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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 87 – 99

At a **SPECIAL COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 10 February, 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	J. S. Phillips
S. M. Donoghue	A. J. Rogers
H. J. Evans	W. V. Thomas

Absent: F. Akhtar

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue, P. M. Edwards, J. P. Hart, T. J. Jones, J. S. Randall, C. A. Rees and I. G. Wooldridge.

88. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman referred to the devastating impact the Covid-19 pandemic was having on society and the tragic number of lives lost to the disease. As a mark of respect, the Chairman invited members and officers to observe a minute's silence.

The Chairman also extended best wishes to Cllr. T. J. Jones on a full recovery to good health now that he had returned home from hospital.

89. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

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90	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – member of the Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum, which operated a foodbank service.
99	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

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90	T. Devichand	Personal interest – member of the Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum, which operated a foodbank service.
99	T. Devichand	Personal interest – Chairman, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
99	S. N. Lewis	Personal interest – member Dafen Welfare Management Committee. Personal and prejudicial interest – employee, Dafen Cricket Club.
99	A. J. Rogers	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

90. FOOD POVERTY

Cllr. S. L. Davies and T. Devichand declared a personal interest in the following item as they were members of the Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum which operated a foodbank service.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mike Theodoulou, Centre for Building Social Action (CBSA) Director, and invited him to address the meeting about CBSA's plans to create a community food market in the Llanelli area, and to consider an offer as to whether the council wished to participate in the food poverty initiative.

Mr Theodoulou thanked members for the opportunity to participate in the meeting remotely and proceeded to inform members about the project, which intended to help individuals and families tackle poverty in the Burry Port and Llanelli area.

The CBSA intended to create a community food market. This would serve as an extension to the CBSA's current Food Forward initiative and because the funding for that programme was ending in June 2021. A detailed funding application was being prepared because an estimated annual budget of between £50,000 and £75,000 would be required to operate the food market. Mr Theodoulou enquired if the council could provide in kind support by providing rent-free premises to distribute food over the life of the project. He felt the impact of Brexit, coupled with the coronavirus impact on the economy presented a set of difficult challenges over the next four to five years and possibly beyond this. The project would help bridge the gap between dependency on food banks and self-sufficiency by offering a sustainable pathway out of poverty.

Members then proceeded to ask various questions about the project and the type of premises required, following which Mr Theodoulou withdrew from the meeting to allow members to discuss whether the council could offer its support.

During the discussion, members were impressed with the overall goal of the project and supported it in principle but regrettably, they could not identify a suitable premises directly managed by the council, and which could offer sufficient space with the range of facilities and equipment needed to operate the food market. Members recognised the council also has a number of community halls, but local management committees and not the council managed these buildings. These committees were tasked with running self-sustainable facilities, and so

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would not be able to absorb the overheads and utility costs by allowing free use of premises. They would have to apply a hire charge in order to generate income to offset building running costs and it was

RESOLVED that the CBSA be notified the council is not able to offer up suitable rent-free premises and subsequently is unable to participate in the initiative.

**91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
TOWN AND COUNTRY
GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 1995**

Having considered the following planning applications, it was

RESOLVED as follows:-

Application No.	Location	Development
PL/00766	Prima Foods Ltd. Land Part of Prima Food Glanlleidi Business Park Dafen	Extension to existing warehouse.
Recommendation – no objection.		
PL/01117	Mr C Jones 6 Clos Cefn Bryn Llwynhendy	Single storey rear extension.
Recommendation – no objection.		
PL/01119	Sheehan Ltd Land part of Llwynderw Llanelli	Siting of two semi-detached dwelling houses.
Recommendation – no objection.		
PL/01175	Mr P Jeffreys Plot adjacent to Hazeldene Five Roads	Variation of Condition 1 on S/35335 (Outline application for one new bungalow – all matters reserved). Wish to vary the wording of condition to allow for an extension of time for the submission of reserved matters.

Recommendation – no objection.

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Application No.	Location	Development
PL/01184	EE Ltd and Hutchison 3G UK Ltd Telecommunication Mast Pembrey Road Llanelli	Removal of existing telecommunications mast and installation of new 20 metre mast including 6 no. antennas and 2 no. 300 millimetre dish antennas, 1 no. equipment cabinet and associated apparatus and ancillary works

Recommendation – no objection.

**92. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES
IMPOSITION 20 M.P.H SPEED LIMIT ORDER 2021
STEPNEY ROAD, PWLL**

Members considered correspondence from the Legal Services Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, giving notice in accordance with Section 84(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by Schedule 8 and the Traffic Management Act 2004, of the intention to impose a speed limit of 20 M. P. H at various locations across the county of Carmarthenshire. A section of highway along Stepney Road, Pwll, Llanelli had been identified as one of the locations to impose the speed limit, and it was

RESOLVED that the proposed Traffic Order be supported in the interests of highway safety.

