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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 299 – 308

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 9 December, 2014, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. L. J. Butler (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. A. Beer	R. E. Evans
S. M. Caiach	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
H. J. Evans	A. J. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

299. CLLR. G. N. R. EDWARDS

The Chairman announced that Cllr. G. N. R. Edwards had sadly passed away on 1 December, 2014, and the Council's thoughts and prayers had been extended to his widow, his two sons and to his wider family.

The Chairman stated Cllr. Edwards was an uncle to Cllr. S. N. Lewis and extended her deepest sympathy to Cllr. Lewis.

It was because of that family relationship with Cllr. Lewis that Cllr. Edwards was affectionately referred to occasionally as 'Uncle George' at Council committee meetings. Cllr. Edwards would not only be a great loss to his family but also to the Council and community at large.

The Chairman then referred to Cllr. Edwards' public service record having been elected on to the Council in May, 2012. During his time on the Council he diligently represented the residents of Hengoed Ward on the following committees:

- Community Development Grants Panel
- Finance and General Purposes Committee
- Learning and Development Consultative Committee
- Policy and Resources Committee
- Recreation and Welfare Committee

Cllr. Edwards also represented the Council on the following outside bodies:

- Llanelli and District Flood Forum
- Llanelli and District Twinning Association
- Pwll/Pembrey Further Education Centre

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Pwll Primary School

Cllr. Edwards was also a County Councillor. The Chairman remarked that Cllr. Edwards always conducted himself in an exemplary manner and he was a true gentleman. He went about his community work with pride and enthusiasm. Indeed, Cllr. Edwards had been instrumental in the asset transfer of Pwll Pavilion and recently brokered a meeting to resolve road safety issues at Brynteg. He was also heavily involved in the National Eisteddfod preparations. There were many more issues where Cllr. Edwards had a positive and lasting impact and further tributes to Cllr. Edwards would manifest between now and his funeral service which was being held on Thursday, 11 December. Members concurred with the Chairman's remarks.

In remembrance of Cllr. Edwards and as a mark of respect the Chairman requested all present to stand and observe a minute's silence.

300. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, T. Bowen, T. Devichand, S. M. Donoghue, M. L. Evans, T. J. Jones and G. H. Wooldridge.

301. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

302. 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	11 November, 2014
Recreation and Welfare Committee	18 November, 2014
Policy and Resources Committee (subject to the first sentence in the third resolution in Minute No. 284 being amended to read "The creation of a Community Development Officer post also be accepted in principle)	19 November, 2014
Planning and Liaison Committee	24 November, 2014
Finance and General Purposes Committee	26 November, 2014

303. MATTERS ARISING

(1) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Further to Minute No. 268(2), Cllr. S. L. Davies commented the Minute was inaccurate because it didn't reflect what she said about particular Councillors serving on the Community Development Grants Panel in voting not to support the said grant applications.

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In reply the Clerk acknowledged Cllr. Davies' remarks and stated the Minute had been drafted in the way it was presented because Minutes were legal records of the decisions taken at meetings; generally speaking Minutes were not a vehicle for recording personal remarks about the voting patterns of individual Members. This should only occur if for example a recorded vote was requested at the meeting, which wasn't the case in this instance. Ultimately, the Committee as a whole made the decision and not the two individual Members referred to by Cllr. Davies. By way of response, Cllr. Davies reasserted her comments over the accuracy of what she said at the Council meeting and it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. Davies' comments be duly noted.

(2) SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION

Further to Minute No. 271, the Clerk informed Members that he had attended the Swansea Bay City Region meeting on 19 November, 2014. The Clerk reported that there was a disappointing turnout at the meeting. He then briefed Members on the current status and role of the city region and how this might alter in the future. It had no powers or budget but was more a body of influence in the field of economic development.

Following on from that meeting, an item had been tabled about the meeting on the agenda of the Llanelli Area Town and Community Council group which met on 26 November, 2014. However, the group was not supportive of the idea of hosting a similar event in Llanelli.

During the ensuing discussion it was felt that the city region initiative was very important and something that Members should monitor with interest and that the matter should be revisited in the future as the concept gained momentum.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**304. PLANNING SEMINAR
CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Members received an invitation from the Head of Planning, Carmarthenshire County Council, to attend a Planning Seminar to be held in February 2015, details to be confirmed at a later date.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Members of the Planning and Liaison Committee attend the seminar.

