

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, 16 September, 2025, at 4.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. D. M. Cundy (committee chairman), T. M. Donoghue, R. E. Evans, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan, J. S. Phillips, A. J. Rogers, W. E. Skinner, A. G. Stephens and O. Williams.

Agenda items:

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs. E. M. Evans (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising) and J. P. Hart.

2. Members Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. S. N. Lewis	- Item 6(1) - personal
	- Item 6(2) - personal
	- Item 6(3) - personal and prejudicial
	- Item 9 - personal and prejudicial
Cllr. A. J. Rogers	- Item 6(1) - personal
	- Item 6(2) - personal
	- Item 6(3) - personal

3. Community Facilities – Maintenance Works.

Report noted.

4. Swiss Valley Community Hall – Maintenance Works – to consider the report of the Facilities Manager on maintenance works and proposed upgrades to Swiss Valley Community Hall and to agree the council's response.

It was agreed that the matter is held in abeyance until officers, members and the centre event and activities committee meet to further discuss the proposed maintenance works.

5. Swiss Valley Reservoir -
(1) Community Adoption Renewal Agreement - to receive correspondence from Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water informing of the intention to renew the adoption agreement for a further ten years upon the conclusion of the current term with the council and to agree the council's response.

It was agreed to note the correspondence and that arrangements be entered into with Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water to renew the agreement which was due to expire in December 2025.

(2) Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water Funding – to note for information confirmation of the amount of funding support to be received for the reservoir for the first five years of the renewal agreement.

Noted.

(3) National Forest for Wales Landscape Pilot 2025/27 – Capital Project - to receive a verbal update from the Community Development Officer on the grant application submitted to National Forest for Wales Landscape Pilot 2025/27 for proposed works at the reservoir to promote and enhance biodiversity, the creation of new pathways and a look out point and the commissioning of a feasibility study.

Update noted.

6. Dafen Park – the following matters had been requested for inclusion on the agenda by Cllr. A. J. Rogers:

(1) Changing Rooms – to consider sub-letting the changing rooms to Dafen Sports Association and to agree the council's response.

The council's preference was for the Dafen Sports Association to enter into a direct lease agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council, the landlord, rather than sub-letting the facility through the council. The council had yet to engross a formal lease with the county council and was still managing the park and its facilities under a 12-month rolling licence agreement. Moreover, transferring the asset to the sports association is entirely consistent with a similar decision previously made by the council over the transfer of the park's main football pitch to Dafen AFC, the effect of which will enable the council to relinquish all management and maintenance responsibility for the asset, with full responsibility being vested in the newly formed sports association. The sports association would need to submit an expression of interest to the county council to initiate the formal asset transfer of the property.

(2) Astroturf – cancellation policy - to discuss the provisions of the cancellation policy and the ramifications for hirers.

It was agreed that henceforth consistent application of the cancellation policy shall be invoked whereby any hirer of the facility (whether categorised as a one-off casual hirer or block hirer as the case maybe) shall be required to provide 48 hours' notice to the council to cancel the booking. Failure to observe this requirement will result in the hirer being charged the full hire fee. For the avoidance of doubt, any cancellation of bookings relating to a Monday, can be made by sending an email to the council by no later than the previous Friday to prevent being charged.

(3) Ground Drainage – further to Minute No. 335 (11 February, 2025, refers), to consider further investigation into the drainage and flooding at the cricket square at Dafen park and to agree the council's response.

The matter is to be held in abeyance so that local members could facilitate separate discussions with the cricket club and other possible local stakeholders to ascertain the extent of any external match funding contributions that could be put towards the capital

works to improve the drainage of the cricket outfield, recognising such a scheme was classed as major capital works predicated on a previously obtained historical cost estimate of £96,725 plus VAT (to which Minute No. 335 refers). Any subsequent financial opportunities for the council to potentially work in partnership with local stakeholders can then be further considered by the Recreation and Welfare Committee, prior to deciding whether to recommend the works to the council as a new capital scheme.

7. Felinfoel Recreation Ground

(1) Spectator Barrier – to receive correspondence from the Secretary, Felinfoel AFC, requesting permission to erect a spectator barrier around the football pitch at Felinfoel Recreation Ground and to agree the council's response.

That permission be granted in principle to Felinfoel AFC to erect a spectator barrier around the football pitch subject to further confirmation to follow as to whether the sporting organisation or the council would be expected to maintain the upkeep of the barrier once installed.

(2) Electric vehicle (EV) chargers – to consider the installation of two EV car parking charging bays at the car park, Phil Bennett Resource Centre and to agree the council's response.

Installation approved.

8. Five Roads Recreation Ground – further to Minute No. 96, to consider correspondence from a local resident regarding alleged damage to his property caused by cricket balls when cricket matches are played at Five Roads Recreation Ground and to agree the council's response.

Noted.

9. Pwll Recreation Ground – Grant funding to replace the artificial cricket wicket – to consider correspondence from the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Cricket Club seeking a financial contribution for a new artificial wicket at Pwll Recreation Ground together with email correspondence from Pwll Recreation Ground Committee representative and to agree the council's response.

It was agreed that officers correspond with the representatives of both community groups to offer further guidance and information on the council's position, advising the council could not commit to making a financial contribution at this juncture. Furthermore, if a grant to partially meet the cost of providing a new wicket is still to be pursued, the council preferred that the Pwll Recreation Ground Committee submitted any such application to the appropriate awarding body instead of Dafen Cricket Club and that the committee also source the necessary match funding to cover the shortfall of funds to complete the project.

10. Notice of Confirmation of a Modification Order - Public Footpath 36/141 Tan Y Graig – to note for information correspondence received from the Countryside Access Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council enclosing a 'Notice of the Making of an Order'.

Noted.

11. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 – it was agreed to exclude members of the public during consideration of the following agenda items because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
12. Capital Project – Play Areas – to receive an update from the Community Development Officer on the grant applications submitted to All Wales Play Opportunities to replace individual playground equipment items at three of the council's play areas.

The matter was determined in private.

13. To receive Statement of Accounts and to consider providing financial assistance to:

(1) Dafen Community Hall – 30 April, 2025.

(2) Sandy & Stradey Community Hall – 31 August, 2025.

The matter was determined in private.

The meeting concluded at 7.18 p.m.