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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 43 – 52

At a Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 18 May, 2021 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. W. V. Thomas (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	S. K. Nurse
P. M. Edwards	A. J. Rogers

Absent: T. M. Donoghue

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. P. Hart (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising), T. J. Jones and I. G. Wooldridge.

44. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

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47	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – requested for the matter to be included on the agenda in her capacity as a county councillor for the Llwynhendy Ward.
50	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
52	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
50	T. Devichand	Personal interest – Chairman, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
52	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest – Chairman, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
50	S. N. Lewis	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
52	S. N. Lewis	Personal and prejudicial interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee and an employee of Dafen Cricket Club.

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50	A. J. Rogers	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
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45. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that a sub-committee, comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council and local ward members be appointed.

46. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

**47. ADOPTION OF FOOTWAY LIGHTING
MAES CONWY
LON Y MAES
MAES PENRHYN**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following item as she had raised the matter in her capacity as a county councillor for the Llwynhendy Ward.

Members considered a request from Cllr. S. L. Davies for the council to consider upgrading the following lighting columns to an adoptable standard:

- Maes Conwy – 4 lighting columns
- Lon Y Maes – 8 lighting columns
- Maes Penrhyn – 4 lighting columns

During discussion, the Clerk informed members no money was available in the current budget, so depending on the cost of the upgrade, the request might need to be earmarked for the next financial year commencing on 1 April 2022 and it was

RESOLVED that the request be supported in principle subject to costs being obtained for further consideration by the committee.

48. FIVE ROADS RECREATION GROUND

Members considered a request from a local resident for permission to plant a tree or install a bench at Five Roads Recreation Ground to commemorate the life of a deceased family member, and it was

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RESOLVED that permission be granted to place a bench in the grounds of Five Roads Recreation Ground.

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

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

**50. DAFEN PARK
DAFEN BOWLS IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

Cllrs. S. L. Davies, T. Devichand, S. N. Lewis and A. J. Rogers declared a personal interest in the following item as they were members, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

Members considered the report of the Technical and Burial Services Manager on quotations received for the supply and installation of an irrigation system on the bowling green at Dafen Park.

The bowling green was manually watered by the DLO and a volunteer from the local bowls club using hosepipes and a domestic sprinkler. The volunteer undertook the majority of the watering.

The prolonged periods of extremely dry weather experienced in the past few years had highlighted the need for an automated irrigation system in maintaining the green's health and playing condition. The manpower required to keep the green irrigated during these increasing periods of dry weather was significant.

The council had set aside budget provision for the procurement of a bespoke irrigation system, and three companies responded to invitations to quote for the work based on a specification prepared by the Technical and Burial Services Manager. Importantly, the irrigation system had to comply with the council's water safety management policy (Legionella). Members were informed the company submitting the lowest quotation was the only company to visit the site and met the specification. Moreover, by retaining some of the preliminary work in-house it was possible to achieve better value for money by reducing the installation cost and it was

RESOLVED that the lowest quotation received from Avonmore Associates Limited, Dorsington Road, Stratford –Upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8RW in the sum of £7,700 plus VAT be accepted.

51. SARON COMMUNITY HALL

Further to Minute No. 58 (16 December, 2020, refers) members considered a request received from the Headteacher, Ysgol Y Bynea, to extend the school's hire period of the hall until the last week of the summer term (week commencing 12 July 2021), and it was

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RESOLVED that the requested be approved based on the current hire terms and conditions.

**52. DAFEN CRICKET CLUB
(1) FIELD MAINTENANCE**

Cllrs. S. L. Davies and T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following items because they were members of Dafen Welfare Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following items because she was a member of Dafen Welfare Management Committee and because she was an employee of Dafen Cricket Club and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. A. J. Rogers declared a personal interest in the following items because he was a member of Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

Further to Minute No. 151(2) (21 April, 2021, refers), members received email correspondence from the Secretary, Dafen Cricket Club requesting permission from the council for the cricket club to take sole responsibility for the upkeep of the cricket outfield at Dafen Park for the months April to September on an annual basis. This was in addition to the cricket square which the club maintained throughout the year.

If the request was approved, the cricket outfield would revert back to the council to maintain out of season and through the winter months.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be agreed in principle subject to officers drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for consideration at next month's Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting and that once approved the MOU shall regularise cricket club activities with it setting out the council's general requirements and expectations and the role and responsibility of the respective parties to the arrangement.

(2) FUNDING – DRAINAGE WORKS

Further to Minute No. 59, (16 December, 2020, refers) a letter was received from the Secretary, Dafen Cricket Club, informing that grant funding was no longer available for the cricket club to solely carry out the desired drainage works to the cricket outfield. Instead the club was now enquiring whether the council would be prepared to part fund a scheme by working in partnership with the cricket club and the Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

During the discussion, the Clerk stated there was no budget provision available in the current financial year that could be put towards the work, and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. Prior to establishing whether the council could offer any financial support to the cricket club, a cost estimate for a potential scheme be obtained and reported to a future committee meeting for further consideration.

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2. Once a cost estimate had been obtained, officers shall then liaise with Dafen Cricket Club and Dafen Welfare Management Committee to establish their collective contributions to be put towards a potential scheme and that this information shall also be reported to the Recreation and Welfare Committee at the same time as the cost estimate report referred to above.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.45 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 8 June, 2021 adopted by the Council.