

21 January, 2025

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 300 – 307

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 January, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

300. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. P. Hart, A. J. Rogers (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising) and O. Williams (Cllr. A. Evans deputising).

301. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in Minute No. 305, as he was the Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy and a member of Our Llwynhendy.

302. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

303. PROVISION OF GRIT BINS – COUNCIL PARKS

Cllr. A. Evans informed members of the necessity to site two grit bins along the path at Ponthenri Recreation Ground.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that permission be granted to site two grit bins in Ponthenri Recreation Ground and that Cllr. Evans seeks funding for their provision in the first instance but should the grant funding route prove to be unsuccessful, the matter shall be re-presented to the Recreation and Welfare Committee for further consideration.

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**304. PWLL RECREATION GROUND
ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATION**

Members considered correspondence from the Highways and Transport Division, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the proposal to install a rapid electric vehicle charging station in the car park at Pwll Recreation Ground.

The writer stated, there would be no cost to the council with a separate electric meter being installed and paid for by Carmarthenshire County Council via a grant that the authority had received.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that permission be granted to Carmarthenshire County Council for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station at Pwll Recreation Ground.

305. LLWYNHENDY HUB

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

(1) PROGRESS REPORT

The Community Development Officer provided members with a verbal progress report on all facets of the project covering the environmental and landscaping works; the ongoing building work to reconfigure and convert the premises from a branch library into a community hub; other related matters including further grants applied for or to be applied for to help meet employment costs for a new post holder to manage Canolfan Llwynhendy, in addition to also supporting the procurement of other related building revenue items. It was envisaged that all building work should be completed in the spring of 2025, but work to the main entrance foyer would be completed before the end of March 2025. Reference was also made to the community wishing to rename the surrounding Gwili Fields, in a similar vein to the community consultation process adopted when renaming the building as Canolfan Llwynhendy.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the progress report be noted.

(2) VIREMENT OF FUNDS

Members received correspondence from the Local Government Finance Policy and Sustainability Division, Welsh Government in connection with the council's capital loan for its community projects. The correspondence granted permission to the council to vire loan funds between two of its current capital projects to aid cash flow: namely the virement of up to £100,000 from the Hengoed Ward play scheme to support the completion of the Llwynhendy Hub project.

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Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

306. 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.

Cllr. T. M. Donoghue left the meeting.

**307. COMMUNITY HALLS
CHARITABLE TRUSTS LEGAL ADVICE**

Correspondence was received from the Head of Charities, Geldards LLP, providing a quotation for providing charity law advice to the council in relation to the general management and administration of Furnace and Ponthenri Community Halls as well as advice on practices adopted by the charitable trust known as Felinfoel Executive Committee in generally managing the affairs of the Phil Bennett OBE Resource Centre, Felinfoel.

Members were informed that the legal advice sought, tied into the programme of work being undertaken by the Deputy Clerk on the various management models in place across the council’s community buildings, which was due to be concluded in February 2025.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted and that Geldards LLP, 4 Capital Quarter, Tyndall, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ be engaged to produce a report in regard to the current and future management arrangements concerning Furnace and Ponthenri community halls at a cost of £3,750 plus VAT and also to provide separate legal advice in regard to the management practices adopted by Felinfoel Executive Committee in respect of the Phil Bennett OBE Resource Centre, Felinfoel at a cost of £1,000 plus VAT.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.43 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 February, 2025 adopted by the Council.