

**13 May, 2014.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 1 – 9**

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 13 May, 2014, at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

F. Akhtar	T. Devichand
L. A. Beer	G. N. R. Edwards
T. Bowen	H. J. Evans
L. J. Butler	R. E. Evans
S. M. Caiach	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	C. A. Rees
S. L. Davies	A. J. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

Mrs R Parker, prior to the commencement of proceedings offered prayers.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. M. Cundy, S. M. Donoghue, M. L. Evans, S. N. Lewis and G. H. Wooldridge.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

The Chairman, Cllr. T. J Jones welcomed Members and guests to the meeting and reflected on the past year with immense pleasure; he stated it was difficult to believe that 12 months had gone by. He sincerely hoped that he had fulfilled his duties to the high standards of all concerned.

Cllr. Jones revealed it had been an exceptionally busy year and he would cherish the memories of the year forever. He said he was proud to have served as Chairman of this Council for the second time.

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Cllr. Jones had attended 142 engagements, too numerous to mention individually but on every occasion he had always received a warm and courteously welcome and had been generously entertained.

Cllr. Jones reflected on the Council's services over the last 12 months referring to the important community work done for the people of Llanelli especially in the respect of the planned changes to the A&E Service at Prince Philip Hospital. The Council would continue lobbying to secure the best possible arrangement for the people of Llanelli and to protect services at the hospital.

Cllr. Jones then referred to the £20,000 that the Council had donated to the National Eisteddfod for the event being held in Llanelli from 1 – 9 August, 2014. This would be the second time it was held in Llanelli.

Cllr. Jones thanked Miss C Montgomery for serving as his Consort and for her support during the past year. He also thanked Cllr. L. J. Butler for serving in her capacity as Vice Chairman to whom he extended good wishes for the year ahead. Furthermore, he extended thanks to the Chairman and Consort, Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Town Mayor and Mayoress and to all other civic dignitaries who he had worked with during the civic year.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. Jones' remarks be noted.

#### **4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. T. J. Jones invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. C. A. Rees, seconded by Cllr. T. Bowen, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. L. J. Butler be and, is hereby, appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2014/2015.

The Past Chairman invested the Chairman and Consort, Mr R Butler with the Chains of Office.

#### **5. CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFICE**

The Chairman having made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office stated that she wished to maintain the high standards of previous Chairmen and would represent the Council in a positive and professional manner and both she and her Consort were looking forward to the year ahead.

Cllr. Butler conveyed her congratulations to the newly elected Mayor for Llanelli Town Council, Cllr. R. Price and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council, Cllr. D. Davies and she looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring Councils.

Cllr. Butler thanked her guests for their support during the evening.

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**6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Cllr. F. Akhtar, seconded by Cllr. A. G. Morgan, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. M. V. Davies be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2014/2015.

The Chairman, Cllr. L. J. Butler invested the Vice-Chairman and Consort, Ms R. Thomas with the Chains of Office and wished them well during their term of office.

**7. VICE-CHAIRMAN’S ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFICE**

The Vice-Chairman having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, stated that it was a privilege to be able to accept such an honour and assured that both he and his Consort would fully support the Chairman in his year of Office.

**8. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS**

Cllr. L. J. Butler presented Cllr. T. J. Jones with the Past Chairman’s medallion and Miss C. Montgomery with the Past Chairman’s Consort’s medallion together with bouquets.

**9. ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr. A. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. C. A. Rees it was

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Meeting stand adjourned until Thursday, 15 May, 2014 at 6.00 pm.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.25 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.