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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 455 – 468

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 10 March, 2020, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	J. S. Randall
H. J. Evans	A. J. Rogers
J. P. Hart	W. V. Thomas
S. N. Lewis	I. G. Wooldridge

Absent: F. Akhtar

455. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, S. M. Donoghue, T. M. Donoghue, P. M. Edwards, T. J. Jones, J. S. Phillips, C. A. Rees, and E. Simmons.

456. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
460.	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – Revd. Canon H. Mosford was her Chaplain while serving in her capacity as the Council's Chairman.
460.	T. Devichand	Personal interest – Revd. Canon H. Mosford would serve as her Chaplain in her capacity as the Council's Chairman elect.

457. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated to members) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings:

Council	11 February, 2020
Special Recreation and Welfare Committee	12 February, 2020
Recreation and Welfare Committee	18 February, 2020

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Policy and Resources Committee	19 February, 2020
Special Council	25 February, 2020
Finance and General Purposes Committee	26 February, 2020
Planning and Liaison Committee	2 March, 2020

**458. MATTERS ARISING
(1) DAFEN PARK
ASTROTURF FACILITY**

Further to Minute No. 418(1), and in response to a query about the surface material not being 3G, the Clerk confirmed the reason for this was because the surface was designed for general usage and training purposes only. The facility was too small to comply with general pitch standards to facilitate official matches. The cost of supplying a 3G surface was expensive.

Furthermore, the required ongoing maintenance to be applied to a 3G surface would also carry a cost burden because it was labour intensive and if not applied correctly on a daily basis in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines this would void any guarantee over the quality and durability of the surface. These two considerations ultimately influenced the type of surface material included in the design specification. However, both the chosen surface material and the general scheme were still of excellent quality and the Clerk encouraged the members who had not yet seen the plans to visit the office to examine them if they so wished.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(2) PLAYING FIELDS (COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN
DISPOSAL DECISIONS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2015**

Further to Minute No. 431, in response to a query about this subject the Clerk informed members that it might prove useful to familiarise themselves with the Statutory Guidance in case local issues arise in the future.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

459. CASUAL VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk informed members that following the resignation of Cllr. R. L. Najmi (Pemberton Ward) a casual vacancy now existed on the council.

The Clerk then proceeded to give an explanation of the casual vacancy process to elect a new member that would now follow and which would be co-ordinated by the Returning Officer at Carmarthenshire County Council.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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**460. THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT ELLI, LLANELLI
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as Revd. Canon Huw Mosford was her Chaplain while serving in her capacity as the Council's Chairman. Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal interest in the following matter as Rev.d Canon Huw Mosford had been chosen as her Chaplain in her capacity as Council Chairman elect.

Members considered correspondence from Revd. Canon Huw Mosford requesting a letter of support for the Parish Church of Saint Elli, Llanelli, to enable upgrading work to be undertaken at the church.

RESOLVED that a letter of support be sent to Revd. Canon Huw Mosford for the works specified in the letter.

**461. THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF CARMARTHENSHIRE
YOUTH COVENANT**

Members received email correspondence from Carmarthenshire Fusion, Carmarthenshire County Council inviting the council to sign and support the covenant set out in the correspondence and to subsequently attend a celebration event to launch the covenant. Members were informed the covenant had already attracted support from other local public bodies and stakeholders.

This was the first event of its kind that the young people of Llanelli were organising. Attending the event would be a variety of youth organisations ranging from youth clubs to the police cadets.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the council signs up to the covenant and to await further correspondence about the arrangements for participating in the planned launch event.

**462. ONE VOICE WALES/SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS
JOINT CONFERENCE EVENT - 20 MAY, 2020.**

An invitation was received from One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks to attend the eighth joint conference event to be held on 20 May, 2020 in the Village Hotel, Ewloe.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk attends the Joint Conference event.

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**463. ONE VOICE WALES
MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2020/21**

Members considered correspondence received from the Chief Executive, One Voice Wales (OVW) inviting the Council to take out discounted membership for OVW for the financial year 2020-21.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

464. HMS TRENCHANT

Members received a letter dated 25 February, 2020, from the new Commanding Officer HMS Trenchant and after a brief discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

465. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

466. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letters of appreciation for the council's assistance received from the following, be noted with pleasure:

- (1) Mr A Bowen on behalf of SSAFA;
- (2) Soar Church, Llwynhendy.

467. 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.

**468. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2020/21
TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

Members were presented with a report on the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2020/21 detailing the anticipated income and expenditure for the financial year.

The Deputy Clerk informed members of the bank balances at 28 February, 2020, and advised members that there was an adequate cashflow to enable the outstanding balance of £100,000 of the internal loan to be repaid to the administration by 31 March, 2020 (Minute No. 382

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refers). Information on virements undertaken during the financial year 2019/20 was received and accepted.

The purchase of a van by 31 March, 2020, was proposed; the cost of which was factored into the projected expenditure for 2019/20. An additional vehicle to the fleet was required in view of the recent appointment of a new assessor and for the number of staff needing to use vehicles to deliver the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Programmes. Furthermore, an additional car was included within the budgets for 2020/21. However, the need for a new vehicle would be closely monitored before a final decision was arrived at.

The budget had been calculated with the contract value anticipated to be awarded by the Welsh Government for the academic year 1 August, 2020 to 31 March, 2021. The allocation process would refer to the current year's performance, the total contract and the performance of other partners within Skills Academy Wales. Income would also continue to be received through managing the Future Works and Kick2Start sub-contractors.

The anticipated income for 2020/21 was £1,720,590 with the anticipated expenditure of £1,694,030.

RESOLVED that:

1. The final balance of the loan of £100,000 be made by 31 March, 2020.
2. An additional van be purchased by 31 March, 2020.
3. The draft Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2020/21 be received and adopted.

The Chairman congratulated the Deputy Clerk on the financial management of the Training Department which significantly contributed to the repayment of the internal loan.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.30 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 24 June, 2020 adopted by the Council.