**93. TRAINING DEPARTMENT
CARMARTHEN TRAINING CENTRE
PENUEL STREET, CARMARTHEN**

Council approval was sought to re-negotiate the existing lease for the Carmarthen Training Centre premises in order to continue the delivery of the training department's range of training programmes, and in particular its Traineeship programme. The premises fully catered for the training department's needs but the lease was due to expire soon. While the current lease terms were satisfactory, some amendments were sought to provide more flexibility around the timing of the existing rent break clauses so that they were better aligned to the training department's contract cycles as well as seeking changes to certain provisions regarding the Landlord's responsibilities. Prior to re-negotiating the lease, the council first needed to engage the services of a recognised Estate Valuer to act on its behalf and this needed to be done as soon as possible, and it was

RESOLVED that a competitive quotation be obtained to appoint a recognised Valuer to re-negotiate the lease on behalf of the council.

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94. 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.

95. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BURIAL SERVICE- BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2021/2022

In reference to Minute No 33, of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 January, 2021, it was

RESOLVED that the following committee recommendation be accepted:

“A budget contribution of £133,000 be requested from Llanelli Rural Council for the financial year 2021/2022, and that in turn it requests £66,500 from Llanelli Town Council as its contribution towards service costs.”

96. LLANELLY HOUSE

Members considered correspondence from the Trustee, Llanelly House requesting financial assistance for the ongoing sustainability of Llanelly House. Members considered the request alongside other competing priorities included in the council’s draft estimates of income and expenditure for 2021/2022, to which Minute No. 98 below refers. Following careful consideration it was

RESOLVED that the request be noted on this occasion given the breadth of the council’s spending plans and the scale of the capital commitments included in the council’s draft estimates of income and expenditure for the 2021/2022 financial year.

97. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 2:2021 be accepted.

98. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

Information presented by the Deputy Clerk on virements undertaken during 2020/21 was duly noted.

The Deputy Clerk continued to explain a change in considering draft budgets that were normally presented to standing committees. As these committees had not met since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, draft budgets would be reviewed at the meeting,

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followed by a final review and precept setting at the council meeting to be held on 24 February, 2021.

Members having considered:

- (1) the Schedule of Works 2021/22 incorporating works required over and above routine maintenance to community buildings and amenities;
- (2) the replacement of the heating system at Vauxhall Buildings
- (3) a preliminary report on draft estimates of income and expenditure for the 2021/2022 including:
 - information on the demolition of White Lion Depot;
 - allocation of budgets to capital schemes;
 - a budget for one repayment instalment of a potential loan for the proposed Llwynhendy Library project;
 - diversion of the remaining capital budget of £10,000 for Furnace Community Hall to provide fencing and gates to secure the car park area;
 - procurement of a vehicle, items of machinery and equipment.

RESOLVED the draft estimates of income and expenditure for 2021/22 be accepted with the inclusion of the expenditure items referred to in (1) and (2) above with the final draft budget report presented to the Council meeting to be held on 24 February, 2021.

99. DAFEN WELFARE CRICKET CLUB

Cllr. S. L. Davies, T. Devichand and A. J. Rogers declared a personal interest in the following item, as they were members, Dafen Welfare Management Committee. Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal interest in the following item as she was a member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee and a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as she was employed by Dafen Cricket Club and left the meeting before discussed commenced.

Members received correspondence from the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Cricket Club enquiring if its third senior side could use Pwll Recreation Ground as its proposed home ground for the 2021 cricket season. The club had submitted an application to the South Wales Cricket Association to admit the team to the league with a decision pending. If permission was granted to use Pwll Recreation Ground, the cricket club indicated that it was happy to contribute towards costs incurred in providing the facility and preparing it for fixtures.

Following a lengthy discussion, during which the council's general allocation policy on providing local facilities for local teams was raised; the council's previous refusal to permit another sports team from outside of the village using the recreation ground; and the unquantified cost implications on the council's resources, it was

RESOLVED that a decision on the matter be deferred to the council meeting scheduled for the 24 February 2021, so that cost estimates could be prepared and presented to that meeting for consideration alongside the council's final budget requirements for the financial year 2021/2022, with such costs addressing:

- (1) The rejuvenation of the artificial wicket;
- (2) The resource implications of maintaining the wicket and outfield over the cricket season and the manpower associated with this;

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- (3) The additional maintenance equipment and materials that might be needed and where these could be stored for convenient access on the assumption that the council's existing equipment may be unavailable because of it being needed at the same time to maintain the cricket pitches at Dafen Park and Felinfoel Recreation Ground.

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The Meeting concluded at 4.50 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 24 February, 2021 adopted by the Council.