be drawn up as requested by the Head of Leisure.

Following discussion, it was

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

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The Meeting concluded at 5.55 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 July, 2019, adopted by the Council.