

**16 January, 2024**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 313 – 320**

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, 16 January, 2024 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Vice - Chairman (in the Chair))

**Cllrs.**

T. M. Donoghue	A. G. Morgan
E. M. Evans	J. S. Phillips
N. Evans	A. G. Stephens
R. E. Evans	B. M. Williams
S. N. Lewis	O. Williams

**313. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. M. Cundy (Cllr. N. Evans deputising) and J. P. Hart.

**314. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
316	T. M. Donoghue	Personal interest – her husband audited the accounts of Saron Hall Management Committee.
320	S. N. Lewis	Personal and prejudicial interest – she was a committee member of Dafen Cricket Club.

**315. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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

**316. SARON COMMUNITY HALL  
FILM CLUB**

*Cllr. T. M. Donoghue declared a personal interest in the following matter as her husband audited the accounts of Saron Hall management committee.*

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Correspondence was received from the Chair, Bynea District Forum requesting permission and financial assistance to install equipment to run a proposed film club at Saron Community Hall.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the request to hold a film club at Saron Community Hall be supported in principle but the organisation's request for financial assistance from the council be declined. Furthermore, if the organisation still intended to pursue the proposal it should seek the agreement and possible financial support of the hall management committee, much in the same way as other organisations had done in several of the council's other community halls where similar schemes had been introduced.

### **317. DAFEN PARK - DOG FOULING**

Email correspondence was received from the Secretary, Dafen AFC regarding measures to eliminate dog fouling on the football pitch at Dafen Park.

The Secretary requested that to prevent dog fouling on the football pitch, was it possible for the access gates to the pitch, forming part of the perimeter fence, to be locked at all times when the pitch wasn't being used by the club and furthermore, whether additional dog fouling signs could be also erected around the pitch perimeter. The Secretary also sought advice as to which party was likely to be held liable for any third party injuries brought about by people coming into contact with dog faeces when the pitch was being used.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. In the interests of health and safety, the gates forming part of the pitch perimeter fence shall be locked at all times when the football pitch was not in use so as to prevent unauthorised access by dog owners when exercising their dogs in the park.
2. Up to a maximum of three additional dog fouling signs shall be procured and subsequently erected by the council. The cost estimate for the signs being £200 per sign.
3. To seek the ongoing support of Carmarthenshire County Council's dog patrol service to continue to conduct periodic patrols at Dafen Park to help serve as a deterrent, by the wardens engaging with dog owners to educate and inform them of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs in the interest of public health and wellbeing.
4. Members lobby Carmarthenshire County Council when it next reviews its policy on dog control orders by seeking the local authority's support to extend the order to ban dogs from being exercised on public sports pitches.
5. To help raise public awareness of the matter, the council shall conduct a social media campaign to highlight the actions to be taken.
6. The local football club be informed that it is responsible for performing pitch inspections to identify and remove from the playing surface any foreign object deemed hazardous to health and that this requirement formed part of the club's standard risk assessment processes and as such it will be held solely liable for meeting any injury claims arising from use of the pitch.

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

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following item contained in Minute No. 319 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.

**319. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT  
PWLL RECREATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
- 31 DECEMBER, 2023**

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

**RESOLVED** that the annual grant of £400 be made to Pwll Recreation Ground Development Committee for the year ending 31 December, 2023.

**320. DAFEN PARK - DRAINAGE**

*Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was a committee member, Dafen Cricket Club and left the meeting before discussion commenced.*

Correspondence was received from the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Cricket Club requesting that a comprehensive drainage survey be undertaken at Dafen Park due to the extent of waterlogging of the cricket outfield. The writer acknowledged the amount of rain witnessed during the season was unprecedented but was keen to explore potential solutions to prevent further deterioration of the grounds.

During discussion, members were informed that if the request was supported then an additional topographical survey would also be required, the combined cost estimate for conducting the surveys was in the region of £3,000. Moreover, there was no funds available in the current budget to organise the work, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the request be supported in principle and that the cost for conducting the surveys shall be included in next year's income and expenditure estimates for consideration.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.20 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 February, 2024 adopted by the Council.