

11 February, 2025

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 331 – 336

At a Special 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, 11 February, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

331. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. J. P. Hart (Cllr. A. Evans deputising).

332. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

333. 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.

**334. FIVE ROADS RECREATION GROUND
PLAY AREA**

Members considered correspondence and a representation from Cllr. A. Evans in regard to renewing the play area in Five Roads Recreation Ground. Cllr Evans felt the play area was unsafe and expressed safety concerns over the condition of the safety mat flooring and some of the play equipment. Cllr Evans reported that a young child recently suffered an accident having slipped and fallen from the multi-play apparatus and so requested the council set aside a budget contribution of £40,000 to be used as match funding towards the provision of a new play area.

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By way of reply the Facilities Manager informed members that at the last risk assessment survey performed by an independent playground inspector, the play area ranked as low risk. Moreover, a further independent risk assessment survey was being carried out on all the council's play areas and the reports were expected soon.

Members were sympathetic towards the request but stated ultimately, any action to upgrade the play area would be predicated on the level of risk. Managing risk influenced and prioritised the council's spending decisions. Given the current risk rating of the play area was low risk, identifying new capital funds in the current or forthcoming budget could not be justified. However, should circumstances significantly change then the matter would be reviewed accordingly, and it was

RESOLVED that the funding request be refused at this particular point in time but in terms of future action the matter be generally assessed once again alongside other play areas following the receipt of the next set of play inspection reports to be considered by the committee.

335. DAFEN PARK – GROUND DRAINAGE SCHEME

Further to Minute No. 185(2), members considered a cost estimate to the value of £96,725.00 plus VAT for potential drainage works at the cricket outfield, Dafen Park.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the cost estimate be noted for the time being.

336. DRAFT ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2025/26

Members were presented with a preliminary report on draft estimates of income and expenditure for the committee for 2025/26, and it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The list of budget virements for the financial year 2024/25 be noted and approved.
- (2) The schedule of works planned for 2025/26 be accepted subject to the cost savings identified during the meeting being omitted from the draft estimates of income and expenditure to be subsequently considered by the council.
- (3) The remaining list of expenditure items annotated in the report be included within the committee's draft estimates of income and expenditure for 2025/26 and approved for council consideration.
- (4) To await the special meeting of the council to discuss the same.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.01 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 March, 2025 adopted by the Council.