

# 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, 21 January, 2025, at 4.45 p.m.

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

### **Agenda items:**

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs. J. P. Hart, A. J. Rogers (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising) and O. Williams (Cllr. A. E. Evans deputising).

2. Members Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. A. G. Stephens - Item 6 - personal

3. Community Facilities – Maintenance Works.

Report noted.

4. Provision of grit bins in council parks – matter requested for inclusion on the agenda by Cllr. A. Evans.

Permission was 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 committee for further consideration.

5. Pwll Pavilion – Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station – to consider correspondence from the Highways and Transport Division, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the proposal to install a rapid charger at Pwll Pavilion and to agree the council's response.

The proposal was accepted.

6. Llwynhendy Hub:

(1) To receive a verbal update report from the Community Development Officer and the Deputy Clerk.

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; as well as 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. The progress report was noted.

(2) Virement of Capital Loan Funds – correspondence was received from the Local Government Finance Policy and Sustainability Division, Welsh Government in connection with the council’s capital loan for its community projects. Permission was granted to the council to vire loan funds between capital projects: namely the virement of up to £100,000 from the Hengoed Ward play scheme to support the completion of the Llwynhendy Hub project.

Noted.

7. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 – it was agreed to exclude members of the public during consideration of the following agenda item because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
8. Community Halls – Charitable Trusts Legal Advice – to consider email correspondence regarding a quotation received in regard to the provision of charity law advice in respect of the management of Furnace and Ponthenri community halls and the Phil Bennett Community Resource Centre and to agree the council’s response.

The matter was determined in private.

The meeting concluded at 5.43 p.m.