

13 July, 2010.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 123 – 131

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 13 July, 2010, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue, M. L. Evans and C. A. Rees.

124. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Mr. D. Jones, father of Mr. D. B. Jones, Field Officer with the Training Department, Corporal J. Kirkpatrick of the 101 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) and to other members of the armed forces killed in Afghanistan. Members and Officers thereupon stood in silent tribute.

Cllr. S. M. Caiach entered the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. V. R. Thomas to the meeting following her recent indisposition. Members conveyed their sentiments.

125. PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS

Arising out of the preceding Minute, Members enquired as to whether a letter of condolence could be sent to the family of Corporal Kirkpatrick. However, no action was determined on this occasion having considered information received from the Clerk regarding the Council's protocol arrangements for conveying same.

Members thereupon enquired whether personal letters of condolence could be sent to the family and the Clerk responded in the affirmative.

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126. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

127. 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 June, 2010
Recreation and Welfare Committee	15 June, 2010
Policy and Resources Committee	16 June, 2010
Planning and Liaison Committee	21 June, 2010
Finance and General Purposes Committee (Subject to the Chairman in attendance being amended to read Cllr. H. J. Evans and not Cllr. L. J. Butler as referred to therein)	30 June, 2010
Planning and Liaison Committee	12 July, 2010

128. EXTERNAL EVENTS

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

RESOLVED that

- (1) One Voice Wales – National Training Programme for Community and Town Councils in Wales – Training Schedule – the information be noted;
- (2) Royal Air Forces Association – Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service – All Saints Church, Goring Road, Llanelli – 19 September, 2010 – interested Members attend.

129. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

130. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 12 May, 2010:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 12 May 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Present: C. C. Lucas (Chairman)

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Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	A. G. Morgan
M. J. P. Burns	K. D. Rees
S. L. Davies	J. Williams

118. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman congratulated Cllr S. L. Davies on her recent appointment as the Chairman of Llanelli Rural Council for the ensuing year.

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M Donoghue, T. J. Jones and W. J. Lemon.

120. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in Minute No. 127 as Lance Corporal Dennis' mother was a family friend

121. 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 April 2010

122. MATTERS ARISING

STAFFING MATTERS

Further to Minute No. 116, Members were informed that the matter had been satisfactorily resolved. Furthermore, the Cemetery Manager's mobile phone number was now listed on the office answering machine as an out of hours emergency contact.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

123. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for March 2010 and the provisional report for April 2010 be noted.

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124. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for April 2010, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £34,359.14.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

125. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2009 / 2010

Members considered correspondence received from Auditing Solutions Ltd, dated 12 April 2010 (copies having been previously circulated), in respect of the interim internal audit report. The report author confirmed that there were no significant issues that required attention and that the financial systems continued to operate effectively.

RESOLVED that the interim report be noted.

126. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRAMME

Members considered email correspondence received from Auditing Solutions Ltd, dated 25 April 2010 outlining a five year strategic plan for the continued provision of internal audit services to the Burial Authority. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the plan be accepted and that Auditing Solutions Ltd's contract be renewed with immediate effect to cover the financial year periods 2010/11 to 2014/15 inclusive.

127. CHAPEL MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Cllr S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as Lance Corporal Dennis' mother was a family friend.

Members considered a letter from County Cllr K. Thomas dated 22 April 2010 requesting the installation of a plaque to commemorate Lance Corporal David Llewellyn Dennis of the Light Dragoons who fell in action on 4 July 2009 whilst serving his country in Afghanistan. Members were informed that his ashes were due to be interred shortly within the cemetery grounds. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the request be approved in principle subject to the interment taking place.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a service of dedication be arranged in conjunction with the family to commemorate the erection of the plaque in the cemetery chapel.

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128. 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.

129. STAFFING MATTERS

The Cemetery Manager presented Members with a comprehensive report on a recent training course that he and the groundsmen had participated in at the cemetery. Members were informed that as a result of the training there was a noticeable improvement in the dressing of graves prior to funerals.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

130. MEMORIAL BENCHES

The Cemetery Manager presented Members with a report which sought approval to introduce an inspection procedure for privately owned memorial benches in the cemetery grounds and to develop a new policy for the future supply of memorial benches. It was proposed that new memorial benches be installed and maintained by the Burial Authority but purchased by the public. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the proposals outlined in the report be accepted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the five requests received from families to install benches in the cemetery grounds and currently held on file be held in abeyance until the new installation policy had been developed and approved and that the families be notified accordingly.

131. COLUMBARIA VAULTS

Consideration was given to the Cemetery Manager's report regarding the installation of columbaria vaults in Garden of Remembrance One. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 4:35 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

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131. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Bynea Cycling Club;
- (2) C.A.T.C.H. U.P. Ltd;
- (3) Hywel Girls' Choir and Hywel Boy Singers;
- (4) Llwynhendy Youth Group;
- (5) Swiss Valley C.P. School.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.10 p.m.

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