

14 January, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 366 – 373

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 14 January, 2014, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. L. J. Butler (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

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

366. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Ahktar, M. V. Davies, S. M. Donoghue, G. N. R. Edwards, M. L. Evans, T. J. Jones and C. A. Rees.

367. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

368. 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	10 December, 2013
Policy and Resources Committee	18 December, 2013
Finance and General Purposes Committee	19 December, 2013
Planning and Liaison Committee	19 December, 2013
Planning and Liaison Committee	13 January, 2014

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369. MATTERS ARISING

**(1) CARMARTHENSHIRE COMMUNITIES FIRST CLUSTER
LLANELLI COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Pursuant to Minute No. 328, Members referred to Mr Paul Harries, Community Development Officer, Llanelli Town Council following his recent indisposition but that he was also due to retire in the near future. The Clerk informed Members that because of the circumstances Ms Delyth Rowlands had taken over Mr Harries' role and it was unlikely that he would resume work. Therefore the planned discussion regarding the Llanelli Community Partnership would now take place with Ms Rowlands instead.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and that a letter be sent to Mr Harries extending the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery back to full health and wishing him a happy retirement.

(2) RAINSCAPE

Arising out of Minute No. 333, the Clerk confirmed that the representatives of the Welsh Government, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales shall be attending the ordinary Council meeting on 11 March, 2014.

(3) COUNTY LIAISON FORUM

Pursuant to Minute No. 334, the Clerk informed Members that he had attended the above forum meeting. A further two meetings were planned for later in the year.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(4) REVIEW OF COUNTY ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE**

Further to Minute No. 342, Cllr. W. V. Thomas referred to future community review considerations put forward by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales in its final proposal report. The Commission suggested that Carmarthenshire County Council might wish to consider reviewing the ward boundaries in various communities including the wards of Bynea, Dafen, Glyn and Swiss Valley in the Llanelli Rural area.

Cllr. Thomas enquired whether the County Council planned to carry out such a review and it was

RESOLVED that enquiries be made with the Electoral Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council to ascertain when a review might take place.

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**370. YOUR HEALTH YOUR FUTURE – PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL
(1) PROGRESS REPORT**

Further to Minute No. 332, Members noted copy letters sent by the Clerk to the Minister for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government and Mr Purt, Chief Executive, Hywel Dda University Health Board together with the responses received.

During discussion, Members expressed their disappointment with the lack of information detail supplied by the Chief Executive, Hywel Dda University Health Board. Members still had doubts about the emergency care model planned for Prince Philip Hospital in terms of what ailments would be treatable in the Urgent Care Centre; whether doctors would be physically present 24/7; the level of night time cover to be provided from the Unit and whether the service would be led by hospital doctors or GPs or a combination of both throughout the daily shift pattern. This needed to be queried with the health board and further information was also needed regarding orthopaedics and it was

RESOLVED that a further letter be sent to the Chief Executive of the Hywel Dda University Health Board seeking the above clarification and also repeating the Council's request that a health board representative attends a future Council meeting to speak about the position over orthopaedics more fully as well as arrangements affecting the Urgent Care Centre. With this in mind enquiries be made with the Chief Executive over the availability of Mrs Linda Williams, Carmarthenshire Director, Hywel Dda University Health Board.

(2) FRONT OF HOUSE PROJECT

Email correspondence was received from Carmarthenshire Locality Office, Hywel Dda University Health Board inviting the Council to attend a meeting arranged for 10 February, 2014, at the Caebryn Conference Room, Prince Philip Hospital (PPH), to discuss the PPH front of house project work.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be nominated to attend the meeting but enquiries be made over the possibility of Cllr. Cundy also attending the meeting and also whether other Members could attend if so desired.

371. MENTER CWM GWENDRAETH

Members considered correspondence from the Chief Officer, Menter Cwm Gwendraeth, inviting representatives of the Council to attend Menter Cwm Gwendraeth's Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 23 January, 2014, at 7.00 pm in Felinfoel Community Resource Centre, Felinfoel.

RESOLVED that interested Members attend.

372. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 13 November, 2013:

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“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 13 November 2013 at 4:30 pm.

Present:

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar
T. Bowen

M. V. Davies
V. J. Johns

43. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

RESOLVED that Cllr. M. V. Davies be appointed Chairman pro tempore.

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. P. J. Edmunds, T. J. Jones and C Reed. MBE.

45. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

46. 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 - 9 October 2013

47. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for September 2013 and the provisional report for October 2013 be noted.

48. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for October 2013, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £36,479.07.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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49. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED that in accordance with Minute No. 45 (10 December 2003), this year's Christmas holiday arrangements at the cemetery be confirmed as detailed below, with two and a half days annual leave being added to employees' annual leave entitlement for 2013/2014.

Monday	23 December 2013	-	Normal working day
Tuesday	24 December 2013	-	Christmas Eve (Finish at 12 noon)
Wednesday	25 December 2013	-	Christmas Day
Thursday	26 December 2013	-	Boxing Day
Friday	27 December 2013	-	Locally agreed holiday
Saturday	28 December 2013	-	Non working day
Sunday	29 December 2013	-	Non working day
Monday	30 December 2013	-	Normal working day
Tuesday	31 December 2013	-	Normal working day
Wednesday	1 January 2014	-	New Year's Day
Thursday	2 January 2014	-	Normal working day

50. 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.

51. LLANELLI CREMATORIUM

(1) ANNUAL RENT REVIEW

Members considered the Secretary's report informing of the impending annual rent review and which confirmed the amount of rent payable to the Burial Authority from Llanelli Crematorium Ltd, with effect from 1 December 2013.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the rent for the ensuing year be confirmed as £29,044 and that Llanelli Crematorium Ltd be notified accordingly.

(2) FREEHOLD INTEREST – LAND AT LLANELLI CREMATORIUM

Further to Minute No. 40, the Secretary provided Members with a progress update. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Secretary write to the Director, Llanelli Crematorium Limited outlining the advice he had received from Jennings Solicitors and Lambert Smith Hampton, property valuers.

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52. NEW REMEMBRANCE GARDENS

Members considered the Cemetery Manager’s report regarding the development of remembrance gardens in section 9 of the cemetery. After a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that the plan and pricing structure be approved.

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The meeting concluded at 5:00 pm
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

373. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Dafen Welfare Bowls Club;
- (2) Rectorial Benefice of Llanelli.

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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 11 February, 2014, adopted by the Council.