

17 May, 2012.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 17 – 24

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 17 May, 2012, at 6.11 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Devichand (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler and A. Rogers.

18. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

19. 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	12 April, 2012
Recreation and Welfare Committee	17 April, 2012
Civic and Ceremonial	18 April, 2012
Policy and Resources Committee	18 April, 2012
Planning and Development Committee	23 April, 2012
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	26 April, 2012

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**20. HYWEL DDA
YOUR HEALTH YOUR FUTURE**

Further to Minute 454. (12 April, 2012), Members noted copy letters sent by the Clerk to the Chief Executive, Hywel Dda Health Board and the Minister for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government together with a reply dated 27 April, 2012, from the Chief Executive, Hywel Dda Health Board; a response was still awaited from the Minister.

The Clerk updated Members by informing them that the Council had engaged management consultants to formulate counter proposals to safeguard A&E Services at Prince Philip Hospital. Furthermore letters had been sent to all neighbouring town and community councils in connection with same, seeking financial support. Members were informed that Llanelli Town Council had requested a meeting to further discuss this matter. The Clerk then reported that a break through had been achieved with Hywel Dda Health Board over the timing and submission of any clinical counter proposals the Council wished to make. The Health Board Chief Executive confirmed in his response letter (referred to above), that the Council could submit its proposals at any point during the consultation stage (which had yet to commence). This was welcome news. The Clerk then referred to the need to arrange a briefing with the Leader of Council and subsequently a meeting with the Leader and representatives of Llanelli Town Council to discuss the way forward. Members were also reminded if they wished to participate in the planned lobbying visit to the Senedd in Cardiff on 23 May next, they should secure their places on the coaches by contacting the SOSPPAN Campaign committee direct as it was responsible for co-ordinating the travel arrangements.

Thereupon, Cllr. H. J. Evans referred to his attendance at a recent meeting of the SOSPPAN Campaign committee where it was mentioned there was a desire to hold a joint meeting between Llanelli Rural and Llanelli Town Councils and doctors from local surgeries. Reference was made to the role of the British Medical Association (BMA) in bringing this about and the need for solidarity and mutual support. Discussion then arose as to how best to facilitate such a meeting and it was

RESOLVED that the matters raised be discussed by the Leader and Clerk and then taken forward to the meeting to be held with representatives of Llanelli Town Council.

21. ONE VOICE WALES - MEMBERSHIP

Members were circulated with an invitation from the Chief Executive, One Voice Wales for membership renewal from April 2012, and it was

RESOLVED that the invitation be noted.

22. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

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23. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 14 March, 2012:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 14 March 2012 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr J. Williams (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. J. P Burns
L. J. Butler

M. V. Davies
W. J. Lemon

K. D. Rees

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. M. Donoghue, C. C. Lucas and A. G. Morgan.

86. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman informed Members that Cllr Lucas was making excellent progress after his recent operation.

87. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

88. 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 February 2012

89. MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute No. 82, the Secretary informed Members that a letter had been sent to the Director, Llanelli Crematorium Ltd, about the plaque but a response was still awaited.

90. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure reports for January 2012 and the provisional report for February 2012 be noted.

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91. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for February 2012, which revealed expenditure for the month, amounted to £20,455.72.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

92. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The Secretary provided Members with a detailed report on the management of risk, covering 11 areas and functions requiring risk evaluation. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

93. 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.

94. UTILITY VEHICLE

Further to Minute No. 25 (1), the Cemetery Manager reported that a utility vehicle had now been acquired.

The vehicle, an ex-demonstrator John Deere Pro-Gator was priced at £25,700 plus VAT but the supplier Powercut Ltd, Carmarthen had taken the dumper truck in part-exchange for £6,200 leaving a balance purchase price of £19,500 plus VAT. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

95. COLUMBARIA VAULTS

Consideration was given to the Cemetery Manager's report regarding the installation of Columbaria Vaults in Garden of Remembrance 4.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Cemetery Manger's report and recommendations be accepted and that further discussions take place with the suppliers regarding the terms of the offer, the details of which shall be presented to Committee for further consideration.

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The meeting concluded at 4:30 pm
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

24. 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) Felinfoel Girls Friendly Society;
- (3) Halfway Primary School;
- (4) Holy Trinity Felinfoel Church Hall Committee;
- (5) Llanelli Woodturning Club;
- (6) Llanelli Writers' Circle;
- (7) Pwll Action Committee;
- (8) Swiss Valley Primary School;
- (9) Urdd Gobaith Cymru;
- (10) Wales Air Ambulance.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.20 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 12 June, 2012, adopted by the Council.