

15 October, 2024

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 181 – 189

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, 15 October, 2024 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

Absent: J. P. Hart

181. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. O. Williams.

182. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
185(2)	S. N. Lewis	Personal interest – Treasurer, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.
185(2)	A. J. Rogers	Personal interest – Secretary, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

183. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

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184. BUS SHELTER – SANDY ROAD LLANELLI

Members considered correspondence from Cllr. M. Palfreman, Carmarthenshire County Council requesting support for the provision of a bus shelter at the bus stop outside Sandy and Stradey Community Hall.

The bus stop was moved from the junction of Sandy Road and Maesycoed to its current location following the construction of the Parc Y Strade estate and associated traffic signals.

Passengers currently waiting for buses had no shelter which was clearly detrimental when weather conditions were poor. There was room outside the community hall on an extended area of footpath immediately to the east of the hall's boundary and on the corner of the service road leading to the car park.

Highways Officers, Carmarthenshire County Council had advised that provision of a bus shelter at this location would be reliant on external funding being secured and site investigation to assess viability.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported in principle subject to the bus shelter not impeding access along the pavement.

**185. DAFEN PARK
(1) ASTROTURF**

The matter was withdrawn.

(2) GROUND DRAINAGE SCHEME PROPOSAL

Cllr. S. N. Lewis declared a personal interest in the following item as she was the Treasurer, Dafen Welfare Management Committee. Cllr. A. J. Rogers declared a personal interest in the following item as he was the Secretary, Dafen Welfare Management Committee.

Members received correspondence from Tulip Engineering Consultancy providing an engineering report on the drainage scheme at Dafen Park.

The report provided service plans to several public sewers and a raw water supply main within the recreation field at Dafen Park.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the engineering report be noted and the cost implications of delivering the drainage proposals set out in the report be further investigated but the views of Welsh Water also be obtained in regard to utilising existing and new site infrastructure.

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**186. SWISS VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL
(1) CAR PARK**

Correspondence was received from a resident of Swiss Valley, Llanelli expressing concerns regarding the parking outside the community hall and play area at Swiss Valley.

Bollards had been erected at Swiss Valley community hall car park. Previously, the public attending the play area would park their vehicles in the community hall patron's car park. Due to the bollards being erected, vehicles were now being parked along the road thus obscuring access and view points for children and also hampering buses from occasionally passing safely.

Thereupon, the local ward member informed members of the issues identified at the car park since the bollards had been in place. The car park was supposed to be only available to hall patrons. However, members of the public using the play area would park their vehicles in the car park. Often hall patrons at the end of their hall session would vacate the car park and attempt to erect the entry/exit bollards but unfortunately they were not able to do so if vehicles had been left by the play area users or moreover local neighbours.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that as a temporary measure the two entrance bollards to the car park be removed, until such time as a new hall management committee was formed. In the interim the matter would be kept under review until further consultation could take place with the new committee as to whether the bollards should be re-instated.

(2) HALL MANGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the hall management committee had stood down and had handed the community hall back to the council. Officers were currently undertaking the duties involved in managing the hall until such time as a new committee could be formed. A public meeting would be held shortly to garner local interest in serving on the committee.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

187. 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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188. FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL

Members considered the Deputy Clerk's report to replace the existing Solar Thermal hot water system with a combination boiler system.

The existing central heating and domestic water system at the hall comprised a gas boiler that provided hot water directly to the central heating system and hot water for the domestic water system via a storage cylinder.

The engineer's report on the Solar Thermal system recommended a major refurbishment at a cost of £7,425.

Alternatively, the heating and domestic hot water system could be reconfigured to operate from a new gas combination boiler that would provide both the central heating and domestic hot water requirements on demand. The Solar Thermal system would be decommissioned and the water storage cylinder removed.

The proposal to change to a combination boiler would provide ongoing savings for the council and it removed the need for a water safety management system associated with the hot water storage cylinder.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The Solar Thermal system and its associated components be decommissioned.
2. The existing water heating system be replaced with a combination gas boiler.
3. The quotation received from A. Peters Gas Services, 54 Pennant Road, Swiss Valley, Llanelli, SA14 8EW in the sum of £6,550.00 be accepted to replace the existing combination gas boiler.

189. CHRISTMAS TREES

The Deputy Clerk informed members that two quotations that had been received for the installation of seven Christmas trees in the council's electoral wards, one tree per ward at various locations.

Members were also informed of a significant budget saving associated with one of the firm's quotations in that the LED lighting would become the property of Llanelli Rural Council after the first year.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the quotation received from Excel Electrics Limited, Abbey View, Carway, Kidwelly, SA17 4HE, in the sum of £12,200.00 plus VAT be accepted for the installation of seven Christmas trees in the council's electoral wards.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.40 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.