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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 322 – 332

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, 17 December, 2019, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	W. V. Thomas

Absent: E. Simmons

322. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue, J. P. Hart, T. J. Jones, I. G. Wooldridge.

323. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
326	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial interest – Member of Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum
326	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest – Member of Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum
327	M. V. Davies	Personal interest – Member of Sandy and Stradey Community Hall
327	P. M. Edwards	Personal interest – Member of Sandy and Stradey Community Hall
332	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – Member of the Llwynhendy Library asset transfer working group in her capacity as a county councillor

324. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

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325. TIME CREDITS

Members received the 'year 4' progress report from the council's Community Development Officer and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the progress report be noted.

**326. LLWYNHENDY AND PEMBERTON FORUM
FOODBANK**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as she was a member, Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as she was a member Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members received correspondence from Cllr. S. L. Davies requesting financial assistance for the Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum foodbank.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that a contribution of £1,000 be made to the Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum foodbank but any future requests for financial assistance was to be accompanied by supporting financial documentation.

327. SANDY AND STRADEY COMMUNITY HALL

Cllr. M. V. Davies declared a personal interest in the following item as he was a member of the Sandy and Stradey Community Hall Committee. Cllr. P. M. Edwards declared a personal interest in the following item as she was a member of the Sandy and Stradey Community Hall Committee.

Correspondence was received from the Secretary, Sandy and Stradey Community Hall requesting permission to change the timer on the boiler at the community hall.

The system would be funded by the community hall and if agreed the control of the heating could be done remotely enabling a more efficient timing system to be put in place to improve the efficiency of the heating system.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be supported and the timer controls be changed on the boiler to a smart phone controlled system at the hall.

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328. HEART OF WALES LINE TRAIL

Members considered correspondence from the Trail Steering Group, Heart of Wales Line Trail informing of their Action Plan for 2019.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that a representative of the Heart of Wales Line Trail be invited to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee to give a presentation to members about the proposals set out in the Action Plan.

329. 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.

**330. CAMBRIAN HERITAGE REGENERATION TRUST (CHRT)
LLANELLY HOUSE**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting trustees Alison Evans, Dr. Kevin Jones and Mrs Mary Owens, to discuss the ongoing sustainability of Llanelly House and invited them to address members.

Mrs Evans thanked members for the opportunity to attend the meeting and then guided members through a set of presentation slides highlighting the twenty year project to bring Llanelly House back to life as part of the regeneration of the town centre and also key elements of the revised business plan and the financial support required over the short to medium term.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman thanked the trustees for attending the meeting and for contributing to a very informative discussion.

The trustees thereupon left the meeting.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and should a request for financial assistance be followed up and submitted by the trustees that this be respectfully declined for the financial year commencing on 1 April, 2020, however, notwithstanding this, the trustees would be welcome to reapply for financial assistance in the future if so desired.

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**331. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
RISK ASSESSMENT**

Members considered the fire risk assessment for Felinfoel Community Resource Centre which was provided by a Fire Safety Consultant and former employee of Mid and West Wales Fire Authority.

The Technical and Burial Services Manager informed members about the issues that had evolved at the centre, partly due to the evolution of the use of the building and the occupation of part of the first floor by a sitting tenant, via a lease arrangement entered into with the local management committee.

Following a lengthy discussion about the key steps to be taken it was

RESOLVED that members of the Recreation and Welfare sub-committee attend a site meeting at the centre in order to assess the practical issues associated with the use of the building and in support of this initial measure that an invitation be extended to the current tenant to nominate a representative to also attend the site visit to discuss key health and safety issues identified in the Fire Risk Assessment.

**332. FEASIBILITY STUDY BRIEF
LLWYNHENDY LIBRARY**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following item as she was a member of the Llwynhendy Library asset transfer working group in her capacity as a county councillor.

Further to Minute No. 233, members considered the report of the Community Development Officer informing of the quotations received for the feasibility study for the development of a community hub building and outdoor space at Llwynhendy Library and Heol Gwili Fields in Llwynhendy.

The Community Development Officer informed the meeting that earlier today members of the Recreation and Welfare sub-committee along with representatives from Invest Local Llwynhendy had the opportunity of selecting a preferred consultant to undertake the task of preparing the feasibility study having conducted a series of interviews with four consultants interested in doing the work.

Following discussion of the deliberations of the sub-committee meeting and having accepted the unanimous recommendation made by the sub-committee about the preferred bid, it was

RESOLVED that the quotation received from Chris Jones Regeneration, 32 Chapel Mead, Penperlleni, Monmouthshire in the sum of £14,800 plus VAT be accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.35 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 January, 2020, adopted by the Council.