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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 213 – 223

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 9 October, 2012, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Devichand (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. A. Beer	G. N. R. Edwards
T. Bowen	H. J. Evans
S. M. Caiach	M. L. Evans
D. M. Cundy	R. E. Evans
M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. M. Donoghue	A. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees and G. H. Wooldridge.

214. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D. M. Cundy and Cllr H. J. Evans declared personal interests in respect of Minute No. 217 below, both being members of the SOSPPAN Campaign Committee.

215. 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	11 September, 2012
Recreation and Welfare Committee	18 September, 2012
Policy and Resources Committee	19 September, 2012
Planning and Liaison Committee	24 September, 2012
Finance and General Purposes Committee	25 September, 2012

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216. MATTERS ARISING

PRESS COVERAGE

Further to Minute No. 170 (1) the Leader confirmed the Clerk had contacted the Editor of the Llanelli Star to arrange a meeting but a response was still awaited. It was hoped that a meeting could take place quite soon.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

217. YOUR HEALTH YOUR FUTURE – PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL (PPH)

(1) PROGRESS REPORT

(2) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM BELLIS-JONES HILL, HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Cllr D. M. Cundy and Cllr H. J. Evans declared personal interests in respect of the following matter, both being members of the SOSPPAN Campaign Committee.

The Clerk summarised various actions and activities that had arisen since the last Council meeting held on 11 September, 2012. The health board's consultation event, organised for Carmarthenshire Town and Community Councils, went ahead in Carmarthen on 13 September, 2012; both the Clerk and Council Leader attended. Members were informed there wasn't enough time available during the event to discuss important questions about future A & E service delivery at PPH. Whilst a number of questions were put to the panel of representatives, there was no indication that the A & E service would change to a doctor led service from the nurse led proposal set out in the health board's consultation documents.

The Clerk commented the planned meeting with local GPs (organised by Llanelli Town Council (LTC)) had to be cancelled at short notice due to the lack of responses to attend the event. Members were then informed that a meeting with LTC colleagues had been arranged for 11 October next in order to share information and to discuss respective approaches in the run up to the health board's consultation deadline of 29 October. Members were also informed that a further invitation had been emailed to the Wales Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) to attend a Council meeting. A copy of the email was also sent to the Chief Officer of the Community Health Council (CHC) for information. However, it was clear from WAST's response it was most unlikely that such a meeting could be arranged in the run up to the health board's consultation deadline. The Clerk then referred to a meeting he and the Leader had held with two former health board employees to garner their concerns and ideas for PPH going forward.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the progress report and invited Members to comment on the information received and also to comment on the letter from Bellis-Jones Hill, Healthcare Management Solutions (copies of which had been previously circulated with the agenda).

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During the discussion, Members expressed disappointment that the planned meeting with local GPs was cancelled. Moreover, however, they were pleased with the advice and opinions set out in the letter from Bellis-Jones Hill. The letter writer recommended further questions and information requests be put to the health board in respect of various points raised and because of information gaps contained in the health board's technical documents: more supporting evidence was needed for the Llanelli area which was lacking in a number of important data sets. Members, however, felt that time was now against the Council and it was probably prudent to refer to the points raised by the management consultants when formally responding to the consultation exercise. The findings in the letter could also be shared with the CHC if it was felt necessary. Members referred to the significance of some of the commentary and opinion contained in the letter and felt it should be circulated publicly with a copy also being sent to the Llanelli Star newspaper.

As discussion continued the Leader made specific reference to the importance of completing the consultation questionnaire and urged all Members to write individually to the health board. Responding to the questionnaire in greater numbers would demonstrate widespread support for the retention of key services at PPH and for services wider afield in other parts of Llanelli's catchment area. In support of the Leader's comments it was suggested that Members attach supporting letters to their questionnaires as perhaps some of the questions and the way options had been presented might otherwise count against PPH.

The Clerk then referred Members to an important typing error in the letter which if left uncorrected could present a misleading picture. In paragraph 9.3.3 (page 4), the second line of the last sentence, after the word 'data' the text should read as "does not agree" and not "do agree" as stated therein. Members noted that the typing error had been manually corrected for the benefit of tonight's meeting. Members then referred to the comments made about the proposed Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence possibly earmarked for PPH. The letter writer had misinterpreted that the centre would cater for both emergency and planned procedures. This was not the case; the centre would only handle planned procedures with emergency procedures being referred to Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen.

