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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 265 – 274

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 11 November, 2014, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	H. J. Evans
L. A. Beer	M. L. Evans
T. Bowen	R. E. Evans
S. M. Caiach	T. J. Jones
D. M. Cundy	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	C. A. Rees
T. Devichand	A. J. Rogers
S. M. Donoghue	W. V. Thomas
G. N. R. Edwards	G. H. Wooldridge

265. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

266. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

267. 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	15 October, 2014
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 October, 2014
Policy and Resources Committee	22 October, 2014
Finance and General Purposes Committee	29 October, 2014
Community Development Grants Panel	30 October, 2014
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	30 October, 2014
Planning and Liaison Committee	3 November, 2014

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268. MATTERS ARISING

**(1) YOUR HEALTH YOUR FUTURE
PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL
PROGRESS REPORT**

Further to Minute No. 222, the Clerk informed Members that he had reiterated the point about resolving public transport availability and the discharging of Llanelli patients during unsocial hours from Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen, at a recent meeting of the Front of House Project Board. As a direct response Mr Peter Llewellyn, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Hywel Dda Local Health Board was going to attend the next board meeting scheduled for 1 December, 2014, to discuss the transport issues and the strategy being developed.

Following on from this, the Clerk informed Members that subject to approval, the Front of House Project Board Committee representatives together with SOSPPAN Committee representatives would attend the Council meeting scheduled for 13 January, 2015. The project board representatives intended to brief the Council and SOSPPAN at the same time subject to Council agreement and it was

RESOLVED that the progress report be noted and that the attendance of SOSPPAN representatives at the Council's January 2015 meeting be approved.

(2) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Further to Minute No. 252, Cllr. S. L. Davies conveyed her disappointment that the community grant applications from Dafen Welfare Committee and Ty Enfys Family Centre were not supported by Committee Members.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(3) PLANNING APPLICATIONS
TOWN AND COUNTRY GENERAL DEVELOPMENT
PROCEDURE ORDER 1995**

Further to Minute No. 262, the Clerk in response to a query raised by Members confirmed that a petition had been received at the Planning and Liaison Committee meeting regarding planning application number S/30968. The Clerk explained that because the Council was not the planning authority (the decision maker) and was merely a planning consultee, the petition should have been served on Carmarthenshire County Council. However, acknowledgement of its existence could be recorded in the Minute if Members so desired despite this being a departure from normal practice and it was

RESOLVED accordingly.

Cllr. S. M. Caiach joined the meeting

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269. LEADER OF COUNCIL

The Clerk informed Members that Cllr. A. G. Morgan had elected to stand down as Leader of Council and it was necessary to appoint a successor with immediate effect. Following a vote it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) Cllr. C. A. Rees be elected as Leader of Council; as a consequence of that appointment
- (2) Cllr. Rees will replace Cllr. A. G. Morgan on the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Planning and Liaison Committee. Cllr. Morgan will no longer serve on the Civic and Ceremonial Committee. Furthermore, Cllr. T. J. Jones will now need to serve on the Learning and Development Consultative Committee and the Community Development Grants Panel as the local ward member. Henceforth, Cllr. Rees shall serve on these committees as Leader of Council;
- (3) Cllr. Rees will also replace Cllr. A. G. Morgan on the following outside bodies:
 - Llanelli Area Town and Community Councils;
 - Prince Philip Hospital – Front of House Project Board.

Arising out of discussion of the above, Cllr. W. V. Thomas offered his congratulations to Cllr. C. A. Rees on her appointment but expressed disappointment that the Council had to go through the selection process once again given the prevailing circumstances and called for stability going forward.

Cllrs. T. Bowen and G. H. Wooldridge withdrew from the meeting.

270. INTEGRATED COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR CARMARTHENSHIRE ANNUAL FORUM

Members received an invitation from the Chairman of Carmarthenshire Local Services Board, Carmarthenshire County Council to attend the Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire Annual Forum to be held on 27 November, 2014 at the Haliwell Theatre, Carmarthen.

RESOLVED that the Clerk and any interested Members attend the event.

271. SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION

Members received an invitation from Carmarthen Town Council to attend a meeting to be held on 19 November, 2014, to learn more about the objectives and activities of the Swansea Bay City Region Forum.

During discussion, Members contemplated whether a similar meeting could be organised in Llanelli and it was suggested that at the next meeting of the Llanelli Area Town and Community Councils the Clerk gauge whether there was support for hosting a joint meeting in Llanelli.

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RESOLVED that the Clerk and Leader of Council be nominated to attend the meeting event in Carmarthen with the Clerk then subsequently raising the matter as an agenda item at the next meeting of the Llanelli Area Town and Community Councils group.

272. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

273. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 10 September, 2014:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 10 September 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Present: M. J. P. Burns (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. Bowen	V. J. Johns
L. J. Butler	A. G. Morgan
C. J. Reed, MBE.	

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F. Akhtar, M. V. Davies, R. M. Davies and P. J. Edmunds.

24. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

25. 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:

Ordinary Meeting - 9 July 2014

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26. MATTERS ARISING

(1) CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT

Further to Minute No. 21, the Secretary informed Members that the work had been put out to tender to four local companies but only one company had returned a tender. The tender was more expensive than the available budget. The Cemetery Manager was currently discussing options with the consultant architect and shall formally report upon the outcome of those discussions for Members to take a view on how to proceed with the planned scheme of refurbishment.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and to await further developments.

(2) FREEHOLD INTEREST – LAND AT LLANELLI
CREMATORIUM

Further to Minute No. 22, the Secretary informed Members that he had written to the Director of Llanelli Crematorium declining the offer and had not received any further correspondence on the matter.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

27. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure reports for June and July 2014 and the provisional reports for August 2014 be noted.

28. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedules of payments for July and August 2014, which revealed expenditure for the months amounted to £49,361.47 and £18,021.91 respectively.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

29. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014
EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S OPINION

Members considered the report letter received from Mazars LLP, stating its opinion on the Authority's Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2014. No qualifying issues were identified.

RESOLVED that the Annual Return be approved and the Auditor's opinion be noted; furthermore that Section 3 of the Annual Return (Certification and Approval) be duly signed and the document returned to Mazars LLP so that the remainder of Section 3 (External Audit Certificate) may be completed in order to conclude the audit.

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The meeting concluded at 4:25 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

274. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT

In recognition of the fact that it was Armistice Day and as a mark of respect the Chairman invited Members and Officers to stand in silent tribute.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.20 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 9 December, 2014, adopted by the Council.