

10 May, 2016.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 1 – 9

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 10 May, 2016, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	S. M. Donoghue
L. A. Beer	H. J. Evans
S. M. Caiach	T. J. Jones
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
T. Devichand	A. J. Rogers

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Bowen, L. J. Butler, M. L. Evans, R. E. Evans, S. N. Lewis, J. S. Phillips, W. V. Thomas and G. H. Wooldridge.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman, Cllr. M. V. Davies welcomed Members and guests to the meeting and reflected on the past year as something he would cherish and remember for a long time.

Cllr. Davies was very proud of being the Council Chairman and it had been an honour and privilege to have performed the role over the last year.

Cllr. Davies stated it had been a challenging but yet rewarding year and thanked Ms R. Thomas for serving as his Consort and for her support during the past year.

Cllr. Davies had attended 131 engagements, too numerous to mention individually but on every occasion he had always received a warm welcome and had been generously entertained. Cllr. Davies referred to the exceptional work undertaken by the many voluntary and charitable organisations that flourish locally. He felt that being able to help in a small way by taking part in their activities in which hundreds of willing volunteers were actively involved on a daily basis, helping others less fortunate than themselves, was something to behold. It had been a privilege to be part of their work.

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Cllr. Davies reflected on the Council's services over the last 12 months referring to the asset transfers from Carmarthenshire County Council. The Council had safeguarded Pwll Pavilion, the multi-use games area in Llwynhendy and the children's play area in Swiss Valley through the asset transfer programme. The Council had invested just under £100,000 in redeveloping Pwll Pavilion by providing a brand new car park and access road and there were further plans to provide a brand new play area next to the pavilion. The cost of the play area was likely to be around £80,000 and it was hoped work would be completed before the summer holidays.

Cllr. Davies then thanked Cllr. S. M. Donoghue for serving in his capacity as Vice Chairman to whom he extended good wishes for the year ahead. Furthermore, he extended thanks to the Chairman and Consort, Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Town Mayor and Mayoress and to all other civic dignitaries who he had worked with during the civic year.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Davies' remarks be noted.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. M. V. Davies invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. T. J. Jones, seconded by Cllr. A. G. Morgan, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. M. Donoghue be and, is hereby, appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2016/2017.

The Past Chairman invested the Chairman and Consort, Mrs M. Donoghue with the Chains of Office.

5. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chairman having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office stated that he wished to maintain the high standards of previous Chairmen and would represent the Council in a positive and professional manner and both he and his Consort were looking forward to the year ahead.

Cllr. Donoghue conveyed his congratulations to the newly elected Mayor for Llanelli Town Council, Cllr. W. G. Thomas and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council, Cllr. E. Morgan and he looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring Councils.

Cllr. Donoghue thanked his guests for their support during the evening.

6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr. A. J. Rogers, seconded by Cllr. T. Devichand, and was

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RESOLVED that Cllr. H. J. Evans be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2016/2017.

The Chairman, Cllr. S. M. Donoghue invested the Vice-Chairman and Consort, Mrs S. Evans with the Chains of Office and wished them well during their term of office.

7. VICE-CHAIRMAN’S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice-Chairman having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, stated that it was a privilege to be able to accept such an honour and assured that both he and his Consort would fully support the Chairman in his year of Office.

8. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS

Cllr. S. M. Donoghue presented Cllr. M. V. Davies with the Past Chairman’s medallion and Ms R. Thomas with the Past Chairman’s Consort’s medallion and a bouquet.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

On the motion of Cllr. A. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. C. A. Rees it was

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting stand adjourned until Thursday, 12 May, 2016 at 6.00 pm.

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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 14 June, 2016, adopted by the Council.