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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 236 – 246

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 12 October, 2010, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	M. L. Evans
D. J. Davies	T. Rh. Ifan
M. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	C. A. Rees
T. Devichand	B. C. M. Reynolds
S. M. Donoghue	A. C. Thomas
H. J. Evans	G. H. Wooldridge

236. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, L. J. Butler, T. J. Jones, M. J. Lewis, A. G. Morgan and V. R. Thomas.

237. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman having informed of Cllr. M. J. Lewis' indisposition, Members conveyed their good wishes for her recovery.

238. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 241, as she was a member of the Community Health Council.

239. 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	14 September, 2010
Policy and Resources Committee	15 September, 2010
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 September, 2010
Finance and General Purposes Committee	27 September, 2010
Community Development Grants Panel	30 September, 2010

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Planning and Liaison Committee

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240. MATTERS ARISING

(1) HMS TRENCHANT

Arising out of Minute No. 190, Cllr. S. M. Donoghue suggested further to Commander Lindsay's visit at a future Council meeting, that as a means of strengthening links with the crew of the submarine perhaps a rugby game or similar could be organised with a local team.

RESOLVED that Commander Lindsay be informed of the proposal once he establishes contact with the Council over his planned visit.

**(2) CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
'LOVE LLANELLI' CAMPAIGN**

Further to Minute No. 191, Cllr. M. L. Davies suggested to promote the Llanelli Town Centre there was a need for free car parking spaces to encourage people to shop in the town.

RESOLVED that the suggestion be forwarded to Carmarthenshire County Council for due consideration.

(3) AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/10

Further to Minute No. 223, and following a general enquiry made by Cllr. M. V. Davies about supporting the local economy, it was

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Wales Audit Office enquiring as to whether there are any Welsh auditing bodies suitable for carrying out audits of larger local councils.

**241. COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF
HOSPITAL SERVICES -
RURAL HEALTH SERVICES STRATEGY
SPEND TO SAVE PLAN JULY 2010**

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she was a member of the Community Health Council. Cllr. Devichand withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Pursuant to Minute No. 188, a copy letter was received from the Chief Executive Officer, Hywel Dda Health Board which had been sent to the Committee for the Improvement of Hospital Services.

The letter confirmed that the recent press releases and statements in the previous document had been superseded before the leak and had no status within the planning going forward.

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The future of Prince Philip Hospital was assured, however, the NHS required to make savings in the region of £1.5 billion over the next five years which would include Hywel Dda having a significant share of it.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Hywel Dda Health Board requesting the Council be kept informed of any proposals to change local health services in Carmarthenshire and for it to acknowledge the Council as a key stakeholder in any planned future consultation proposals which affect Prince Philip Hospital.

Cllr. Devichand returned to the Meeting.

242. COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED that in accordance with Standing Orders, the proposed review of same be noted and adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

243. MENTER CWM GWENDRAETH VISION DAY

A letter was received from the Development Officer, Menter Cwm Gwendraeth, informing of a new innovative project in the Llanelli area that Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Llanelli could provide. The project involved holding a vision day in the community in order to create a community action plan. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the an invitation be sent to the Development Officer inviting her to attend the next ordinary Council meeting to demonstrate the innovative work of Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Llanelli and in order for Members to learn more about the project.

244. EXTERNAL EVENTS

Members having received invitations for the Council to be represented at the following, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) Carmarthenshire County Council – Annual Standards Committee – City Hall, Cardiff – 14 October, 2010 – that the information be noted;
- (2) Communities First Llwynhendy – Training and Information Day – Communities First Office, Llwynhendy – 18 October, 2010 – that the information be noted;
- (3) The Chairman, Carmarthenshire County Council – Charity Night – Calsonic Kansei Sports & Social Club, Felinfoel – 22 October, 2010 – that the information be noted;
- (4) Llanelli Veterans Association – Dedication of Association Standard – St. Elli Parish Church, Llanelli – 7 November, 2010 – that the information be noted.

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Arising out of discussion of the above, Members raised the issue of invitations to attend external events being received after the deadline for the despatch of the Council agenda and which if left until the next ordinary meeting could not be properly considered and determined, and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate methods for expediting the processing of such invitations possibly through a scheme of delegated powers.

245. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 14 July, 2010:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 14 July 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Present: A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen
M. J. P. Burns

W. J. Lemon
J. Williams

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue, S. N. Lewis, C. C. Lucas, C. A. Rees and K. D. Rees.

14. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

15. 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.

Annual Meeting - 9 June 2010

16. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for May 2010 and the provisional report for June 2010 be noted.

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17. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for June 2010, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £26,695.40.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

18. AUDIT ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010

Members considered the Audit Annual Return document for the financial year ending 31 March 2010, and it was

RESOLVED that the general preparation of the document which included a summary of the Statement of Accounts in Section 1 and the Annual Governance Statement provided in Section 2 be approved accordingly.

19. ICCM CONFERENCE, KENILWORTH – 27 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

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

20. CEMETERY SIGNAGE

Members considered a letter dated 17 June 2010, received from the Head of Transport and Engineering, Carmarthenshire County Council, regarding a proposal to install three directional road signs on cemetery approach roads, sign posting the location of the cemetery grounds.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the proposal be accepted and that an order be placed with Carmarthenshire County Council for the purchase of the signs at a cost of £477.24 plus VAT.

Arising out of discussion of the item, Members queried the sign posting arrangements to the cemetery from slightly further afield and it was

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cemetery Manager make further enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council as to the possibility of installing additional directional road signs at the junction of Halfway and at Trostre roundabout.

21. CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Cemetery Manager presented Members with a comprehensive set of cemetery rules and regulations for consideration. Members were informed that it was necessary to draw all of

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the cemetery rules and regulations into one composite document. Many recent policy developments were set out in committee minutes and or were contained in other Burial Authority literature. It was also necessary to consider some new recommendations and the Cemetery Manager proceeded to guide Members through the draft document highlighting the necessary changes.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the cemetery rules and regulations policy document be approved and adopted with immediate effect; and

- (1) the practice of reserving grave spaces in section 10 in advance be discontinued;
- (2) the application of the 50% out of area surcharge be temporarily withdrawn on the basis that it may be regarded as an anti competitive measure and given that it did not seem to have any noticeable impact on income streams and as it did not appear to deter the take up of burial space from bereaved families residing outside of the Burial Authority's administrative area. Furthermore that the withdrawal of the charge be kept under review for a period of six months and that it be reported to committee for further consideration after that period; and
- (3) the Cemetery Manager be authorised to contact the Burial Authority's insurer regarding occupiers liability and potential accidents occurring as a consequence of bereaved families carrying out additional maintenance to family graves, having consideration for the level of risk associated with same.

22. 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.

23. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE 4

Members considered three quotations for the planned extension to Garden of Remembrance 4. Following a short discussion it was

RESOLVED that the quotation received from O J's Landscaping, 27 Stanley Street, Llanelli in the sum of £8,898.00 plus VAT be accepted.

24. NEW STYLE MEMORIAL

The Cemetery Manager reported that a request had been received from Mrs B S to install a different style of memorial in Section 11 of the cemetery. Whilst the design of the memorial differed from the norm, its dimensions and colour complied with cemetery rules and regulations. Following discussion it was

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RESOLVED that the request be approved.

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The meeting concluded at 5:10 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

246. MEMBERS’ CONDOLENCES

Cllr. Devichand referred to the recent death of Cllr. S. N. Lewis’ Mother -in- Law and as a mark of respect Members stood in silent tribute.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.40 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 9 November, 2010, adopted by the Council.