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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 120 – 129**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 12 July, 2011, at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

M. L. Davies	T. Rh. Ifan
M. V. Davies	T. J. Jones
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	B. C. M. Reynolds
S. M. Donoghue	A. C. Thomas
H. J. Evans	G. H. Wooldridge

Together with Mr A Shufflebotham, Llanelli Town Centre Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council.

**120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, L. J. Butler, S. M. Caiach, D. J. Davies, M. L. Evans, M. J. Lewis, C. A. Rees and V. R. Thomas.

**121. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**122. LLANELLI TOWN CENTRE  
REGENERATION PLANS**

The Chairman welcomed Mr A Shufflebotham, Llanelli Town Centre Manager to the meeting and invited him to address Members about the regeneration plans for the town centre.

Mr Shufflebotham by way of a Powerpoint presentation informed of his role and responsibility within the County Council part of which aimed to focus on the provision of facilities within the Llanelli Town Centre. He talked about five regeneration schemes currently underway in the town centre, collectively referred to as 'Adref' which comprised:

- The Eastgate development which would provide a six screen multiplex cinema, a short stay hotel, office space and a mix of commercial retail units;

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- Y Fwrnes which was a 500 seater theatre complex, linked to Zion Chapel;
- The regeneration of Llanelli Library;
- The regeneration of Llanelly House; and
- Linkage to the town centre via infrastructure improvements by replacing the shop canopies and a town centre grant scheme for refurbishing and re-decorating building frontages above the canopies.

Mr Shufflebotham stated that Llanelli Town Centre was in the process of having a £6 million overhaul and was in desperate need of new shops and facilities. Work was currently progressing developing the new bus station and car park at Eastgate which would bring in approximately 95 extra car parking spaces, this was being opened in August, 2011.

Members were shown a computer generated image of the six screen multiplex cinema. This would bring jobs to the town centre with an average of 3,000 people per year attending the cinema.

The new theatre would bring stage productions, dance and media studies into the area with the Trinity College Carmarthen already a confirmed hirer of the facilities. The theatre could also be adapted for disabled people to use and to learn how to operate the facilities.

Mr Shufflebotham stated in September 2011, there would be a market drive to advertise the new units on the ground floor of the Eastgate Development in order to fill them with stores and/or restaurants. Travel Lodge had already made a commitment for the hotel business.

Grant funding of £3.4 million would be available for existing town centre shops. The funding would be used for repairs and redecoration. The old shop canopies would be replaced with modern stainless steel glazed units. New large information boards and signs would be placed in the town centre, advertising what was going on as well as maps depicting town centre locations and facilities. Overall a total of £10 million was being spent on the wider area of the town centre to make it a modern and vibrant place to visit.

During discussion, Cllrs. H. J. Evans and G. H. Wooldridge left the meeting.

Following a number of questions from the floor, Members conveyed their support for the scheme and the Chairman thanked Mr Shufflebotham for attending and he thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

### **123. 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	14 June, 2011
Policy and Resources Committee	15 June, 2011
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 June, 2011
Finance and General Purposes Committee	29 June, 2011
Planning and Liaison Committee (subject to the word 'ascertain' contained in the resolution of Minute No. 118 being amended to read 'ascertain').	4 July, 2011

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**124. MATTERS ARISING**  
**(1) CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP)**  
**DEPOSIT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – TOWN AND**  
**COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN)**  
**(WALES) REGULATIONS 2005**

Arising out of Minute No. 118, the Clerk informed Members, that he had now received the Deposit LDP in hardcopy should Members wish to inspect it. Furthermore, a letter dated 4 July, 2011, had been received from the Forward Planning Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council extending an invitation for a delegation from the Authority to attend an exhibition about the LDP at Llanelli Town Hall on 25 July, 2011.

The exhibition would be run as a 'drop in' event so that representatives may attend at a time convenient to themselves although other community councils and the public had also been invited.

The exhibition would allow the opportunity to discuss matters relating to the LDP with Officers from the Forward Planning Section including the content of the deposit plan.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**125. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND –**  
**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND CHANGING ROOMS**  
**CAPITAL SCHEME**

**(1) BUILDING NAME**

Further to Minute No. 102, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the building be named 'Felinfoel Community Resource Centre'.

**(2) BUILDING SIGNAGE**

Further to Minute No. 102, Members received the report of the Technical Services Officer which set out proposals for the corporate branding and signage for the new building.

Members were informed the original tender included for the Council's crest to be etched in the main entrance door side glass panels and a provisional sum of £750 was included for the work. However, the work was identified as a saving and was omitted.

One option was to have a clear self adhesive vinyl sheet bearing the Council's crest. This would be applied to the rear of the glass panels adjacent to the entrance door and would provide a similar effect to the original etching. The same system could also be provided to the rear glazed door from the changing rooms but on a smaller scale. The approximate cost would be £300 and this would be an additional cost to the contract sum.

At the main entrance there would be a building name sign screw fixed to the facing brick work underneath one of the external lights. The sign would be constructed from anti vandal

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material and would have a graffiti resistant surface. At the rear of the building a small sign would mark the entrance to the changing rooms, together with directional signage from the car parking area. These signs would be bilingual. A provisional sum of £1,500 had been included in the contract for these signs.

A commemorative plaque would be erected internally to record the official opening and the partnership contributors involved with the project.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) The Technical Services Officer's report be accepted and the additional cost for the vinyl sheets be added to the overall contract sum;
- (2) in order to expedite the completion of the signs in time for the hand over of the building in September 2011, design proofs be confirmed by the Chairman of Council and group Leaders in conjunction with Officers and the Consultant Architect.

**126. MATTERS REPORTED**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

**127. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 11 May, 2011:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 11 May, 2011 at 4:00 pm.

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

Cllrs.

S. M. Donoghue

S.N. Lewis.

C.C. Lucas

**109. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Mrs M. Protheroe (former Chairman of Llanelli Joint Burial Authority and former Mayor and Councillor of Llanelli Town Council) and commented upon her contribution and long-standing service to both the Burial Authority and the Town Council and as a mark of respect Members and Officers stood in silent tribute.

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110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, M. J. P. Burns, W. J. Lemon, A. G. Morgan, C. A. Rees and K. D. Rees.

111. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

112. 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 - 13 April 2011

113. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for March 2011 and the provisional report for April 2011 be noted.

114. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for March 2011, which revealed expenditure for the month, amounted to £37,748.41.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

115. 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.

116. CEMETERY LAND

Members considered a request from AJW to purchase or lease cemetery land and it was

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

Arising out of discussion of the above item it was

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FURTHER RESOLVED that a site visit of the cemetery grounds be arranged for Members as soon as possible.

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The meeting concluded at 4:20 pm  
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**RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted.

**128. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

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

- (1) Cylch Meithrin Felinfoel;
- (2) Furnace Woodturning Club;
- (3) Hywel Girls’ Choir & Hywel Boy Singers;
- (4) Llanelli Festival of Walks;
- (5) South Wales Junior Cricket League; and
- (6) United Families Support Group.

**129. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman informed Members and congratulated Cllr. S. M. Donoghue on becoming a father. His wife had recently given birth to a baby girl. The Chairman also referred to Cllr. C. A. Rees’ indisposition and Members conveyed their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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The Meeting concluded at 7.05 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 September, 2011, adopted by the Council.