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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 100 – 108

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 14 July, 2015, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	S. N. Lewis
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan
S. M. Donoghue	J. S. Phillips
H. J. Evans	C. A. Rees
M. L. Evans	A. J. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

Absent: T. Bowen

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, L. A. Beer, L. J. Butler, S. L. Davies, T. Devichand, R. E. Evans, T. J. Jones and G. H. Wooldridge.

101. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

102. 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	9 June, 2015
Recreation and Welfare Committee	16 June, 2015
Planning and Liaison Committee	29 June, 2015
Special Council	29 June, 2015

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103. MATTERS ARISING

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Further to Minute No. 84 and in reply to a question over progress with this matter, the Clerk informed Members that no further contact had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council following an email sent to the Countryside Recreation and Access Unit. The email set out the position of the Council in having set its budget for the current financial year and as reported to County Council representatives during the committee meeting. However, a further report would be represented to the next ordinary meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee setting out proposals for selecting the ten potential footpaths to be put forward to the County Council for consideration of grant support.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

104. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

(1) TRAINING

(2) CONSOLIDATED

Further to Minute No. 96 (2) and (3)

RESOLVED that the revised Statement of Accounts for the Training and Consolidated sets of accounts for the financial year 2014/15 be received and adopted.

105. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

(1) LLANELLI FIRE STATION

Further to Minute No. 76, Members considered correspondence from the Mr M Crennell, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority in response to the Clerk's letter dated 19 June, 2015.

The Deputy Chief Fire Officer thanked the Council for the invitation to attend a future meeting. Mr Crennell felt it would be appropriate to attend when the next draft of the Service Improvement Plan objectives had become clearer in order for him to address Members questions and queries about the potential impact on Llanelli Fire Station and the service generally.

In the meantime, he extended an invitation to Members to attend Llanelli Fire Station to meet the local crew and management.

RESOLVED that the Clerk liaise with Mr Crennell accepting the offer for Members to visit Llanelli Fire Station and to inform Members of the details once confirmed.

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**(2) MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
FUNDING - LLANELLI FIRE STATION**

Further to Minute No. 76, Members received correspondence from the Fire Services Branch, Welsh Government, dated 7 July, 2015, responding to the Clerk's letter dated 19 June, 2015, to the Minister for Public Services in relation to future Government funding allocations being sustained to safeguard services at Llanelli Fire Station.

The Welsh Government stated it did not provide Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) core funding. Instead each FRA determined its own budget and finances by levying charges on constituent Local Authorities. The Welsh Government nor the Local Authority had any direct control over the charges levied.

Following discussion, whereby Members raised questions regarding funding and cut backs to the FRA's budget and how the budget was then determined locally, it was

RESOLVED in accordance with Minute No. 105(1) above, the information be noted and a letter be sent to the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority seeking information about its core funding source and its subsequent budget allocations to services so this could be queried with the Deputy Chief Fire Officer during his planned visit to the Council later in the year.

106. HATE CRIME AWARENESS SESSION

Members received correspondence from the Community Development Officer, Llanelli Town Council inviting Members to attend the Hate Crime Awareness Session that would be held between October 2015 and March 2016 at Llanelli Town Council.

The Hate Crime Awareness Session was being provided by Victim Support Cymru who would provide a two hour briefing session which focused on increasing participants knowledge of the protected groups of hate crime to a level where they would be more aware and confident to report the matter; through understanding some of the barriers faced by victims.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. All Members be contacted about the training course to establish the level of interest.
2. If the level of interest warrants a separate training delivery arrangement because more than nine Members wish to attend the event then enquiries be made direct with the course organiser to establish whether it is feasible to convene a bespoke session for the Council.

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107. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

108. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 13 May, 2015:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 13 May, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Present: M. V. Davies (Chairman)

	Cllrs.	
M. J. P. Burns		V. J. Johns
	C. J. Reed, MBE	

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F. Akhtar, T. Bowen, L. J. Butler, P. J. Edmunds and A. G. Morgan.

107. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

108. 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 April 2015
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109. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for March 2015 and the provisional report for April 2015 be noted.

110. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for April 2015, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £36,113.83.

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RESOLVED that the information be noted.

111. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2015, (copies of which had been previously circulated) and it was

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts be accepted.

112. 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.

113. CEMETERY LAND ENCROACHMENT

Further to Minute No. 105 Members considered a letter received from Randell Lloyd & Martin Solicitors requesting that their client be allowed to lease the land. After a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the previously agreed course of action be reaffirmed.

114. CEMETERY OFFICE AND CANTEEN WELFARE FACILITIES

Further to Minute No. 20 (14 May 2014), Members considered the Cemetery Manager's report on the reconfiguration of the office and canteen welfare facilities. Following a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that the plans shall be revised to provide for a family room in place of the workforce canteen.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the provision of a canteen facility shall be dealt with separately to the main cemetery office contract. To that end the Cemetery Manager shall present a further committee report on the matter, setting out proposals and prices for the supply of a cabin type accommodation unit and when obtaining quotations from suppliers, consideration be given to local and UK markets.

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The meeting concluded at 4:45 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

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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 8 September, 2015, adopted by the Council.