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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 149 – 162

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 8 September, 2015, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. A. Beer	M. L. Evans
S. M. Caiach	R. E. Evans
D. M. Cundy	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	J. S. Phillips
S. M. Donoghue	A. J. Rogers
H. J. Evans	W. V. Thomas

Absent: L. J. Butler

149. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUCEMENT

The Chairman announced that his Consort, Ms Ruth Thomas' father and the Deputy Clerk's (Administration) mother had sadly passed away. As a mark of respect, Members and Officers stood in silent tribute.

150. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, T. Bowen, T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees and G. H. Wooldridge.

151. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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152. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following Minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings:

Council	14 July, 2015
Policy and Resources Committee	15 July, 2015
Planning and Liaison Committee	20 July, 2015
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 July, 2015
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	30 July, 2015
Planning and Liaison Committee	3 August, 2015
Planning and Liaison Committee	24 August, 2015

153. MATTERS ARISING

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Further to Minute No. 123, the Clerk informed Members, despite concerted effort from officers, the Council had still yet to receive notification from the Hotel Services Co-ordinator, Hywel Dda NHS Trust of the official closure date of the catering facility at Bryntirion kitchen. This was having an impact on plans to potentially reconfigure the service arrangements and hampered contacting other alternative catering suppliers.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

154. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

(1) LLANELLI FIRE STATION

(2) FUNDING LLANELLI FIRE STATION

Further to Minute No. 105(1) and (2) correspondence was received from Mr M Crennell, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority outlining available dates for Members to attend a tour and presentation of Llanelli Fire Station. The correspondence also responded to the Clerk's letter dated 24 July, 2015, clarifying information about the Authority's core funding source and its subsequent budget allocation.

RESOLVED that interested Members attend Llanelli Fire Station on Wednesday, 21 October, 2015 at 6.00 pm and the financial information contained in the correspondence be noted until such time as Mr Crennell, Deputy Chief Fire Officer attends a future Council meeting.

**155. LICENSING ACT 2003
LICENSING POLICY REVIEW**

Members received a consultation document in the form of a questionnaire from the Principal Licensing Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council requesting the Council's views on the following:

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- Alcohol related anti-social behaviour;
- Alcohol related crime hot spot areas and Cumulative Impact areas;
- Promoting Management Standards; and
- What type of licensed premises should be encouraged and where should they be located.

The current policy was adopted by the County Council in 2012 and had to be reviewed every five years to ensure it reflected feedback from the local community that the statutory objectives were being met. It was an opportunity for local residents, businesses, existing licence holders and their representatives to formally comment on the consultation document and provide feedback on licensing matters.

Members commented that the questionnaire did not facilitate multiple choice responses whereby more than one ward or area could be highlighted for attention and so it was

RESOLVED that Members respond to the questionnaire and return it to Carmarthenshire County Council, highlighting any issues which the licensing policy review may have for their own electoral areas.

**156. GAMBLING ACT 2005
GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW**

Members received a consultation document in the form of a questionnaire from the Principal Licensing Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

Carmarthenshire County Council was undertaking a review of its Gambling Policy which set out the principles applied when exercising its functions under the Act. The current policy was adopted in January 2013 and needed to be reviewed every three years to ensure it reflected feedback from the local community that the statutory objectives were being met.

Members commented that the questionnaire did not facilitate multiple choice responses whereby more than one ward or area could be highlighted for attention and it was

RESOLVED that Members complete the questionnaire and return it to Carmarthenshire County Council highlighting any issues which the gambling policy review may have for their own electoral areas.

157. SUMMIT ON STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Members received an invitation from Nia Griffith MP, to attend the Summit on Strengthening Local Democracy to be held on 22 September, 2015, at 10.00 am at the Selwyn Samuel Centre, Llanelli.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Leader and Clerk attend the Summit on Strengthening Local Democracy and that the points identified during discussion be forwarded to Nia Griffith MP for inclusion on the meeting agenda as follows:

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- (1) The streamlining of electoral ward arrangements and the implications on the councillor to elector ratio in the new local authorities;
- (2) The concern that electors in Llanelli will have no say over the future destiny of the Llanelli area under the local government reforms proposals.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the issue of humanitarian aid and assistance in relation to the current refugee crisis in the Middle East be raised as an additional agenda item to seek views as to how collectively the group of Llanelli Town and Community Councils together with Carmarthenshire County Council might collaborate with one another to help manage the crisis at a local level.

158. BATTLE OF BRITAIN – THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Members received an invitation from the Secretary, Royal Air Forces Association – Llanelli Branch, inviting Members to the Thanksgiving Service to be held on Sunday, 13 September, 2015, at 11.00 am at the St. Elli Parish Church, Llanelli

RESOLVED that the Chairman and interested Members attend the Thanksgiving Service.

159. DYFED POWYS LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM CONFERENCE

Members received correspondence from Dyfed Powys Police LRF Humanitarian Assistance and Community Resilience Group inviting Members to attend a one day conference at the Strategic Co-ordination Centre, Dyfed Powys Police Head Quarters, Carmarthen on Thursday, 15 October, 2015 at 9.30 – 15.30.

RESOLVED that the Community Development Officer and Cllr. S. M. Caiach attend the forum conference and report back to Members at the Council meeting to be held on 10 November, 2015.

160. GWENDRAETH GROUP OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Correspondence was received from the Chief Executive, Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli notifying details of the next Gwendraeth Group of Community Councils meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15 September, 2015 at 7.00 pm at Tumble Hall.

RESOLVED that the Local Members for the Glyn Ward be nominated to attend the meeting.

161. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

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162. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letters of appreciation for the Council's assistance received from the following, be noted with pleasure:

- (1) Bryn Primary School;
- (2) Pontyates Rugby Football Club;
- (3) Sandy Water Park Resident's Association;
- (4) Teenage Cancer Trust;
- (5) Wales Air Ambulance.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.25 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 October, 2015, adopted by the Council.