

# 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, 19 November, 2024, at 4.45 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. D. M. Cundy (committee chairman), M. V. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, R. E. Evans, S. N. Lewis, 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), J. P. Hart and A. G. Morgan.

2. Members Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. D. M. Cundy - Item 3(2) - personal and prejudicial

Cllr. S. N. Lewis - Item 5(1) - personal

- Item 5(2) - personal and prejudicial

Cllr. A. J. Rogers - Item 5 - personal

Cllr. A. G. Stephens - Item 4 - personal

3. Community Facilities –  
(1) Maintenance Works.

Report noted.

(2) Managing Council's Community Facilities

Cllr. A. J. Rogers chaired the meeting when discussing Trallwm Community Hall car park.

All report recommendations set out in the Deputy Clerk's report were accepted.

4. Capital Projects – to consider the Deputy Clerk's progress report and to agree the council's response.

The Deputy Clerk provided members with an update of the progress made with the following capital projects:

- Llwynhendy, Gwili Fields - new children's play areas and environmental enhancements.
- Llwynhendy, Former Library – redevelopment of the former library building to a community hub.
- Bynea, Penygraig – New children's play area and ball court.
- Dafen, Clos Cilsaig – New children's play area.

- Hengoed, Stradey - New children's play area.
- Ponthenri - New children's play area.
- Phil Bennett Community Resource Centre – New toilet facilities

Members noted the project overview information contained in the report for the children's play areas, the Phase 1 environmental enhancements and the community hub development at Llwynhendy, as well as the children's play area and ball court at Penygraig, Bynea, the play areas at Clos Cilsaig, Dafen, Ponthenri and the new toilet facility at the Phil Bennett Community Resource Centre, Felinfoel.

Members agreed to pause the Hengoed Ward, Stradey children's play area capital project for the time being until a suitable parcel of land had been earmarked by the Stradey Estate Office once its land use review had been completed. Furthermore and subject to receiving Welsh Government approval, members agreed to utilise the Hengoed Ward play scheme's £100,000 earmarked reserve by transferring it to offset the Llwynhendy Hub library building project costs, on the strict understanding that the Hengoed Ward play scheme earmarked reserve was fully re-instated to its original £100,000 sum over the next two years, to coincide with the realisation of the Stradey Estate plans.

Members agreed to support the financing of further necessary and essential works in connection with Phase 2 environmental works making up the current tender shortfall of £135,539 (subject to the subtraction of any further savings being identified in the tender), and that the additional funds could be possibly sourced from virements from the current year's budget; using general reserves or raising the council precept or a combination of all of these measures, if additional funding could not be identified through further stakeholder pledges or additional grants.

5. Dafen Park:

(1) Astro turf – to consider a request from Dafen AFC about extending the club's use of the facility.

The matter was held in abeyance until a further assessment was conducted on the club's general use of the facility. The following information shall be obtained to help inform the assessment: the club's current use of the facility; booking cancellations; evidence of unauthorised transfers of booking slots to other clubs and other forms of unauthorised use including exceeding prescribed time slots or generally sharing security codes leading to unauthorised usage. Moreover, a more sophisticated automated access system shall be procured and installed to control and properly regularise the general hiring and use of the facility. The cost of procuring the technology shall be met from the facility's earmarked reserve.

(2) Ground Maintenance – to consider correspondence from Dafen Welfare Cricket Club on the ground maintenance programme at Dafen Park and to agree the council's response.

In light of previous collaboration arrangements being untenable, the club's offer of providing additional in kind or financial support towards the current grounds maintenance programme provided by the council be declined. However, if the club wanted to have more direct involvement in the maintenance regime and if so desired the facility could be asset transferred to the club with it then taking on overall control and responsibility for its management and future upkeep.

6. Provision of Grit Bins in council parks – matter requested for inclusion on the agenda by Cllr. A. Evans.

Matter deferred to the Recreation and Welfare Committee to be held on 17 December, 2024, owing to the local ward member being unable to attend the meeting to present the item.

7. Furnace Community Hall – Storage Area

(1) Further to Minute No. 448, (16 April, 2024, refers) to consider a further request received from committee members, Llanelli Woodturning Club for permission to extend and use the storage area at Furnace Community Hall and to agree the council's response.

The request was unequivocally declined.

(2) To note email correspondence received from the Chairman, Llanelli Woodturning Club inviting local ward members to visit the club.

Noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.