

**18 January, 2022**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 360 – 367**

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 January, 2022 at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

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

**360. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. T. J. Jones (Cllr. A. Evans deputising).

**361. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
366(2)	T. M. Donoghue	Personal interest – member of Trallwm Hall Management Committee.
367	T. Devichand	Personal interest – Chairman, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
367	S. N. Lewis	Personal and prejudicial interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee and an employee of Dafen Cricket Club.
367	A. J. Rogers	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

**362. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

**RESOLVED** that the Facilities Manager's report on work undertaken be noted.

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**363. SWISS VALLEY RESERVOIR  
(1) BRANDING DESIGN**

Members were presented with several branding designs for the marketing and promotion of facilities at the reservoir and were asked to select their preferred design to take forward. Members were informed that the preferred design would be initially included on new signage to be erected at the reservoir, to be paid for from the Woodland Investment grant recently awarded to the council by Welsh Government. The grant funding had to be spent by the end of the current financial year so it was imperative to agree upon a preferred design as soon as possible so that the signs could be manufactured and erected by 31 March, 2022.

Following discussion, during which members expressed a preference for design option number 6, it was

**RESOLVED** that some additional colour be added to the preferred design option but in order to swiftly move progress, the amended proof be further considered by the chairman of council, chairman of committee and local ward members, with the final design being retrospectively reported to a future Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting for information.

**(2) PADDLE SPORT RULES**

Members were requested to consider a draft set of paddle sport rules and code of conduct for regulating activities at the reservoir. The document had been drafted taking into account proposed launch permit fees, safety considerations, biosecurity measures and code of conduct matters to be observed by patrons.

Members commented that an additional registration measure was required to cater for members of the public wanting to use the facility but for whatever reason, were prevented from using the online booking portal.

During the discussion Cllr. I. G. Wooldridge also expressed his concern that no lifeguards would be present on site to regulate paddle sport activities and therefore he could not support the adoption of the proposed rules as currently drafted, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the paddle sport rules and code of conduct be approved but subject to the inclusion of a minor amendment to further extend the online booking portal registration process, whereby members of the public could register to book manually by attending in person at the council offices at Vauxhall Buildings, Llanelli during normal office hours.

**364. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters in Minute Nos. 365 and 366 below 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.

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**365. PWLL PAVILION – RECONFIGURATION OF HEATING SYSTEM**

Further to Minute No. 326(2), members considered two work estimates and related quotations received from Bullock Consulting Limited in regard to overseeing the reconfiguration of the heating system controlling the use of the showers at Pwll Pavilion.

The Technical and General Operations Manager informed members that confirmation had been received from a representative of the Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee that the changing room showers were not all used at the same time and therefore the works would amount to the replacement of the water heater and associated flue only.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the lowest work estimate and fee quotation received from Bullock Consulting Limited, Glien House, Glien Road, Cillefwr, Carmarthen, SA31 3RB in the sum of £14,000 plus VAT for the replacement of the water heater and associated flue (estimated at £12,000) and associated consulting fees (£2,000) be accepted.

**366. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS  
(1) PWLL RECREATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
(2) TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL**

*Cllr T. M. Donoghue declared a personal interest in regard to Minute No. 366 (2) above as she was a member of Trallwm Hall Management Committee.*

Members were circulated with Statement of Accounts received from the above Management Committees.

**RESOLVED** that the annual grant of £400 be made to Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee for the year ending 31 December, 2021; and Trallwm Community Hall Management Committee for the year ending 31 March, 2021.

*The following item was not discussed in private.*

**367. DAFEN CRICKET CLUB – FIELD MAINTENANCE**

*Cllrs. T. Devichand and A. J. Rogers declared personal interests in the following item as they were members, Dafen Welfare Management Committee. Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as she was a member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee and also an employee of Dafen Cricket Club and left the meeting before discussion commenced.*

Further to Minute 203, members received email correspondence from the Chairman, Dafen Cricket Club dated 12 December 2021, requesting that the council take back maintenance responsibility for the cricket square with immediate effect.

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The Clerk informed members that given the nature of the required maintenance regime, the request was acted upon immediately but it was also necessary to carry out essential refurbishment work on the wicket beyond the scope of the council's normal off season maintenance programme. Some of this work would take a longer time period to remedy and was likely to impact upon the forthcoming playing season as well as the following off season. The cost for the refurbishment work to be commenced in the current off season had not been budgeted for but had to be performed nevertheless. He then called upon the Facilities Manager to elaborate further about the extent of the work. The Facilities Manager referred to an independent report prepared for the council from one of its product suppliers which he received earlier today. The report commented on the condition of the wicket and the remedial measures likely to be required and how this might be phased over the coming year. Following general discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The cricket club's decision to immediately hand back the cricket square for the council to maintain, be noted and that the remedial work to be performed on the wicket be authorised with costs in relation to works to be performed in the current financial year being absorbed.
2. Officers meet with Dafen Cricket Club representatives to discuss the findings of the council commissioned report in order to agree measures for the forthcoming season.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.40 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 February, 2022 adopted by the Council.