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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 291 – 299

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 13 December, 2011, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Devichand (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	M. L. Evans
L. J. Butler	T. J. Jones
D. J. Davies	C. A. Rees
M. V. Davies	B. C. M. Reynolds
H. J. Evans	A. C. Thomas
G. H. Wooldridge	

291. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, M. L. Davies, S. L. Davies, S. M. Donoghue, T. Rh. Ifan, M. J. Lewis, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan and V. R. Thomas.

292. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal interest in Minute No. 295(1) as he was the Council's nominated representative serving on the committee.

293. 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	8 November, 2011
Recreation and Welfare Committee (subject to the heading in Minute No. 275 reading as "Tir Einon" and not "Tir Einion" as stated therein)	15 November, 2011
Policy and Resources Committee	16 November, 2011
Planning and Liaison Committee	28 November, 2011

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**294. MATTERS ARISING
LUNCHEON CLUB SERVICES**

Arising out of Minute No. 270, Cllr. T. J. Jones expressed his disappointment over the committee decision in respect of luncheon club services at Ponthenri. Cllr. Jones also expressed his disappointment (as the local ward member) that he hadn't been made aware of the correspondence received in respect of the matter and felt that given its importance he should have been informed by the office in advance of the meeting.

Cllr. Jones suggested in future any matters concerning issues of local importance, the local ward Members should be contacted before the committee meetings. Cllr. C. A. Rees concurred with Cllr Jones and it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. Jones' comments be noted for future reference.

**295. USE OF ACCOMMODATION AT VAUXHALL BUILDINGS
(1) COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
OF HOSPITAL SERVICES**

Cllr. H. J. Evans declared a personal interest in the matter as he was the Council's nominated representative serving on the committee.

Members having considered a request received from the Committee for the Improvement of Hospital Services for the use of accommodation at Vauxhall Buildings during the evening, it was

RESOLVED that the request be acceded to and the organisation be requested to contact the administration office over room bookings to ensure meetings do not impede Council business before during and after Council/Committee meetings as well as to ensure its meetings do not over run past office closure times.

(2) LLANELLI WRITERS' CIRCLE

Members having considered a request received from the Llanelli Writers' Circle for the use of accommodation at Vauxhall Buildings, it was

RESOLVED that the request be declined due the unavailability of the rooms at Vauxhall Buildings during working hours and as a suggested alternative the organisation be advised to contact the Council's Hall Management Committees to enquire whether they have suitable rooms to accommodate its requirements.

296. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted but at the request of Cllr. T. J. Jones item 2 (Heol Hen footpath) would be further assessed by officers, given Cllr. Jones had various health and safety concerns regarding general access along the path.

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297. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 12 October, 2011:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 12 October 2011 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Williams (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. J. P. Burns

L. J. Butler

M. V. Davies

W. J. Lemon

A.G. Morgan

K. D. Rees

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C. C. Lucas and C. A. Rees.

37. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

38. LLANELLI COMMUNITY HERITAGE

The Cemetery Manager introduced Members to representatives of the Llanelli Community Heritage Society who had been invited to the meeting to give a presentation on proposals to install heritage information boards within the cemetery. The presentation provided a general insight into the work already done by the Society within Llanelli town and rural areas regarding heritage trail boards. Members were then asked to consider purchasing and installing two heritage boards in the cemetery grounds. The first board would provide historical information about the parcel of land known as Box and the second would provide information about renowned residents of Llanelli interred within the cemetery. The estimated cost of each heritage board was £1800 based on the standard template used by the Society in other locations. Following the presentation the Chairman invited questions from the floor and then thanked the representatives for their informative presentation and they withdrew from the meeting.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that:

1. the principle of installing two heritage boards be approved;

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2. the estimated cost of £3600 for the supply of the boards be included in the Burial Authority's Budget estimates for next year for further consideration at the time; and in the meantime
3. the possibility of obtaining grant aid to meet the purchase cost be investigated.

39. 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 - 14 September 2011

40. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure reports for August 2011 and the provisional report for September 2011 be noted.

41. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for September 2011, which revealed expenditure for the month, amounted to £18,072.94.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

42. DEVELOPMENT OF A NATURAL BURIAL AREA

The Cemetery Manager put forward policy proposals for developing an area(s) within the cemetery for natural burials. Prior to proceeding further it was

RESOLVED that site meetings be arranged to established natural burial sites in other cemeteries followed by a site visit to Llanelli District Cemetery to inspect and view various suitable areas earmarked for natural burials by the Cemetery Manager.

43. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter 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.

44. LAND ENCROACHMENT

Further to Minute No. 17, the Secretary reported upon the land encroachment within the cemetery and referred to correspondence received from the acting Legal Services Manager,

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Carmarthenshire County Council confirming the Council would act on the Burial Authority's behalf. The Cemetery Manager also informed Members about the recent claims made by the trespasser regarding the property boundary, alleging it was unsafe.

Having considered the officers' reports and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the terms specified in the letter from Carmarthenshire County Council for carrying out all the necessary work in connection with the matter be accepted and that the work be expedited as quickly as possible.

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The meeting concluded at 5:05 pm"

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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

298. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letters of appreciation for the Council's assistance received from the following, be noted with pleasure:

- (1) Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers;
- (2) Five Roads Primary School;
- (3) Marie Curie Cancer Care;
- (4) Parc Howard Association;
- (5) Shelter Cymru;
- (6) Ysgol Bryn Teg.

299. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Vice Chairman on behalf of the Chairman and herself, wished Members and Staff a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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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 January, 2012, adopted by the Council.