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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 88 – 95

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, 15 June, 2021 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
T. M. Donoghue	S. K. Nurse
P. M. Edwards	A. J. Rogers
J. P. Hart	I. G. Wooldridge

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. T. J. Jones.

89. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
95	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest – Chairman, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
95	S. N. Lewis	Personal and prejudicial interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee and an employee of Dafen Cricket Club.
95	A. J. Rogers	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

90. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

RESOLVED that the report of the Maintenance Supervisor on work undertaken be noted.

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**91. FOOTWAY LIGHTING – PENYGRAIG TO SARON HALL
GENWEN FOOTPATH**

Members considered correspondence from County Cllr. D. M. Cundy requesting whether the council would consider replacing the broken lighting columns to an adoptable standard along the Genwen footpath linking Penygraig to Saron Hall.

During discussion, members enquired who was originally responsible for maintaining the existing footway lighting infrastructure and whether any Section 106 funding was available to help with the reinstatement /repairs of the lights and that appropriate enquiries be made with the Public Lighting Unit at Carmarthenshire County Council and it was

RESOLVED that officers garner the further information requested by members from Carmarthenshire County Council and that once the information was obtained the matter shall be re-presented to committee but noting that if the council ultimately agreed to support the request there was no budget provision available to help fund the work in the current financial year.

Cllr. M. V. Davies left the meeting.

**92. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND
ADVERTISING HOARDING**

Members considered a request from a local resident for permission to erect an advertising hoarding at the recreation ground. During discussion, members were happy to support the principal of erecting the advertising hoarding given that other advertising hoardings had been erected on the rugby pitch perimeter railings and fencing and it was,

RESOLVED that the request be forwarded to Felinfoel Rugby Football Club for its further consideration.

**93. GWENDRAETH HERITAGE TRAIL
INFORMATION BOARDS**

Correspondence was received from the Clerk, Llangydeyrn Community Council, requesting whether the council would make a financial contribution towards the cost of repairing or replacing the 10 information boards on the Gwendraeth Heritage Trail. It was felt that the boards were in a poor condition and that the stands needed attention. The council was being asked whether it could help as the cost estimate was in the region of £25,000 and some of the boards were located in the council's administrative area.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that prior to making a decision as to whether the council is able to offer any financial assistance, further information shall be obtained from Llangydeyrn Community Council regarding the location and number of display boards in the council's administrative area along with the details of who originally supplied and erected the boards. Once the

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information was obtained the matter shall be re-presented to committee for further consideration.

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following item 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. DAFEN CRICKET CLUB – FIELD MAINTENANCE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as she was the Chairman, Dafen Welfare Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item 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 item because he was a member of Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

Further to Minute No. 52(1), members received the report of the Clerk together with the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for consideration and approval.

The MOU clarified the range of maintenance duties which the council expected the cricket club to perform, having previously granted permission to the club to maintain the cricket outfield at Dafen Park over the course of the playing season. The provisions and duties set out in the MOU were necessary from a health and safety perspective and in order to safeguard the quality and longevity of the playing surface and would steer the cricket club to perform an assortment of actions over the course of the playing season to the council's general satisfaction. These duties would ordinarily be performed by the council so had to be performed by the cricket club. The MOU would facilitate this.

The MOU also defined the terms and conditions by which the council and the cricket club would co-operate and co-ordinate activities necessary to provide a functional facility irrespective of which party performed the maintenance work. Without the MOU there was a danger that the council's current standards would not be met rendering the pitch inoperable and potentially resulting in the calling off of cricket fixtures. This would have a detrimental impact on both the council's reputation for providing adequate playing facilities and also potentially on the cricket club's league status through the non-fulfilment of home league fixtures.

During the discussion, a commencement date to apply the MOU was considered and in order for the club to make the necessary preparations and to put all the measures in place, it was

RESOLVED that the Memorandum of Understanding be approved for signature by the council and Dafen Cricket Club, with the club being permitted to take full responsibility for the cricket pitch maintenance programme in its entirety during the playing season with the cricket outfield duties commencing from the 1 March 2022 to 31 August 2022 inclusive, so as

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to coincide with the start of next year's cricket season. Out of season the cricket outfield maintenance duties shall revert back to the council to perform from the 1 September 2022 through to 28 February 2023 inclusive, with this hand-over cycle repeating itself annually thereafter and until such time as the Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.52 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 13 July, 2021 adopted by the Council.