

16 May, 2017.

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, 16 May, 2017, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	J. P. Hart
S. M. Caiach	T. J. Jones
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	R. L. Najmi
T. Devichand	J. S. Phillips
T. M. Donoghue	A. J. Rogers
P. Edwards	E. Simmons
H. J. Evans	W. V. Thomas

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. N. Lewis, J. S. Randall, C. A. Rees, and I. G. Wooldridge.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman, Cllr. S. M. Donoghue welcomed Members and guests to the meeting and reflected on the past year. Cllr. Donoghue was very proud of being the Council's Chairman and it had been an honour and privilege to have performed the role. Cllr. Donoghue also welcomed the newly elected council members and looked forward to working with them over the next five years.

Cllr. Donoghue reflecting upon the many events he had participated in during the year stated he attended 216 engagements, too numerous to mention individually but on every occasion he had always received a warm welcome and had been generously entertained. Cllr. Donoghue referred to the depth of talent, dedication, commitment and support that there was across Llanelli and the surrounding areas. Llanelli had a wealth of talent that the town and district should be proud to promote and support.

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Cllr. Donoghue then referred to the ambitious work programme of the Council and of the many services the Council provided. He remarked he was delighted to have officially opened the new play area at Pwll and that new play areas were due for completion at Pontyates and Felinfoel. The provision of these facilities was the Council's way of adding value and demonstrating commitment to the County Council's asset transfer programme which also included the taking over of Pwll, Dafen and Trallwm recreation grounds.

Cllr. Donoghue then referred to the two charity fundraising events he had organised in support of Ty Bryngwyn Hospice. The events had raised £2050.

Cllr. Donoghue then thanked Cllr. H. J. Evans for serving in his capacity as Vice Chairman and for supporting him so well during the year. 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.

In closing Cllr. Donoghue paid tribute to the valued support provided to him throughout the year by the Council's staff and then wished the Chairman Elect, Cllr. H. J. Evans and his Consort Mrs Sylvia Evans every success for the year ahead and it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. Donoghue's remarks be noted.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. S. M. Donoghue invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. W. V. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. T. Devichand, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. H. J. Evans be and, is hereby, appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2017/2018.

The Past Chairman invested the Chairman and Consort, Mrs S. Evans with the Chains of Office.

5. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Cllr. Evans conveyed his congratulations to the newly elected Mayor for Llanelli Town Council, Cllr. J. Edmunds and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council and he looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring Councils.

Cllr. Evans thanked his guests for their support during the evening.

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6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr. P. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. J. S. Philips, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. M. Caiach be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2017/2018.

The Chairman, Cllr. H. J. Evans invested the Vice-Chairman and Consort, Mrs S. Walters with the Chains of Office and wished them well during their term of office.

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

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

8. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS

Cllr. H. J. Evans presented Cllr. S. M. Donoghue with the Past Chairman’s medallion and Mrs M. Donoghue with the Past Chairman’s Consort’s medallion and a bouquet.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

On the motion of Cllr. S. L. Davies, seconded by Cllr. F. Akhtar it was

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting stand adjourned until Thursday, 18 May, 2017 at 6.00 pm.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.30 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 June, 2017, adopted by the Council.