

15 May, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 14 – 23

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 15 May, 2014, at 6.26 p.m.

Present: Cllr. L. J. Butler (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. G. N. R. Edwards, S. N. Lewis and G. H. Wooldridge.

15. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

16. 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	8 April, 2014
Recreation and Welfare Committee	15 April, 2014
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	16 April, 2014
Policy and Resources Committee	16 April, 2014
Planning and Liaison Committee	28 April, 2014
Finance and General Purposes Committee	30 April, 2014

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17. MATTERS ARISING

**PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND OTHER
COMMUNITY ASSETS**

Further to Minute No. 515(2), the Clerk informed Members that a meeting had been arranged with Carmarthenshire County Council's Leader for 9 June, 2014, and there was no further progress to report.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**18. YOUR HEALTH YOUR FUTURE – PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL
PROGRESS REPORT**

Further to Minute No. 515(3) and 517 (8 April, 2014), the Clerk reported to Members that a Special Council meeting had been arranged for 30 June, 2014, at 6.00 pm. Attending the meeting would be representatives of the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust (WAST), Mr Mick Giannasi, Chairman of WAST and Mr Robert Jeffrey, Head of Service for Hywel Dda. Members were informed that because the meeting had now being arranged with WAST and that direct communication links had been established with WAST officials it had not been necessary to carry out the actions set out in the resolution of Minute No. 515(3) namely to send further letters to WAST and the Health Minister.

The Clerk then proceeded to inform Members that a request had also been made to the Front of House Project representatives, Hywel Dda University Health Board, regarding the Council being allocated an additional seat on the project board. The Health Board had approved the request and confirmed that the Leader of Council together with the Clerk could attend meetings.

The Clerk then stated that he and the Leader of Council had attended a meeting of the project board held on 7 May, 2014. The meeting was held at Prince Philip Hospital. It was a very informative and productive meeting whereby issues were identified regarding the reconfiguration of the A&E service. GP support and financing the new model were issues which had yet to be fully resolved and the workstreams making up the new model were still a work in progress but work was steady and members of the project board were confident that the issues flagged up by the clinicians and Community Health Council (CHC) representatives during the meeting would be addressed. This was very encouraging.

It was clear the Council's views and opinions proffered during the meeting were valued by the project team and Dr Sian Lewis, Chair of the Front of House Project Board, was keen to revisit the Council at some point in the future to update Members with a progress report. The project board was keen to work with the Council as an interested local stakeholder in the reconfiguration of the hospital services.

During the ensuing discussion, Members flagged up several salient points regarding service delivery issues going forward and the Clerk confirmed these points would continue to be pursued when attending future project board meetings; intra hospital transport being a case in point along with public transport links. As regards the six workstreams making up the new front of house model, the Clerk stated flow charts had been developed by the clinicians which

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marked up patient pathways and flows through the various services at Prince Philip Hospital (PPH). The Leader also commented on how he felt the meeting had gone and was pleased that the project board was taking on board the points made about the pool of GP support and financing the new service model. He was pleased the CHC was challenging the Health Board officials reminding them what the Health Minister had recommended for PPH. It was interesting to note that the Health Board had yet to have any detailed engagement with WAST officials over its role in supporting the new service. He then confirmed that the model being developed at PPH was being considered as a future model for other sites throughout Wales and the Front of House Project was being used as a pilot initiative in this regard.

Cllr. D. M. Cundy left the meeting.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

19. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Members received a letter from the Acting Deputy Monitoring Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, inviting two Council representatives to attend one of the Code of Conduct Training sessions to be held on 21 and 27 May, 2014, at County Hall, Carmarthen.

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Leader of Council be nominated to attend the Code of Conduct Training session to be held on 27 May next.

20. COUNTY LIAISON FORUM

Further to Minute No. 369(3) (14 January, 2014), correspondence was received from Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) inviting the Council to send a representative to attend the second meeting of the County Liaison Forum held by One Voice Wales and CCC to be held on 20 May, 2014 at County Hall, Carmarthen.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be nominated to attend the County Liaison Forum meeting.

21. NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

Further to Minute No. 417 (11 February, 2014), email correspondence was received from the Policy and Partnership Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, informing that the team at the Eisteddfod were holding an information meeting for Councillors of Llanelli Rural and Town Councils regarding the forthcoming National Eisteddfod.

The meeting would take place on 21 May, 2014, Town Hall, Llanelli at 6.00 pm.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk (Administration) together with Members attend the meeting.

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22. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 12 March, 2014:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 12 March 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Present: P. J. Edmunds (Chairman)

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar
T. Bowen

M. J. P. Burns
M. V. Davies

R. M. Davies

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs V. J. Johns and C. J. Reed, MBE.

86. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

87. 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.

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88. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for January 2014 and the provisional report for February 2014 be noted.

89. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for February 2014, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £17,745.42.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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90. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Further to Minute No. 79 the Secretary presented Members with a covering report regarding the review of the Burial Authority's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The following areas had been examined namely: Standing Orders; Roles and Duties of Chairman; Secretary's Scheme of Delegated Powers and Financial Regulations.

Following the review it was

RESOLVED that the Secretary's report be accepted subject to minor amendments being made to the wording of the two new Standing Order provisions proposed for inclusion under Standing Order 1 'Meetings' to read as follows:

1. c) The use of mobile phones and other forms of modern technology shall only be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman. All devices must be switched off prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1. d) The use of internet based social media outlets as a means to communicate live feeds of meetings or to capture photographs and audio or video recordings of meetings shall only be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the dates be amended in the opening sentences of both the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to read "These Standing Orders ... and these Financial Regulations were reviewed and adopted by the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority at its meeting held on 12 March 2014".

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The Meeting concluded at 4.40 pm"
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

23. 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) Clwb Criced Pum Heol;
- (3) Cylch Meithrin Ponthenri;
- (4) Eglwys Libanus;
- (5) Stradey Tenants & Residents Association.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.39 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 June, 2014, adopted by the Council.