

**24 October, 2024**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 200 – 203**

At a Special 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 Thursday, 24 October, 2024 at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

M. V. Davies	J. S. Phillips
T. M. Donoghue	A. J. .Rogers
E. M. Evans	W. E. Skinner
S. N. Lewis	A. G. Stephens

**Absent:** J. P. Hart

Together with Mr C. Griffiths, the council's consultant architect.

**200. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. G. Morgan and O. Williams.

**201. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in Minute No. 203 as he was a Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy and a member of Our Llwynhendy.

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

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

**203. GWILI FIELDS, LLWYNHENDY**

*Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in the following matters as he was a Trustee and the Treasurer of Pro-vision Llwynhendy and a member of Our Llwynhendy.*

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**(1) WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT**

Further to Minute No. 176, the clerk informed members the council’s grant application submitted to the Welsh Government’s Assets Collaboration Programme Wales Phase 3, had been successful. A sum of up to £250,000 had been awarded to the council to put towards part of the planned building works to the library, namely the construction of the front entrance foyer, storage and public toilets. This was excellent news.

The funding related to the period 14 October, 2024 to 31 March, 2025 and must be claimed by 31 March, 2025, otherwise any unclaimed part of the funding would cease to be available to the council.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the terms of the grant award be accepted and that the clerk and council chairman be authorised to sign the grant acceptance letter.

**(2) TENDERS**

Further to Minute No. 57(1), the chairman welcomed Mr C. Griffiths, the council’s consultant architect to the meeting and invited him to address members regarding the appointment of the contractor to carry out the building works to the library building at Gwili Fields, Llwynhendy.

In view of learning of the very recent news of the council’s successful grant award referenced in (1) above and the need to commence building works as soon as possible; members were informed by the architect that he had revisited and reviewed the remaining two tender submissions in order to recommend a preferred contractor to the council. Martin Taffetsaufer had agreed to keep his tender submission open, whereas Calon Construction was only prepared to keep it open for a period of one month after the original tender expiry deadline. This time extension had lapsed on 16 September 2024. Moreover, Calon had stipulated a six week lead-in time before works could commence, whereas Martin Taffetsaufer could commence work immediately. The architect stated although the two tender bids were very close in price, Martin Taffetsaufer had submitted the cheapest tender and he then commented positively on the company’s suitability and experience to carry out the work. Members were further informed that a meeting was held with the company on Tuesday 22 October 2024 to establish whether the grant works referenced in (1) above could be completed on time as well as to use the opportunity to discuss other pre-contract arrangements, and no issues had been flagged up to highlight for members’ attention and which gave cause for concern. In view of all of these factors, he recommended the council accepted the tender submission from Martin Taffetsaufer, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the tender submitted by Martin Taffetsaufer Building & Civil Engineering Contractors, Claire Chambers, 15a Station Road, Llanelli, SA15 1AW in the sum of £684,753.82 excluding VAT be accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.05 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 November, 2024 adopted by the Council.