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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 451 – 461

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 12 April, 2012, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. N. Lewis (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	H. J. Evans
L. J. Butler	T. Rh. Ifan
S. M. Caiach	T. J. Jones
M. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	C. A. Rees
T. Devichand	B. C. M. Reynolds
S. M. Donoghue	A. C. Thomas

451. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies, M. L. Evans, M. J. Lewis, V. R. Thomas and G. H. Wooldridge.

452. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

453. 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	13 March, 2012
Policy and Resources Committee	21 March, 2012
Finance and General Purposes Committee	28 March, 2012
Community Development Grants Panel	29 March, 2012
Planning and Liaison Committee	2 April, 2012

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**454. MATTERS ARISING
HYWEL DDA - YOUR HEALTH YOUR FUTURE**

Pursuant to Minute No. 423, the Chairman referred to the successful collection of signatures petitioning against hospital cuts on 24 March, 2012.

RESOLVED that the Chairman's comments be noted.

455. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS – YMCA BUILDING

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be retrospectively authorised in affixing the Council's Seal on the Deed of Surrender for the YMCA Buildings, Stepney Street, Llanelli.

456. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

457. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 8 February, 2012:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 8 February 2012 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr L. J. Butler (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

M. J. P Burns	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	C. A. Rees
W. J. Lemon	K. D. Rees

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. M. Donoghue, C. C. Lucas and J. Williams.

76. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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77. 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 subject to Cllr K. D. Rees' apologies being recorded for the December meeting.

Ordinary Meeting	-	14 December 2011
Special Meeting	-	23 January 2012

78. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure reports for November and December 2011 and the provisional report for January 2012 be noted.

79. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for December 2011 and January 2012, which revealed expenditure for the months, amounted to £20,079.94 and £30,931.24 respectively.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

80. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31 MARCH 2011

Members received correspondence from Mazars LLP enclosing the Burial Authority's certified Annual Return. The writer confirmed that all audit work had been completed.

The Secretary confirmed the required public notice informing of the conclusion of the audit had previously been displayed. The Secretary then referred to the date for approving the Annual Return being brought forward by three months for the year ending 31 March 2012 and for all future audits thereafter. In future the initial certification of the Annual Return by the Responsible Financial Officer (the Secretary) and confirmation by the Burial Authority must be completed by 30 June. Furthermore, Mazars LLP required a copy of the Annual Return and supporting documents to be sent to them by Tuesday 3 July 2012, for the next audit. The date change would facilitate future audits being undertaken so the Burial Authority could formally approve the Annual Return (Section 3) by 30 September.

It was suggested the Burial Authority's meeting schedule might need to be varied to accommodate the date changes in order to comply with the revised legislative provisions.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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81. TREE AND HEDGEROW DONATION

The Cemetery Manager informed Members he had recently made an application on behalf of Llanelli Rotary Club to the Jubilee Planting Scheme for a quantity of trees and hedgerows. The application was successful and 420 saplings had been awarded. Furthermore Llanelli Rotary Club would like to offer the Burial Authority a number of saplings for the cemetery on proviso of a long term maintenance programme being put in place.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the donation be accepted with thanks.

82. LLANELLI CREMATORIUM - COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Members were informed that email correspondence had been received from a member of the public complaining that the commemorative plaque erected at Llanelli Crematorium in recognition of the partnership between the Burial Authority and Llanelli Crematorium Ltd in bringing a crematorium facility to Llanelli had been removed.

In recent months the Cemetery Manager had been in dialogue with the company Director to ascertain the reason for its removal and indeed whether it would be re-erected. Initial discussion was positive with it being confirmed the plaque would be refitted following redecoration of the premises, but probably in a different location, outside.

The Cemetery Manager having recently made contact with the company over progress was regrettably told by the Director, the plaque would now not be refitted. This was disappointing news and no valid reason was provided.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Director, Llanelli Crematorium Ltd requesting that in the interest of goodwill the commemorative plaque be re-erected.

83. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter 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.

84. CEMETERY INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

The Cemetery Manager gave a detailed report on the need for the installation of a new road along with a supplementary drainage system to service Section 9 of the Cemetery together with proposals to demolish and rebuild a larger JCB storage building including a new compound.

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The Technical Officer for Llanelli Rural Council attended the meeting to comment on the quotation received from Pembroke Design Ltd for providing professional services in connection with the anticipated works. He was of the opinion the quotation was very reasonable and provided value for money. Members were informed the company had been asked to supply a quotation in its capacity as Llanelli Rural Council's consultant architect. Members were reminded that the majority of funding for the work had been vired from the former CCTV earmarked reserve (Minute No. 65 refers).

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) The report be accepted.
- (2) The quotation received from Pembroke Design Ltd, 16 Meyrick Street, Pembroke Dock in the sum of £7,995 or 9.87% of the total construction cost, whichever is higher, be accepted.
- (3) More detailed estimates be prepared for further consideration by the committee prior to proceeding further with the proposals.

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The meeting concluded at 4:45 pm
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

458. LETTER OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letter of appreciation from The SOSPPAN Campaign be noted with pleasure.

459. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

460. HYWEL DDA HEALTH BOARD

The Leader of Council informed Members of the meeting he and the Clerk had with management consultants who specialised in the development of management solutions for NHS Services. The consultants had worked with the NHS, primarily in England, and had an extensive portfolio of NHS Primary Care Trust Clients and were happy to work with the Council to help devise an alternative option for A&E Services at Prince Philip Hospital (PPH). The intention was to produce a report based on a modelling analysis based on patient information sourced from the Health Board.

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The report would be submitted to the Health Board on behalf of the residents of the Llanelli and district area for it to be taken forward as part of the Health Board’s formal consultation process. The report would also be presented to the Health Minister, Welsh Government for its consideration.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members of a proposal received from the management consultants, Bellis –Jones Hill, and the terms of engagement. Members welcomed the support offered and referred to opposition to health board proposals in other parts of the country which could be emulated.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Clerk be authorised to actively seek information from the Chief Executive of the Hywel Dda Health Board and as required to help safeguard A&E services at PPH;
- (2) relevant information obtained be made available to Bellis-Jones Hill in order that the company can form a response to the ‘Your Health Your Future’ discussion document;
- (3) the services of Bellis-Jones Hill be engaged immediately for two days’ consultation; this is to be reviewed and future engagement to be agreed upon;
- (4) to invite Llanelli Town Council to continue with the partnership to oppose the closure of A&E at PPH and to request a 50% contribution towards costs incurred in engaging Bellis-Jones Hill;
- (5) correspondence be forwarded to the other town and community councils in the Llanelli district area informing of the proposals detailed above and to request financial support for the exercise.

461. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman thanked Members and staff for their support during the past year and wished Cllr. Mari Davies a long and happy retirement.

RESOLVED that the comments be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.35 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 15 May, 2012, adopted by the Council.