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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 194 – 203

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, 21 October, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

Absent: J. P. Hart, O. Williams

194. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was recieved from Cllr. E. M. Evans (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

195. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
202	S. N. Lewis	Personal and Prejudicial – member, Dafen Cricket Club.
202	A. J. Rogers	Personal interest – Secretary, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
203	D. M. Cundy	Personal and Prejudicial – family member was the proprietor of Tiny Tots Town.
203	A. G. Stephens	Personal – Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision, Llwynhendy and the applicant for Tiny Tots Town was a distant relative.

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196. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

197. RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members received the following minutes of the Recreation and Welfare Sub-Committee held on 8 October, 2025:

“At a meeting of the RECREATION AND WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE of Llanelli Rural Council, at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 8 October, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. N. Lewis
J. Lovell

J. S. Phillips
W. E. Skinner

Absent: M. V. Davies

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. D. M. Cundy.

6. MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

7. 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.

**8. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL
GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Further to Minute No. 40, members received the report of the Deputy Clerk addressing the current challenges associated with Furnace Community Hall management arrangements.

The Deputy Clerk advised that, in light of the identified risks and the absence of an active volunteer-led committee, the council should take urgent action to mitigate those risks. It was therefore recommended that the council assume full operational management of the facility

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on an interim basis, including oversight of administration, bookings, maintenance and financial management.

Furthermore, the council should seek legal advice regarding the charitable status and any associated obligations.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that in the interim:

1. Furnace Community Hall be placed under direct council management to stabilise operations and ensure statutory compliance.
2. Arrange for an urgent health and safety inspection, fire and electrical checks and ensure waste and hygiene compliance.
3. Assume responsibility for the hall's finances.
4. Establish a 'Licence to Occupy' with the Llanelli Woodturning Club outlining responsibilities, insurance and rental obligations.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the council should seek legal advice regarding the charitable status and any associated obligations.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.23 p.m.

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RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and accepted.

**198. PARC Y GWILI AND PENYGRAIG PLAY AREAS
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Further to Minute No. 134, members received the cost analysis report from the Facilities Manager outlining the repair or replacement of damaged items at both play area sites met from the current budget.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the cost analysis report be noted but going forward members requested a half yearly committee report be presented to committee highlighting the cost of vandalism across all council owned community assets.

199. 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.

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**200. FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL
RENT REVIEW**

Members received correspondence from the Landlord, Stradey Estates Office informing of the five yearly rent review for the lease of land at Stradey Road, Furnace, Llanelli.

It had been proposed to increase the yearly ground rent to £101.87.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the ground rent increase be accepted.

**201. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
FELINFOEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNITY HALL
31 JULY, 2025**

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

RESOLVED that the annual grant of £400 be made to Felinfoel Executive Committee Community Hall for the year ending 31 July, 2025.

202. DAFEN PARK - GROUND DRAINAGE

Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was a member of the Dafen Cricket Club and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. A. J. Rogers declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

Further to Minute No. 148(3), Cllr. A. J. Rogers, confirmed that he had discussed the possibility of committing funding towards a flood alleviation scheme to improve the ground drainage on the cricket outfield with Dafen Cricket Club and Dafen AFC Football Club. It transpired that both teams were not prepared to commit any funding towards a flood alleviation scheme because they considered themselves to be voluntary organisations with limited finances. Cllr Rogers thereupon enquired if an additional engineer's report could be commissioned to look again at the flooding and drainage issues being experienced on the cricket outfield.

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the council had previously commissioned a detailed scheme to improve the drainage of the cricket outfield within the last 12 months. The scheme had been prepared by Tulip Engineers Consultancy and had been prepared in such a way that it could be presented as a tender specification to be issued to contractors. The scheme included water flow calculations discharging into the drains and to aid the scheme trial pits were excavated to test the water table and general ground conditions along with tests being performed on the existing infrastructure. These measures shaped the plan to re-configure the existing drainage system in the park by adding to it by laying ground pipes in a herring bone pattern across the entire outfield area. Given this, officers believed commissioning a further report was unnecessary both in terms of cost benefit and the fact that

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no new information was likely to be garnered from the exercise given the amount of detail already provided in the current proposals.

The Clerk suggested that as an additional measure officers contact Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to obtain a view about the scheme in the council's possession, because surface water from the outfield discharged into the River Dafen. The park was in an area prone to flooding and so NRW might wish to examine the scheme in detail to ensure that any reconfiguration of the current drainage system didn't have a detrimental impact on the amount of water entering the river at any given time but especially during stormy weather conditions. Conceivably NRW might suggest further control measures to mitigate against the risk of flooding elsewhere lower down the catchment area or it might wish to comment on the effectiveness of what is proposed because of the geology of the area, and it was

RESOLVED that officers contact Natural Resources Wales to obtain a view about the flood alleviation measures identified in the scheme provided by Tulip Engineering Consultancy seeking an opinion about the predicted surface water flow rates discharging into the River Dafen and whether some form of flood attenuation was required. Furthermore, whether the general geology and ground conditions in the park naturally created a high-water table and whether this might render any potential works ineffective.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter be kept under review, and that officers seek to expedite liaison with Natural Resources Wales to report back to committee, recognising that Natural Resources Wales might charge for its services, should it be prepared to evaluate the proposals set out in the current engineering report.

Cllr. J. S. Phillips left the meeting.

Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting following Cllr. Cundy's withdrawal from the proceedings during discussion of the following item.

**203. CANOLFAN LLWYNHENDY
CAFÉ LICENCE**

Cllr. D. M. Cundy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as the applicant for Tiny Tots Town was a relative and left the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in the following item as he was the Trustee and Treasurer of Pro-Vision, Llwynhendy and the applicant for Tiny Tots Town was a distant relative.

Further to Minute No. 95, members received correspondence from Tiny Tots Town requesting an initial short-term rent waiver at Canolfan Llwynhendy.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be declined.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.56 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 11 November, 2025 adopted by the Council.