Prior to concluding the discussion reference was made to the need for a special Council meeting to pull all the information together to help the Council formally agree its consultation response and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The progress report be noted.
2. The letter and fee note for £1,500, received from Bellis-Jones Hill, Healthcare Management Solutions be noted and accepted.
3. The letter be publicly circulated in accordance with Members' wishes with copies being sent to the Llanelli Star newspaper; other local town and community councils that had previously pledged financial support towards meeting the costs of professional consultancy services; furthermore a copy of the letter be forwarded to SOSPPAN for inclusion on its website as well as a copy of it being published on the Council's website.
4. A special Council meeting be convened to formally agree the Council's consultation response prior to the consultation deadline of 29 October next.

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**218. NOMINATION OF MINOR AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE –
FEDERATION OF CARWAY, GWYNFRYN AND PONTHENRI
PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Correspondence was received from Carmarthenshire County Council inviting the Council to nominate a representative to serve on the Governing Body of the new Federation being established between Carway, Gwynfryn and Ponthenri Schools which would come into effect on 8 October 2012. Members were informed that Cllr. C.A. Rees currently served as a School Governor on Ponthenri CP School and in view of such it was

RESOLVED that Cllr C. A. Rees be nominated to represent the Council on the newly established Federation.

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219. CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH & CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION (CYCA)

Members considered email correspondence from the Association Manager, CYCA, outlining the necessity for the Council's two representatives to attend two out of four meetings per annum in order to fulfil the criteria as Trustees. However, it had been suggested by CYCA's Board of Trustees that perhaps the Council's representatives might want to consider attending one meeting per annum in addition to its annual general meeting as Observers rather than Trustees.

Members were informed that CYCA's cycle and timing of meetings appeared to clash with the Council's cycle of meetings, with its quarterly meetings being convened on the second Tuesday of the month during the evening. Prior to any decision being made over the future status of Council representatives serving on CYCA, Members felt the conflicting schedule of meeting dates needed to be explored and resolved. Members expressed the desire to continue to be actively involved in the Association's affairs given the Council's financial support towards its activities over the years and it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk enter into further dialogue with the Association Manager, CYCA over the clash of meeting dates and in respect of the status of the Council's representatives going forward.

220. DYFED POWYS POLICE

Members received a general invitation from Dyfed Powys Police to attend a Carmarthenshire Joint Community Consultative Meeting to be held on Wednesday 24 October 2012.

RESOLVED that interested Members attend.

221. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

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222. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 11 July, 2012:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 11 July, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

Present: P. J. Edmunds (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	T. Bowen
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
J. Williams	

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, R. M. Davies and C. C. Lucas.

18. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

19. 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 June 2012
Special Meeting	-	28 June 2012

20. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for May 2012 and the provisional report for June 2012 be noted.

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21. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for June 2012, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £21,566.89.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

22. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2011/2012 – FINAL REPORT

Further to Minute No. 63 (14 December 2011), Members considered the final internal audit report, compiled by Auditing Solutions Ltd.

The report did not differ from the interim report (to which Minute No. 63 refers) and no matters needed addressing.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

**23. ICCM CONFERENCE, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE – 1 - 3
OCTOBER 2012**

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cemetery Manager be authorised to attend the conference.

**24. LLANELLI COMMUNITY HERITAGE – INFORMATION
BOARDS**

Further to Minute No. 38 (12 October 2011), Members considered design proofs for the installation of two information boards in the cemetery grounds. The boards would depict local historical information about the cemetery and the surrounding area and would form part of a network of similar information boards located elsewhere in Llanelli.

Members proceeded to view and comment upon the detailed plans and the potential locations where the boards might be placed and after a discussion it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) An official order be raised for the acquisition of the two information boards with Alan Williams, Graphic Design and Illustration (the company used by Llanelli Community Heritage for creating the information boards).
- (2) The location of each information board shall be cross referenced to one another with one of the boards being placed next to the Cemetery Office and fronting Garden Remembrance 1, the second board being placed in the Old Section not far from the brow of the hill.
- (3) Planning permission be sought for the chosen locations.

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- (4) Llanelli Community Heritage be requested to clarify the position of personal information being displayed on the information boards and that it obtain the necessary permission from surviving relatives (if appropriate).
- (5) The Cemetery Manager contact local schools with a view to encouraging educational visits to the cemetery in support of the installation of the boards.
- (6) The Cemetery Manager review the general cemetery signage and present any additional requirements to a future meeting for consideration.

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The meeting concluded at 4:25 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

223. LETTER OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letter of appreciation for the Council’s assistance received from Pontyates Miners Welfare Hall be noted.

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 November, 2012, adopted by the Council.