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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 322 – 332

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 14 December, 2010, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. N. Lewis (Vice-Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

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

322. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

323. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

324. MENTER CWM GWENDRAETH – VISION DAY

Pursuant to Minute No. 243, the Chairman welcomed Mr. A. Owen, Environmental Officer, Menter Cwm Gwendraeth, to the meeting and invited him to address Members on a new project in the Llanelli area.

Mr. Owen began by informing that Menter Cwm Gwendraeth was a leader in sustainable community development within Carmarthenshire and had successfully supported community regeneration for the past 20 years; the pioneering work inspired innovative solutions to future challenges.

Menter's approach was to work with individuals, communities, businesses and government; and to identify new ways for people to get involved in determining their own lives via the following methods:-

- Building the social capacity for vital and healthy communities
- Developing informed citizen participation
- Expanding and retaining a community's knowledge

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- Supporting the workforce
- Promoting life-long learning
- Improving community services
- Protecting the natural environment
- Promoting economic and social sustainability

As part of working with this Council, the organisation would co-create a relevant community action plan following feedback received from questionnaires engaging the whole community and gaining an understanding of what was already working well and identifying opportunities to develop a vibrant future.

In reply to a question regarding funding, Mr. Owen stated that, although funding organisations were oversubscribed and short of funds, Menter Cwm Gwendraeth had the ability to help.

Reference was made to two areas in the Rural area as being covered by Communities First, however five other areas were not and would have different needs and whether each area should be looked at individually.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that Mr. Owen forward a draft document of costs to the Clerk for Members' consideration.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Owen for attending and he thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

325. 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	9 November, 2010
Planning and Liaison Committee	15 November, 2010
Recreation and Welfare Committee	16 November, 2010
Policy and Resources Committee	17 November, 2010
Finance and General Purposes Committee	24 November, 2010
Special Council	29 November, 2010
Planning and Liaison Committee	6 December, 2010

326. (1) MATTERS ARISING – COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Further to Minute No. 280, Cllr. T. Devichand stated that she was voting against the content of Minute 280 as she believed that it was incorrect and referred to the fact that it had not been recorded verbatim. Cllr. Devichand also stated that the Chairman of the Council meeting, held on 9 November, 2010, had moved the agenda forward for continuity. Cllr. Devichand stated that she had informed the Clerk of her opinion at a recent meeting.

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(2) LAND AT GLOBE ROW, DAFEN

Pursuant to Minute No. 279, the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that a request had been received from the Corporate Property Department, Carmarthenshire County Council, for a copy of Quantum Geotechnical Ltd.'s full report.

RESOLVED that a copy of the portion of the report appertaining to the finding of arsenic in the ground only, be forwarded to the Corporate Property Department, Carmarthenshire County Council.

**(3) REQUEST FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS
OUTSIDE SARON COMMUNITY HALL,
BYNEA, LLANELLI**

Further to Minute No. 291, Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge informed that he had attended a meeting regarding the issue and that waiting restriction lines were to be enforced. In reply, the Clerk informed that a recent acknowledgement letter had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council, confirming receipt of this Council's objection to the proposal. However, this was simply not the case as the Council had not put forward an outright objection to the proposal. In fact it called upon the County Council to possibly provide a new parking area at the same time should it be minded to introduce the waiting restrictions (to which Minute No. 291 refers) and he asked Cllr. Wooldridge to reiterate this Council's view at County Council level.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**(4) PLANNING APPLICATIONS
TOWN AND COUNTRY GENERAL
DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 1995 –
S/24015 – TAYBRITE WORKS, BYNEA**

Cllr. G.H. Wooldridge in referring to the above planning application, conveyed his thanks to the Council for its support in objecting to the variation.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Wooldridge's comments be noted.

**327. COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AND
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to Minute Nos. 280 and 326 (1), Members considered the Clerk's report and accompanying documents to facilitate a review of extant Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

During discussion, a request was made for the deletion of the wording "provided advance notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed" (to which Questions 11.1 refers) and that the male and female gender be used throughout the document.

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Reference was made to Appendix 4, 1.3, regarding the inclusion of the Leader of Council within the composition, as an ex-officio member with voting rights, of the Civic and Ceremonial Committee. Prior to a vote taking place, Cllr. T. Devichand wished to have her objection recorded in the matter as she had to withdraw to attend a civic engagement. She was of the opinion that the Leader should not enjoy voting rights because of the general composition of the Committee which comprised Past Chairmen and because of the Committee's general terms of reference.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Civic and Ceremonial Committee, comprising of up to nine Past Chairmen together with the Leader of Council as an ex-officio member, be accepted;
- (2) the wording in Questions 11.1 "provided advance notice ... is addressed" be deleted;
- (3) the wording in Appendix 6, 1.12, being amended to read "It shall always be required that the Clerk will consult the Leader ..." and not "It shall always be open to the Clerk to consult ..." as referred to therein.

328. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

329. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 13 October, 2010:-

"At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 13 October 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Present: A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis
W. J. Lemon	K. D. Rees

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, C. C. Lucas and C. A. Rees.

38. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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39. 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 - 8 September 2010

40. MATTERS ARISING

(1) GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE 4

Arising out of Minute No. 28 (2), the Secretary informed Members that the extension of Garden of Remembrance 4 had been completed. A number of photographs were presented of the finished extension and approval was expressed by all Members.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

41. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for August 2010 and the provisional report for September 2010 be noted.

42. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for September 2010, which revealed expenditure for the month, amounted to £28,871.36.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

43. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2010/2011

Members considered correspondence received from Auditing Solutions Ltd dated 20 September 2010 (copies having been previously circulated), in respect of the interim internal audit report. The report author confirmed that there were no significant issues that required attention and that the financial systems continued to operate effectively.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

44. INSTITUTE OF CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM
MANAGEMENT (ICCM) CONFERENCE

Further to Minute No 19 the Cemetery Manager provided Members with an overview of the ICCM conference recently held in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Following a general discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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

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

46. LLANELLI CREMATORIUM LTD – RENT REVIEW

Members considered the Secretary’s report informing of the impending annual rent review and which confirmed the amount of rent payable to the Burial Authority from Llanelli Crematorium Ltd, with effect from 1 December 2010.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the rent for the ensuing year be confirmed as £25,938 and that Llanelli Crematorium Ltd be notified accordingly.

47. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY – CEMETERY GROUNDS

The Cemetery Manager presented a quote from Western Power Distribution for a new connection to service the cemetery grounds at a cost of £2013.07 (including VAT). A discussion ensued over the feasibility of cemetery staff being able to carry out the contestable works which would reduce the overall cost and it was

RESOLVED that the cemetery staff be responsible for the contestable works and a revised quotation be sought from Western Power Distribution to reflect same.

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The meeting concluded at 4:35 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

330. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Bryn Primary School;
- (2) Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers’ Clubs;
- (3) Michelle Harries;
- (4) Llanelli and District Guide Dogs;
- (5) Llys y Bryn Residential Home;
- (6) Marie Curie Cancer Care;
- (7) Ysgol Bryn Teg.

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331. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

332. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman conveyed her best wishes to Cllr. V. R. Thomas upon her continued indisposition.

The Chairman also referred to the annual donation of money in lieu of Christmas cards and raffle and the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed that the chosen charities were Calibra Audio Books and Wales Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.55 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 January, 2011, adopted by the Council.