

14 May, 2013.

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, 14 May, 2013, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Devichand (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

Reverend D. Jones, prior to the commencement of proceedings offered prayers.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, M. L. Evans, S. N. Lewis and G. H. Wooldridge.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman, Cllr. T. Devichand welcomed Members and guests to the meeting and reflected on the past year as being hectic but immensely enjoyable. She sincerely hoped that she had fulfilled her duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Cllr. Devichand revealed it had been a very busy and demanding year, during which she had mainly experienced happy occasions mixed with only a few moments of sadness.

Reference was made to the many events and engagements attended, including Prince Charles' royal visit to Llanelli in July and the Christmas Carnival and lights switch on in late November 2012, during which she had the honour of switching on the Christmas lights in front of a bumper crowd in excess of 20,000 people.

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Cllr. Devichand also commented upon the two charity events she had organised during the year which raised over £6,800 between them. The beneficiaries' were Ty Bryngwyn Hospice, Dafen Church, Welsh Guards Afghanistan Appeal, Cancer Research, the Cardiff Unit of Teenage Cancer Trust and Combat Stress.

Cllr. Devichand paid tribute to all local volunteers commenting that if it wasn't for these people, Llanelli would be a much poorer place. Llanelli was blessed with a vibrant community and she placed on record her thanks to members of the committees of the local voluntary organisations and interest groups who help to improve the quality of people's lives in Llanelli.

Cllr. Devichand referred to the recent demise of her mother and wished to thank the Reverend Gary Powell for his comfort and support and especially for leading the funeral service in her home town of Tonypany. Cllr. Devichand was moved that so many civic dignitaries and colleagues attended the service and this was personally appreciated.

Cllr. Devichand then referred to the work of the Council over the last 12 months and to the important community work done in acting as a local voice for the people of Llanelli, especially over the retention of the A&E service at Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli and also Llanelli Fire Station and the retention of the whole time crew.

Cllr. Devichand thanked her daughter Cllr. S. L. Davies and her granddaughter, Miss A. Davies for serving as her Consort and for their support during the past year. She also thanked Cllr. T. J. Jones for serving in his capacity as Vice Chairman to whom she extended her good wishes for the year ahead. Also, the Chairman and Consort, Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Town Mayor and Mayoress and to all other civic dignitaries who she had worked with during the civic year.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Devichand's remarks be noted.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. T. Devichand invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. C. A. Rees, seconded by Cllr. A. G. Morgan, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. T. J. Jones be and, is hereby, appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2013/2014.

The Past Chairman invested the Chairman and Consort, Miss C. Montgomery with the Chains of Office.

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

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

Cllr. Jones conveyed his congratulations to the newly elected Mayor for Llanelli Town Council, Cllr. M. J. P. Burns and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council, Cllr. T. Davies and he looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring Councils.

Cllr. Jones thanked his guests for their support that evening.

6. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr. R. E. Evans, seconded by Cllr. F. Akhtar, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. L. J. Butler be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2013/2014.

The Chairman, Cllr. T. J. Jones invested the Vice-Chairman and Consort, Mr R. Butler with the Chains of Office and wished them well during their term of office.

**7. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFICE**

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

8. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS

Cllr. T.J. Jones presented Cllr. T. Devichand with the Past Chairman's medallion and Miss A. Davies with the Past Chairman's Consort's medallion together with bouquets.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

On the motion of Cllr. W. V. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. S. L. Davies it was

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RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting stand adjourned until Thursday, 16 May, 2013 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 11 June, 2013, adopted by the Council.