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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 323 – 334

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 13 December, 2016, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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| F. Akhtar | M. L. Evans |
| S. M. Caiach | R. E. Evans |
| M. V. Davies | A. G. Morgan |
| S. L. Davies | J. S. Phillips |
| T. Devichand | C. A. Rees |
| H. J. Evans | W. V. Thomas |

Absent: T. Bowen and L. J. Butler

323. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, D. M. Cundy, T. J. Jones, S. N. Lewis, A. J. Rogers and G. H. Wooldridge.

324. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 330, as he was a member of the Felinfoel Community Resource Management Committee.

325. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman wished Cllr. J. S. Phillips a happy birthday for Monday, 12 December, 2016.

326. 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:

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| Council | 8 November, 2016 |
| Recreation and Welfare Committee | 15 November, 2016 |
| Policy and Resources Committee | 16 November, 2016 |
| Planning and Liaison Committee | 21 November, 2016 |
| Finance and General Purposes Committee | 30 November, 2016 |
| Planning and Liaison Committee | 12 December, 2016 |

327. MATTERS ARISING

**(1) DYFED – POWYS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
POLICE AND CRIME PLAN CONSULTATION**

Further to Minute No. 282(1), the Clerk informed Members that the Police and Crime Commissioner would be attending the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 14 March, 2017.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(2) MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2017-2022**

Further to Minute No. 282(4), Members were informed that a Senior Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority would be attending the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 14 February, 2017.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(3) RAINSCAPE UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2016

Further to Minute No. 282(2), the Clerk informed Members that Officers from Carmarthenshire County Council and Natural Resources Wales attended the Planning and Liaison Committee meeting held last night.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(4) TRANSFER OF COMMUNITY ASSETS FROM
CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Further to Minute No. 282(3), the Clerk read out the content of an email received from the Clerk, Llanelli Town Council. Members were informed the Town Clerk had presented a progress report regarding asset transfers to the Town Council meeting held on 7 December. This referred to preliminary officer discussions in regard to the maintenance of the facilities that might be transferred to the Town Council. At the said Council meeting, town councillors supported the principle of the Town and Rural Council's working together on this matter and possibly establishing a joint grounds maintenance management committee, similar to the arrangement that exists with the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority in managing Llanelli District

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Cemetery. The Town Clerk was therefore keen to meet to explore this potential collaboration opportunity and so the Council's views on how best to proceed was required and it was

RESOLVED that the concept of creating a joint committee be accepted in principle and that the Clerk be authorised to enter into further discussions with the Town Clerk in respect of this collaboration opportunity and moreover that a business case be prepared for future consideration by both sets of Councils.

(5) WALES AIR AMBULANCE

Further to Minute No. 285, the Chairman informed Members that he thoroughly enjoyed the Wales Air Ambulance tour of the Dafen airbase and that he found it to be very worthwhile and informative. Members accompany the Chairman to the event concurred and it was

RESOLVED that a thank you letter be sent to the Wales Air Ambulance for the kind hospitality extended to the Council party during the visit.

(6) FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Further to Minute No. 318, the Clerk informed Members that following the Planning and Liaison Committee meeting held on Monday, 12 December, 2016, the Flood Engineer, Carmarthenshire County Council was prepared to meet Members on site to discuss any flooding issues in their local area.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**328. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2017-2022**

Further to Minute No. 253, Members received correspondence from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (MWWFRA) in response to the Council's letter dated 4 November, 2016, about the FRA's draft corporate plan 2017-2022. The writer confirmed the FRA had noted the Council's response and also eluded to the Welsh Government's proposals to extend FRA's duties to cover flooding and water rescue incidents.

The Clerk suggested that parts of Llanelli were prone to flooding an opportunity to discuss the ramifications of Welsh Government policy would present itself when the Deputy Chief Fire Officer attends the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14 February, 2017.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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329. MINOR AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY – CARWE GWYNFRYN PONTHENRI FEDERATION

Further to Minute No. 232, Members received correspondence from the Principal School Governance Officer, Department for Education and Children, Carmarthenshire County Council informing that the governing body for the federation had appointed the representative from Llangyndeyrn Community Council and not the Rural Council's nominated representative as there was only one position available for an additional Community Governor.

Following discussion, whereby Members enquired about the nature and status of the said appointment and whether clarification ought to be sought from the Local Education Authority, ultimately, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

330. FELINFOEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a member of the Felinfoel Community Resource Management Committee and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No. 202, Members considered correspondence from Evans Powell & Co Solicitors enclosing a letter from Rodericks Solicitors in connection with the draft Heads of Terms relating to a proposed underletting by the Felinfoel Community Resource Management Committee to Hywel Dda University Local Health Board.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk responds on behalf of the Council giving written consent for the Felinfoel Community Resource Management Committee to proceed with the underletting of Felinfoel Community Resource Centre to Hywel Dda University Local Health Board.

Cllr. H. J. Evans re-joined the meeting.

331. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 12 October, 2016:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 12 October 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

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Cllrs.

M. J. P. Burns J. S. Phillips
S. M. Donoghue C. J. Reed MBE

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. R. F. Price.

33. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

34. 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 - 14 September 2016

35. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure reports for August 2016 and the provisional report for September 2016 be noted.

36. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for September 2016, which revealed expenditure for the month, amounted to £20,543.35.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

37. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2016/2017

Members considered the interim internal audit report from Auditing Solutions Ltd. The report author confirmed that there were no issues that required attention and that the financial systems continued to operate effectively.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 4.04 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

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332. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

333. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Age Cymru Sir Gâr;
- (2) Bynea District Forum;
- (3) Dafen Welfare Bowls Club;
- (4) Llanelli Ramblers – Festival of Walks 2017;
- (5) St. John – Wales.

334. SEASONAL GREETINGS

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

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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 10 January, 2017, adopted by the Council.