**305. THE FATE OF THE LANGUAGE
IN CARMARTHENSHIRE**

Members received an invitation from Cymdeithas yr Iaith to attend an open meeting 'Tynged yr iaith yn Sir Gâr - the Fate of the language in Carmarthenshire' to be held on 17 January, 2015, at St. Peter's Hall, Carmarthen.

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RESOLVED that Cllr. M. V. Davies attends the event.

306. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 8 October, 2014:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 8 October, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Present: M. V. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. J. P. Burns	P. J. Edmunds
T. Bowen	V. J. Johns
L. J. Butler	A. G. Morgan
C. J. Reed, MBE.	

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr F. Akhtar.

31. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

32. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

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33. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for August 2014 and the provisional report for September 2014 be noted.

34. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for September 2014, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £21,003.55.

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RESOLVED that the information be noted.

35. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members considered email correspondence received from the Clerk to Llanelli Town Council requesting the potential review of Standing Order 4.1 relating to the quorum for meetings. It had been suggested that in addition to having four members present at meetings to constitute a quorum, at least one member of Llanelli Rural Council and one member of Llanelli Town Council needed to be present.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Standing Order No.30.2, this matter shall stand adjourned without further discussion, to the next ordinary meeting of the Burial Authority, scheduled for 12 November 2014.

36. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014

Further to Minute No. 29 Members received correspondence from Mazars LLP, enclosing the Burial Authority's certified Annual Return together with a copy of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit. The notice was required to be kept on public display for at least 14 days. The notice was dated 25 September 2014. Members were informed that all audit work had now been completed.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

37. 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.

38. SCATTERING GARDENS

Members considered the Cemetery Manager's report regarding quotations received from registered Memorial Masons to supply an engraving service for the new memorial plaques on the scattering gardens. The report also sought Member approval for a pricing structure and operating terms. The proposals were as follows:

- (1) Cremated remains shall be scattered over the raised gardens or if preferred around the perimeter of the gardens amongst the lavender borders. Exclusive burial rights were not applicable and would not be issued. The fee for scattering cremated remains would be initially set at £35.00.
- (2) Memorial plaques would be offered for a 15 or 30 year lease period. The lease period could be renewed upon the expiry of the original lease using the

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original memorial plaque. The associated fees for installing a memorial plaque shall initially be set at £120.00 for a 15 year lease and £190.00 for a 30 year lease with a £70.00 lease renewal fee. A second inscription fee on the plaques would cost £40.00.

- (3) If a ceramic photo plaque was required an additional fee of £50.00 for a photo plaque measuring 5cm x 7cm shall be payable and a fee of £60.00 for a photo plaque measuring 8cm x 10cm.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The proposed pricing structure and operating terms as specified above be accepted.
2. The quotation received from B. M. Phillips, 43 Glenalla Road, Llanelli, to cut one simple design from list provided, finished in silver enamel: £29.95. Supply and fit 5cmx7cm ceramic photo plaque £50.00 and supply and fit 8cmx10cm ceramic photo plaque £60.00 be accepted.

39. DIFFERENT COLOUR MEMORIAL – GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE 1

RESOLVED the request received from SM to install a different colour memorial as described in his letter dated 23 September 2014 be approved accordingly. Members confirmed there was to be no change to the existing cemetery rules and regulations to accommodate the request and that any future similar requests would be considered on their individual merit.

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The meeting concluded at 4:15 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

307. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Bryngwyn School;
- (2) Cruse Bereavement Care;
- (3) Cylch Meithrin Ponthenri;
- (4) Dafen Welfare Bowls Club;
- (5) Five Roads Heritage Society;
- (6) Guide Dogs – Llanelli Branch;
- (7) Llanelli Historical Society;
- (8) Llanelli Ramblers Festival of Walks 2015;
- (9) Llanelli Wanderers RFC;

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- (10) Pontyates Primary School;
- (11) Pwll Action Committee;
- (12) Urdd.

308. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.30 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 January, 2015, adopted by the Council.