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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 229 – 237

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 October, 2019, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

229. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Mrs Joan Linsell, former luncheon club supervisor and wife of the former Cllr. L. S. Linsell and as a mark of respect members and officers stood in silent tribute.

230. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue (Cllr. S. M. Donoghue deputising), E. Simmons and I. G. Wooldridge.

231. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in Minute No. 233, as she was involved with discussions in her capacity as a county councillor for the area.

232. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

Further to Minute No. 184 and arising out of discussion of the above, the Technical and Burial Services Manager informed members of the continued anti-social behaviour at Felinfoel Recreation Ground with the police having to attend at the centre. The Technical and Burial Services Manager informed members that the police were going to enhance their presence at the recreation ground in order to restore control and local order. PC S Morris

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would be attending the next Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting to be held on 19 November, 2019, to inform members of the new policing arrangements and structure.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**233. LLWYNHENDY LIBRARY
FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT BRIEF**

Cllr. S L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following item as she was involved with discussions in her capacity as a county councillor for the area.

Further to Minute No. 220(2), members received a verbal report from the Community Development Officer providing an update on recent developments regarding the community asset transfer of the library building and fields at Heol Gwili, Llwynhendy.

The Community Development Officer informed members that only one organisation had submitted a sealed bid for the work out of a possible six consultants. Four consultants had responded stating that they could not accommodate the timescale set out for completing the work.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the matter be referred back to the steering group for its comments on how best to proceed in light of the feedback received from consultants about the original timescales not being achievable and because the cost of the project brief was being met by 'Our Llwynhendy'.

**234. SANDY COMMUNITY HALL
PARKING ISSUES**

Members were informed of parking issues at Sandy Community Hall.

On occasions hall users were prevented from parking at the community hall car park due to a vehicle blocking the entrance by parking in front of the gates.

The lane servicing the car park entrance was privately owned and the council had sought permission from the land owner to discuss the possibility of laying road markings in front of the entrance along with other measures to serve as a visual deterrent to help combat the problem.

During discussion of some of the other measures, members felt it was appropriate to deal with the issue by adopting a phased approach and suggested in the first instance that a letter be sent to the vehicle owner requesting the individual to stop parking in front of the gates. If the issue continued officers should make enquiries with the police on how best to resolve the issue.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the vehicle owner and that the Technical and Burial Services Manager also discuss the issue with the police but if ultimately these two measures

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were deemed ineffective then the matter of laying road markings be investigated and reported back to committee.

**235. FOOTWAY LIGHTING
LLETHRI ROAD**

Correspondence was received from the Environment Department, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) informing of a request that had been received from a resident of Llethri Road, Swiss Valley for the removal of a lighting column.

Members noted that CCC had already removed the fuse (without the council's consent) and had apparently explained to the resident that this was a temporary measure until the Rural Council had been informed and consent given for the removal of the lighting column.

Subsequently to the receipt of the first email communication from CCC, a further email had been received stating another neighbour had objected to the request stating that he was disabled and required the lighting column because it was too dark without the street light.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the lighting column fuse be reinstated and permission to remove the lighting column be refused.

236. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

237. TRALLWM PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 220(4), the Clerk provided an information update on progress. The Clerk stated it had been difficult to arrange a mutually convenient date for everyone to attend a meeting but he would persevere in the hope of setting up a meeting as quickly as possible.

During the update, members were also presented with a Section 106 draw-down procedure document (circulated with the agenda) received from Mr Ian Llewellyn, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) showing via a flow chart the procedure on how Section 106 monies were generally allocated. This was duly considered in terms of the allocations earmarked for the Bynea electoral ward.

The Community Development Officer then informed members about the planned consultation arrangements. The first phase of this had been organised with the schools in the Bynea and Pemberton electoral wards on Monday, 21 October, 2019, at Trallwm Community Hall in order to garner information on what play equipment the children would like to have installed in the new play area.

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During general discussion, members challenged once again the level of section 106 monies being made available to support the scheme on the basis that a significant amount of section 106 money had been assigned to the Bynea electoral ward and therefore this particular scheme should be assigned a larger capital contribution.

It was also felt that until the exact amount of funding could be determined then the council should not proceed with the first phase of the planned consultation exercise and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The information update be noted.
1. A meeting with officers and representatives of Carmarthenshire County Council together with the Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council, Leader of Council and the Bynea local ward members be arranged as soon as possible to discuss the section 106 capital contribution.
2. The consultation exercise scheduled for Monday, 21 October, 2019, be postponed for the time being.

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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 12 November, 2019, adopted by the Council.