

14 September, 2010.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 183 – 199

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 14 September, 2010, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

183. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler, D. J. Davies, M. L. Davies, M. J. Lewis, V. R. Thomas and G. H. Wooldridge.

184. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Mr. E. Williams, father of Cllr. L. J. Butler. Members and Officers thereupon stood in silent tribute.

185. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute Nos. 188 and 193(1), as she was a member of the Community Health Council.

186. 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	13 July, 2010
Recreation and Welfare Committee	20 July, 2010
Policy and Resources Committee	21 July, 2010
Finance and General Purposes Committee	28 July, 2010
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	29 July, 2010

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Planning and Liaison Committee	2 August, 2010
Special Council	5 August, 2010
Planning and Liaison Committee	23 August, 2010

187. MATTERS ARISING

(1) ANNUAL REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2009/10

Arising out of Minute No. 150, the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed Members that the Amended Statements of Accounts (Consolidated) would be presented to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on Monday, 27 September, 2010.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(2) GO WALES GRADUATE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Further to Minute No. 159, and following an enquiry, the Clerk informed that it was hoped that the Council would participate in providing a training placement for a graduate and that a report would be presented at the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on Wednesday, 20 October, 2010.

Members having taken the opportunity to congratulate the Training Department upon renewing its contract to deliver work-based learning training by the Welsh Assembly Government, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk's information be noted.

188. COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOSPITAL SERVICES -
(1) CHARGING OF HOSPITAL CAR PARKING
(2) RURAL HEALTH SERVICES STRATEGY
SPEND TO SAVE PLAN JULY 2010

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

Pursuant to Minute No. 308 (10 November, 2009), a letter received from the Secretary, Committee for the Improvement of Hospital Services, referred to the continued concerns as to the legality and validity of the initial contract between the former Carmarthenshire NHS Trust and CP Plus Ltd. for car park charging at Prince Philip Hospital. Reference was made to the fact that a member of the Committee had approached the First Minister regarding the issue but to no avail.

The writer also informed that, due to family illness, he would be standing down as Secretary of the Committee and thanked the Council for its past assistance.

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During discussion, Members conveyed their disappointment regarding the continuing charges and voiced their appreciation for the Secretary's diligence; his resignation was noted with sadness.

A copy of correspondence forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Hywel Dda Health Board, was received from the Secretary, which referred to a document entitled 'Rural Health Services Strategy Spend to Save Plan July 2010' and which was now believed to have been withdrawn. The content of the document was of great concern as, if the document had been implemented, the people of Llanelli and surrounding district would be forced to access acute NHS care in Morriston which, it was believed, did not have the capacity for such an influx of patients. Emphasis was made on the importance of acute services in Llanelli with reference also being made to the distance of 23 miles to the West Wales General Hospital in Glangwili, Carmarthen.

Following a lengthy debate, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) the letter regarding charging for Hospital car parking be noted;
- (2) a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Secretary, Committee for the Improvement of Hospital Services;
- (3) the copy correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer be noted; and that
- (4) a letter expressing the Council's deep concern regarding possible changes for the A & E services at Prince Philip Hospital be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Hywel Dda Health Board.

Cllr. Devichand returned to the Meeting.

189. ONE VOICE WALES – MEMBERSHIP 2010/11

Pursuant to Minute No. 494 (9 March, 2010), an invitation was received from the Chief Executive, One Voice Wales, for the Council to re-consider becoming a member of One Voice Wales.

RESOLVED that the invitation be noted.

190. HMS TRENCHANT

Correspondence was received from the past Commanding Officer, J. A. Gray, Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy, stating that the Ship's Company remained committed to the affiliation; and the new Commanding Officer, I. G. Lindsay, Commander Royal Navy, HMS TRENCHANT.

In introducing himself, Commander Lindsay offered an invitation to visit the submarine in Devonport towards the end of the year. He also stated that he would be only too happy to attend this Council and give a presentation on the Royal Naval submarine service in general and HMS TRENCHANT in particular, should that be so wished.

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RESOLVED that the invitations be accepted and to await further information as to availability from Commander Lindsay.

