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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 32 – 41**

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, 24 May, 2022 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. D. M. Cundy (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. L. Davies	J. P. Hart
T. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis
A. Evans	A. G. Morgan
E. M. Evans	A. J. Rogers
R. E. Evans	W. E. Skinner
B. M. Williams	

**32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. S. K. Nurse (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising).

**33. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
40	S. N. Lewis	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
40	A. J. Rogers	Personal interest – member, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

**34. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

**35. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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

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**36. DORMOUSE MONITORING 2022**

Members considered email correspondence from Amber Consultancy informing of fees to undertake proposed monitoring of dormice at Swiss Valley Reservoir.

The results from the monitoring exercise to be undertaken in September or October this year, would be then forwarded to Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and National Resources Wales (NRW), as this would help provide data for the presence of dormice in the UK.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the dormouse monitoring proposal received from Amber Consultancy be accepted and that the survey be performed this financial year to establish base line information and evidence at a cost of £350 per visit based on one person performing a minimum of two site visits.

**37. JUBILEE TREES  
(1) DAFEN PARK**

Correspondence was received from Squirrel Section Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Llanelli Scout Group, seeking permission to plant a maple tree at Dafen Park.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be agreed to in principle but further dialogue be undertaken with the applicant to ascertain the tree's potential size once mature and consequently whether the area initially identified for the tree was the most suitable location in the park.

**(2) FIVE ROADS RECREATION GROUND**

Members considered correspondence from Five Roads Women's' Institute (W. I.) requesting permission to plant a tree in the recreation ground near the community hall and to also plant wildflowers around the war memorial at the recreation ground.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be agreed to in principle but further dialogue be undertaken with the applicant to ensure the proposed location for the tree did not undermine or affect the fabric of the community hall in any form. Similarly with the planting of wildflowers around the war memorial, a joint discussion be held with Five Roads W. I. and the local group responsible for installing the war memorial to ascertain whether this was the most suitable location to plant the flowers.

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**38. BIG MEADOW SEARCH  
1 JUNE TO 31 AUGUST 2022**

Members considered correspondence from Carmarthenshire Meadow Group informing of the UK wide project to raise awareness and interest in grasslands and to record plant species.

The Big Meadow Search species list was derived from National Plant Monitoring Scheme lowland grassland indicator species, plus additional interesting meadow plant species.

The Facilities Manager informed members that the council currently had areas that had not been mowed and left for wild flower, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and that the council support the initiative by forwarding information to the meadow group about the selected council sites identified during the meeting.

**39. 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.

**40. DAFEN PARK – ASTROTURF**

*Cllrs. S. N. Lewis and A. J. Rogers declared a personal interest in the following item as they were members of Dafen Welfare Management Committee.*

Further to Minute No. 427 (15 February, 2022 refers), members considered the Technical and General Operations Manager's covering and copy report (originally presented to the February committee meeting) in regard to the management arrangements for the artificial sports surface facility. The report also sought clarification about which body or organisation should be responsible for meeting the energy costs associated with using the facility's floodlights and moreover, whether it was desirable to charge a hire fee to local users to support its sustainability.

Members were informed that following the February meeting officers were tasked with meeting local stakeholders namely, Dafen Welfare Management Committee and representatives of Dafen AFC, to discuss the wide ranging issues but in particular the costs, use and general management arrangements for the facility prior to reporting back to a future committee meeting to determine a preferred management model.

Due to pre-election publicity restrictions, officers did not have the opportunity to meet with local stakeholders to garner their feedback. However, now that the local council elections had been held and had resulted in a number of new members being elected to serve on the council, it was appropriate to review the meeting arrangements to establish whether members also wished to participate in the planned meeting and it was

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**RESOLVED** that the Recreation and Welfare Sub-Committee, together with council officers, meet with the local stakeholders to discuss the wide ranging issues associated with managing the facility with the findings being reported to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee for further consideration.

**41. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS**  
**(1) FELINFOEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIMITED – 31 JULY, 2021**  
**(2) FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL – 31 MARCH 2022**

Members were circulated with Statement of Accounts received from the above management committees.

During discussion members highlighted some anomalies with both statement of accounts which needed further clarification and, it was

**RESOLVED** that

(1) The annual grant of £400 be held in abeyance for Felinfoel Executive Committee Limited in regard to Felinfoel Community Resource Centre and likewise for Five Roads Community Hall.

(2) Officers obtain further information from the management committees to support the re-submission of the statement of accounts to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.33 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 14 June, 2022 adopted by the Council.