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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 277 – 287

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, 19 November, 2019, at 4.45 p.m.

Present:

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	J. P. Hart
S. L. Davies	T. J. Jones
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
H. J. Evans	I. G. Wooldridge

277. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO - TEMPORE

RESOLVED that Cllr. T. J. Jones be appointed Chairman pro-tempore.

278. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue, P. M. Edwards and W. V. Thomas (Cllr. H. J. Evans deputising).

279. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
283	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – she was involved in the matter in her capacity as a Carmarthenshire County Councillor.
285	M. V. Davies	Personal interest – Member of Sandy & Stradey Community Hall Committee
285	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – Member of Dafen Hall Management Committee.
285	T. Devichand	Personal interest – Chairman of Dafen Hall Management Committee.

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280. COUNCIL PLAY AREAS AND RECREATION GROUNDS

Further to Minute No. 184, the Chairman welcomed PC Steve Morris 374, Crime Prevention Officer, Dyfed Powys Police to the meeting and invited him to address members.

PC Morris thanked members for the invitation to attend the meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour and the Environmental Visual Audit report that was compiled for Felinfoel Recreation Ground.

Anti-social behaviour covered a wide range of activities that could cause alarm or distress to individuals or communities as a whole. Examples of these could include excessive noise, dog fouling, verbal harassment, civil disputes and inappropriate use of a vehicle. PC Morris encouraged members to report any anti-social behaviour especially if it was ongoing. Reporting anti-social behaviour ensured it could be tackled and any patterns could be identified and would ensure Dyfed Powys Police targeted the correct areas. It was important that evidence was accurately recorded to take legal action.

PC Morris informed members that last month, work was underway to strengthen the Neighbourhood Policing delivery. This was to ensure that police community support officers (PCSOs) gathered intelligence and were directed to the areas in which they were needed the most.

Following discussion, PC Morris informed members that Sergeant Gemma Davies had taken over the Carmarthenshire area watch and would be based at Llwynhendy Police Station. Members suggested that Sergeant Davies attend a future Council meeting to inform members of the new policing structure and how she was proposing to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Attention then turned to combatting anti-social behaviour specifically in play areas and parks and the value of making simple step changes as identified in the report prepared for Felinfoel Recreation Ground. Members commented there was value in extending this approach to other ward areas.

The Chairman thanked PC Morris for attending the meeting, and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The information be noted.
2. Sergeant Gemma Davies be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

281. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

**282. GLYN WARD
(1) PONTHENRI PLAY AREA**

Further to Minute No. 186(1), the Technical and Burial Services Manager updated members on the recent community action in Ponthenri regarding the play facilities.

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A meeting was held on 16 October, 2019 at Ponthenri Community Hall where members, officers and residents attended to discuss the play area. Matters were raised by residents regarding the safety of the current play equipment and flooring, the condition of the skate park area and the lack of disabled friendly equipment. Residents felt that investment in Ponthenri was not equal to other council areas.

Officers informed residents of the council's capital scheme and budget procedures with regards to funding new play equipment and how budgets were calculated annually. Explanations were also provided on inspection of play areas.

It was agreed at the meeting that in order to have a positive impact and build better relations, that a new community group be established in order to support efforts for a new play area. Residents interested in joining the group were invited to a meeting held on 30 October, 2019, to meet council representatives.

The meeting held on 30 October, 2019, discussed improving the overall park area, which included the playing fields, stake park, basketball court, footpaths and benches. Thus providing a space for people of all ages to enjoy.

The residents in attendance at this meeting agreed to form a community group and in turn to set up a constitution and appoint officers for their management committee. Residents agreed to work with local ward members and officers in order to highlight their case for an improved play area in Ponthenri.

Following discussion, members were informed that the play equipment had been examined by a firm to British Standard and was found to be at low risk.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The report be noted.
- (2) To work positively with the new community group to explore all avenues of fundraising for the park.

(2) FIVE ROADS RECREATION GROUND - FOOTPATH

Members received correspondence from a resident at Five Roads enquiring if the footpath at the recreation ground could be extended to enable safe passage for the children attending Five Roads Primary School. The main issue being parked vehicles were obstructing the pavement on the main highway thus preventing safe passage for pedestrians by forcing them to walk around the vehicles on the road.

Following discussion, during which members suggested that villages should contact Carmarthenshire County Council to have double yellow lines painted on the road to stop people parking on the pavements, it was

RESOLVED that a costing exercise be undertaken to extend the tarmac footpath through the recreation ground and the results be reported back to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

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283. DWYFOR GROWING SPACE

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. 86, Cllr. Davies informed members that secured funding of £25,000 had been ring fenced for Dwyfor Growing Space from Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Clerk stated the secured funding would be used for the on-going maintenance at Dwyfor Growing Space. Members were informed that the contribution for the upkeep of the site ought to form part of the official asset transfer of the site with reference being made to it in the formal lease. The lease would now be presented for member approval at the next Council meeting scheduled for 10 December, 2019. In order to draw down the funding Carmarthenshire County Council's Housing Officers required a plan setting out the future vision for the site and proposals for its ongoing maintenance. This would also be presented for consideration at the December council meeting.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

284. PWLL RECREATION GROUND

Correspondence was received from Llanelli U3A Committee requesting permission to have a permanent fenced off site at Pwll Recreation Ground that could be used for playing boules.

Following discussion, the Clerk informed members that the Llanelli U3A currently use the old artificial cricket wicket at Pwll and an estimated figure of £20,000 would be required to fund a new boules surface.

During discussion, members were happy for the group to continue using the artificial cricket wicket for facilitating games especially as the level of demand could not justify the additional expenditure associated with developing a purpose built boules facility and it was

RESOLVED that the request for a purpose built facility be refused but the Llanelli U3A may continue to use the artificial cricket wicket for facilitating games if it so wished.

285. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
(1) DAFEN WELFARE PARK COMMUNITY HALL
(2) SANDY & STRADEY COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in item (1) as she was a member of Dafen Hall Management Committee. Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal interest in item (1) as she was Chairman, Dafen Hall Management Committee. Cllr. M. V. Davies declared a personal interest in item (2) as he was a member of Sandy and Stradey Community Hall.

Members were circulated with statement of accounts received from the above management committees.

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RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 for each hall be made to Dafen Welfare Park Community Hall for the year ending 28 April, 2019 and to Sandy & Stradey Community Hall for the year ending 31 August, 2019.

Cllr. A. G. Morgan left the meeting.

286. 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.

287. DANYBANC PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 180 (18 September, 2018 refers), members considered the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager on quotations received for the refurbishment of the play equipment at Danybanc Play Area, Felinfoel.

The current play equipment was no longer fit for purpose and was proving difficult to repair. The existing play equipment provided little in the way of play experience. There was currently no swings provided. The new range of play equipment proposed would provide a challenging and fun play environment for a range of ages and abilities.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the quotation in the sum of £19,957 plus VAT from Dragon Play and Sports, Britannia House, Caerphilly Business Park, Van Road, Caerphilly, CF83 3GG be accepted.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. I. G. Wooldridge left the meeting.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.10 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 10 December, 2019, adopted by the Council.