

13 March, 2007.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 451 – 461

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 13 March, 2007, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. D. Bowen (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	M. B. Hughes
D. V. Darby	M. P. Jones
D. J. Davies	T. J. Jones
M. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	A. S. Peters
R. E. Evans	C. A. Rees
M. Howells	R. G. Thorne

G. H. Wooldridge

451. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Edwards and M. L. Evans.

452. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. T. Devichand declared an interest in Minute Nos. 455 and 458 as she was a member of the Carmarthenshire Community Health Council and also a member of the Planning Committee of Carmarthenshire County Council.

453. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman was pleased to announce that Cllr. D. J. Davies' wife had returned home from hospital and expressed his best wishes.

454. 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
Special Council

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Recreation and Welfare Committee (Subject to the Minute heading in Minute No.428 being amended to read 'Felinfoel Recreation Ground' and not 'Felinfoel Recreation Ground' as stated therein).	20 February, 2007.
Policy and Resources Committee	21 February, 2007.
Finance and General Purposes Committee (Subject to Minute No. 438 being corrected to show that Cllr. M. Davies was deputising for Cllr. S. M. Caiach instead of Cllr. M. Howells deputising as stated therein).	28 February, 2007.
Planning and Liaison Committee	5 March, 2007.

455. PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL - REMOVAL OF EMERGENCY SURGERY

Cllr. T. Devichand declared an interest in the following item as she was a member of the Carmarthenshire Community Health Council and did not take part in the proceedings.

Further to Minute No. 411, correspondence was received from Althea Phillips, Organiser, GMB, Southern Western Region offering support over the protest held on Saturday, 17 February, 2007, against the decision to remove emergency surgery from Prince Philip Hospital.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

Arising out of discussion of the above Members inquired as to progress with the independent inquiry promised by the Welsh Assembly Government into the decision to remove emergency surgery from the hospital and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Dr. B. Gibbons requesting a progress report regarding the arrangements for holding the independent inquiry.

456. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2007/08

RESOLVED that Cllr. D. J. Davies be selected as Chairman and that Cllr. M. Davies be selected as Vice Chairman for 2007/08, respectively.

457. ASSOCIATION OF LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS

Further to Minute No. 137, correspondence was received from the Chairman of the Association, Cllr. Nigel Gibbs, informing of the process of winding up the Association of Larger Local Councils on 31 March, 2007.

The writer confirmed that the Executive Committee submitted a recommendation to the Annual General Meeting on 24 November, 2006, to the effect that the Association would cease at the end of the current financial year.

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RESOLVED that the information be noted with disappointment.

458. HOMES4LOCALS CAMPAIGN

Cllr. T. Devichand declared an interest in the following item as she was a member of the Planning Committee of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Correspondence was received from the Chief Executive, Cymuned, asking for this Authority to declare its support for the policy - Homes4locals campaign.

The writer was calling on the County Councils of Wales to follow the lead of councils in England by declaring that they would not permit new residential build except in cases where there was proven local need. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, M. Davies and M. B. Hughes requested that their objection at the decision to note the letter be recorded in the Minutes as they were in favour of supporting the campaign.

459. CARMARTHEN BAY AND ESTUARIES EUROPEAN MARINE SITE LIAISON SURGERY

Correspondence was received from EMS Officer, Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries European Marine Site Relevant Authorities Group, informing that the relevant authorities group would be holding a liaison surgery at the National Wetland Centre Wales, Penclacwydd, Llanelli on 26 March, 2007. They intended giving an update on the developments which they had made with the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation over the past 2 years and extended an invitation for the Council to attend the event.

RESOLVED that the seminar be open for all Councillors to attend.

460. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

461. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 10 January, 2007:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 10 January, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. T.J. Jones (Chairman)

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Cllrs.

D. J. Davies
D. J. Harries
M. Howells

M. E. Prothero
C. E. Richards
E. Smith

59. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman wished Members and Officers a happy New Year.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C. Edwards, C. C. Lucas and A. S. Peters.

61. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

62. 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 December 2006

63. MATTERS ARISING

- (1) LLANELLI CREMATORIUM LTD
- (2) LEGAL ADVICE

Further to Minute Nos. 56 and 57 respectively, Members were informed that no response had been received from the Authority's solicitors in respect of the above matters despite a letter having been sent on 18 December 2006.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

64. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for November 2006 and the provisional report for December 2006 be noted.

65. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for December 2006, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £19,290.99.

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RESOLVED that the information be noted.

66. TROOPER THOMAS McNALLY OF THE 13TH LIGHT DRAGOONS – GRAVE REFERENCE “OLD-176-9”

Members considered a request from Mr. G. Daniel to erect a memorial on behalf of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) on the unmarked grave of Trooper Thomas McNally who served with the 13th Light Dragoons Regiment in the Crimea.

The Secretary pointed out to members that the maintenance of the memorial would fall to the Joint Burial Authority, but due to the memorial being a granite plaque it would need very low maintenance, given that it would be mounted at a low angle on a concrete plinth. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that permission be granted to SSAFA to erect a memorial on Trooper Thomas McNally’s grave.

67. 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.

68. GRAVE REFERENCE 6-E-40

The Secretary reported receipt of a complaint letter from Mr. D.C.L. regarding memorial testing of grave 6-E-40. The Secretary proceeded to brief Members on the content of the letter and confirmed that a letter of reply had been sent to Mr. D.C.L. setting out the Authority’s position.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

69. BUDGET MEETING

The Secretary reported that the date for the Authority’s annual budget meeting had been fixed for Tuesday 30 January at 4:00 pm.

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The meeting concluded at 4:30 pm
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Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 5 February, 2007:-

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“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Monday, 5 February, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. T. J. Jones (Chairman)

Cllrs.

D. J. Davies
D. J. Harries
M. Howells

M. E. Prothero
C. E. Richards
E. Smith

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C. C. Lucas and A. S. Peters.

71. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

72. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman thanked Members for agreeing to postpone the meeting from January 30 until 5 February as a mark of respect to the Secretary whose mother had passed away. As a further mark of respect Members stood in silent tribute.

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matters referred to in Minute Nos. 69 and 70 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.

74. SCALE OF FEES

(1) Exclusive Rights of Burial Fees

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Conventional grave - 30 year period	415.00
Conventional grave - 50 year period	831.00
Cremated Remains - 30 year period	138.00
Cremated Remains - 50 year period	276.00

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Conventional grave - 30 year period	515.00
Conventional grave - 50 year period	1030.00
Cremated Remains - 30 year period	138.00
Cremated Remains - 50 year period	276.00

(2) Cemetery Management Fees

The following charges would be levied where Exclusive Rights of Burial was not applicable:

Cemetery management fee for a conventional grave	214.00
Cemetery management fee for a cremated remains plot	107.00

(3) Interment Charges

Grave - Depth for 1	274.00
Grave - Depth for 2	308.00
Grave - Depth for 3	350.00
Re-opening of existing grave	274.00
Interment of cremated remains	102.00
Weekend Surcharge Interment Grave	286.00
Weekend Surcharge Interment Cremated Remains	114.00

(4) Other Charges

Hire of Chapel (including speaker)	36.00
Still Birth	11.00
Testing of Grave	78.00
Exhumation of Ashes	154.00
Exhumation of body (Actual & necessary costs)	
New memorial – headstone and kerbstones	52.00
Additional names cut on headstones	26.00
Memorials within Garden of Remembrance	52.00
Bricked Grave (Admin fee)	285.00
Reserved Grave (Section 10 only)	196.00
Family History Search (per individual name)	10.00

(5) Out Of Area Surcharges

The interment fee referred to in (3) above would be increased by 50% in cases where the deceased did not reside within the administrative area of Llanelli Town and Rural Councils.

RESOLVED that the above fees be approved from 1 April 2007.

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75. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The Secretary presented Members with a detailed report in respect of the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2007 / 2008, and after a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that:

A budget precept of £184,060 be set for the financial year 2007 / 2008, and that a contribution of £92,030 be requested from Llanelli Town and Rural Councils respectively.

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The Meeting concluded at 4:35 p.m.”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.15 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 April, 2007, adopted by the Council.