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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 113 – 119

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 12 July, 2016, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	H. J. Evans
D. M. Cundy	R. E. Evans
M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	J. S. Phillips
T. Devichand	C. A. Rees
A. J. Rogers	

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, T. Bowen, L. J. Butler, S. M. Caiach, M. L. Evans, T. J. Jones, A. G. Morgan, W. V. Thomas and G. H. Wooldridge.

114. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

115. 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	14 June, 2016
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 June, 2016
Special Council	29 June, 2016
Special Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (subject to Cllr. C. A. Rees' apologies for absence being recorded)	6 July, 2016

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**116. MATTERS ARISING
(1) REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES
GOVERNING BODIES - ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Further to Minute No. 85, the Clerk informed Members that following enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council, Cllr. A. J. Rogers was entitled to attend governing body meetings at St. Mary's Catholic School. Cllr. Rogers commented that he received a letter from the county council confirming his appointment and he had asked for a meeting with the school's Headteacher before the summer holidays commenced.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(2) VAUXHALL BUILDINGS

Further to Minute No. 109, Cllr. T. Devichand remarked that due to questions being asked about the extent of the works and the possibility of further delays over the installation of the internal lift and access ramp at Vauxhall Buildings was it possible to review the current status of the project and possibly consider the repair and re-instatement of the lift to the rear of the building.

Following a discussion, whereby several scenarios were discussed the Clerk informed of his concerns over the project timescale and the knock on effect on plans to repair the roof of the building especially if further delays were encountered at this late stage should the plan to install an internal lift be aborted. The Council had already committed to paying for an amount of preliminary work.

The Clerk confirmed before taking any additional action he would need to contact the firm of architects to establish the current status of the lift project before then determining what might be needed including the suggestions put forward by Members. Given the circumstances the Clerk stated the matter would need to be reported back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and to await further developments.

(3) ROOFING WORKS – VAUXHALL BUILDINGS

Further to Minute No. 112, Cllr. T. Devichand commented that during the discussion concerning the roofing works at Vauxhall, the Clerk informed Members that the Technical Services Officer would be retiring at the end of the July. Cllr. Devichand confirmed she expressed her thanks to the Technical Services Officer during the meeting and extended best wishes to him in respect of his impending retirement.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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117. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 11 May, 2016:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 11 May 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. M. J. P. Burns (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. Bowen

M. V. Davies

L. J. Butler

R. E. Evans

C. J. Reed, MBE

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. M. Davies, P. J. Edmunds, T. J. Jones and L. J. Stedman.

83. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

84. 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 April 2016

**85. MATTERS ARISING
(1) CEMETERY LAND ENCROACHMENT**

Further to Minute No. 76, Members were informed that an access gate had not yet been erected because the Cemetery Manager had been unable to contact the individual to discuss the proposal in further detail.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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**(2) BURIAL SERVICE COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
WITH NEIGHBOURING AUTHORITIES**

Further to Minute No. 79, the Secretary confirmed that the Cemetery Manager was currently working up a schedule of fees for due consideration by Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council relating to the supply of various activities and functions to it by the Burial Authority. An information update would be provided at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(3) CEMETERY LAND TO THE REAR OF BRYNSIRIOL, DAFEN

Further to Minute No. 81, the Secretary confirmed that having notified the resident neighbour that a potential sale would not proceed without a professional valuation, agreement had now been reached for a valuation report to be prepared, the cost of which would be met by the resident neighbour. Further information would be provided on the potential sale of the land once the valuation report had been prepared.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

86. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for March 2016, and the provisional report for April 2016 be noted.

87. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for April 2016, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £35,622.09.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

88. EXTERNAL AUDIT 2015 / 2016

Members considered correspondence received from the Wales Audit Office and Grant Thornton UK LLP setting out the audit arrangements for the year ending 31 March 2016.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted.

89. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. M. J. P. Burns commented that his term of office was coming to an end and accordingly thanked Members for their support during the last year and also thanked the cemetery staff for their hard work.

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The meeting concluded at 4:10 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

118. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

119. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that a letter of appreciation for the Council’s assistance received from Royal Air Force – Air Cadets, be noted with pleasure.

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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 13 September, 2016, adopted by the Council.