

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES

At a Recreation and Welfare Committee Meeting hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 20 December, 2022, at 4.45 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. D. M. Cundy (committee chairman), T. M. Donoghue, A. Evans. E. M. Evans, R. E. Evans, J. P. Hart, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan, S. K. Nurse, A. J. Rogers, W. E. Skinner and B. M. Williams.

Agenda items:

1. Chairman's Announcement.

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Mrs Mandy Jones, Administrative Officer at Llanelli Town Council, and as mark of respect members and officers stood in silent tribute.

2. Apologies for absence.

None.

3. Members Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. J. P. Hart	Item 10 below – personal interest.
Cllr. S. N. Lewis	Item 5 below - personal and prejudicial interest.
Cllr. S. N. Lewis	Item 6 below – personal interest.
Cllr. A. J. Rogers	Item 5 below – personal interest.
Cllr. A. J. Rogers	Item 6 below – personal interest.

3. Community Facilities – Maintenance Works.

Report noted.

4. Dwyfor Growing Space – Project Update – further to Minute No. 115, to consider the report of the Community Development Officer and to agree the council's response.

Report noted. Officers be authorised to co-ordinate the initial community access to the site and also to draft an occupancy agreement for the growing space but in so doing the proposed fee to support the issuing of the occupancy agreement be revised upwards and re-presented for further consideration by the committee prior to the opening of the growing space at the beginning of the growing season in 2023.

5. Dafen Cricket Club

(1) Sponsorship Banners – to consider a letter from the Secretary, Dafen Cricket Club requesting permission to erect sponsorship banners on the bowling green fence at Dafen park and to agree the council's response.

Permission be granted in principle for the sponsorship banners to be erected, but officers meet with representatives of Dafen Cricket Club to ascertain the most suitable location in the park grounds for the placement of the banners, given the deteriorating condition of the bowling green fence and the likelihood of the fence having to be replaced in the near future.

(2) Lopping of tree – members also considered an additional request from the Secretary, Dafen Cricket Club, to lop tree branches of a particular tree at Dafen Park to accommodate solar panels being fitted to the cricket scoreboard. The branches had grown over the scoreboard and would prevent the upgrade from proceeding if left insitu.

Officers meet with representatives of Dafen Cricket Club to discuss the removal and replanting of the tree. Professional assessment of the tree revealed that removing the tree branches would create an imbalance thereby making the tree unsafe. The cost of felling the existing tree (estimated at £650) and replacing it with another tree in a different area of the park grounds shall be met by the club, should it wish to proceed with its plans to upgrade the scoreboard.

6. Dafen Park – Football Pitch – to consider correspondence from the Secretary, Dafen AFC regarding the possibility of extending the width of the football pitch and to agree the council's response.

It was agreed to support the proposal in principle, but officers meet with representatives of the football club to discuss how best to accommodate the request, given the different parties involved with the potential conveyance of the land strip from Hywel Dda University Health Board and because Carmarthenshire County Council, the landlord of Dafen Park, had yet to formally engross the lease of the park to Llanelli Rural Council. Moreover, and as an adjunct to the discussion, officers impress upon the football club, that further development of the pitch and associated features beyond the current proposal and which might be required to satisfy future league status in the event of the prospect of meritocratic promotion through the league structure by the club, would not be supported. The pitch formed part of a public park and the recreational space must be retained for the general use and enjoyment by members of the public. Therefore, the ongoing development and upkeep of the park was most unlikely to align with the club's potential ambitions and plans should it desire to further enhance the pitch and its general facilities to safeguard or enhance the club's future league status.

7. Sandy & Stradey Community Hall – Storage Shed – to consider correspondence from the Leader, Cylch Meithrin Pwll, Stradey and Sandy requesting permission to erect a shed to the rear of the building and to agree the council's response.

It was agreed to grant permission for a storage shed to be placed to the rear of Sandy and Stradey Community Hall, on the strict understanding the permission does not confer any

business rights over the use and occupation of the shed or community hall. Furthermore, a simple legal undertaking be formulated to set out the limited rights and responsibilities to regulate the shed's use by the Cylch Meithrin and which indemnifies the council and hall management committee against any future claims, loss or damage associated with the use of the facility.

9. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 – it was agreed to exclude members of the public during consideration of the following agenda item because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
10. Capital Schemes Programme and Associated Funding 2023 – 2027 – to consider the clerk's report.

The matter was determined in private.

11. Seasonal Greetings.

The Chairman wished members and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting concluded at 5.53 p.m.