**191. CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL –
'LOVE LLANELLI' CAMPAIGN**

A letter was received from the Press Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council, informing that the County Council and the Llanelli Star had launched the campaign 'Love Llanelli' which was aimed at promoting the town centre, supporting traders and encouraging more shoppers and visitors. A new brand and slogan 'Love Llanelli and Llanelli Town – A Warm Welsh Welcome' had been designed. As a community leader, this Council had been invited to join the campaign.

A Fun Day had taken place on 4 September, 2010 and further events and initiatives would continue for the next two years until the planned regeneration work was completed. It was anticipated that there would be considerable disruption in the town centre due to major developments. Once the schemes were completed, it was expected that more people would be attracted into the town centre and generate more trade.

The Clerk stated that clarification was needed as to the kind of support required.

RESOLVED that the letter be noted and to await further information.

192. LLANELLI YOUTH THEATRE

Correspondence received from the Administrator, Llanelli Youth Theatre, was circulated to Members, requesting a reference in support of its tender bid to the Wales Millennium Centre to run a new Youth Theatre for that body.

Following discussion, during which Members referred to the excellent quality of work over the years and to the Company's tenacity in delivering productions, it was

RESOLVED that a letter of support for Llanelli Youth Theatre be forwarded to the Wales Millennium Centre.

193. EXTERNAL EVENTS

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item (1) as she was a member of the Community Health Council. Cllr. Devichand withdrew from the meeting before discussion began.

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

RESOLVED that

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- (1) Llanelli Town Council – Public Meeting – Caemaen and St. Paul’s Residential Care Homes – Lliedi Suite, Selwyn Samuel Centre – 20 September, 2010 – interested Members attend;

Cllr. Devichand returned to the Meeting.

- (2) The Llanelli Star – Community Awards – Parc y Scarlets – 23 October, 2010 – interested Members attend.

194. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

195. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 9 June, 2010:-

“At the Annual Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 9 June 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Present: C. C. Lucas (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. J. P. Burns	A. G. Morgan
S. M. Donoghue	C. A. Rees
W. J. Lemon	K. D. Rees
S. N. Lewis	J. Williams

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. T. D. Bowen.

2. MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Prior to appointing a Chairman, Cllr. C.C. Lucas thanked fellow members for their support over the past four years whilst acting in his capacity as both Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Burial Authority. Members thereupon proceeded to appoint a Chairman and following the motion of Cllr. S.M. Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. J. Williams, it was

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RESOLVED that Cllr. A. G. Morgan be appointed Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. A. G. Morgan extended his appreciation to Cllr. C.C. Lucas the outgoing Chairman and thanked Members for appointing him as Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Following the motion of Cllr. C.C. Lucas, seconded by Cllr. C.A. Rees, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. J. Williams be appointed Vice Chairman.

6. 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 - 12 May 2010

7. MATTERS ARISING

CHAPEL MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Further to Minute No. 127 (12 May 2010), Members were informed that Lance Corporal Dennis' ashes had now been interred and that arrangements for the erection of a memorial plaque and a dedication service in the cemetery chapel could now proceed.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

8. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

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

9. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for May 2010, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £25,703.80.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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10. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2010, (copies of which had been previously circulated). Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts be accepted.

11. 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.

12. STAFFING MATTERS

The Secretary presented Members with a report regarding the Future Jobs Fund scheme being administered by Carmarthenshire County Council. The Secretary highlighted how the scheme might benefit the Burial Authority and it was

RESOLVED that the scheme be accepted in principle and that an application be submitted to the scheme for the funding and placement of two additional groundsmen to assist in the upkeep of the cemetery grounds.

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The meeting concluded at 4:20 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

196. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Cllr. S. N. Lewis;
- (2) Carmarthenshire Youth and Children’s Association;
- (3) Police School Liaison Officers, Dyfed-Powys Police;
- (4) Furnace Gardening Club;
- (5) Llanelli AFC Ltd.;
- (6) Pontyates Brownies;
- (7) Pwll AFC.

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197. 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.

198. FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND – CAPITAL SCHEME

Further to Minute No. 177, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration), which informed of the VAT implication relating to the CFAP grant from the Welsh Assembly Government.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) Option 3 of the report, i.e. the virement of existing budgets, use of General Reserves and part of next year’s Capital Schemes budget be made available to fully fund the construction of the new changing rooms at Felinfoel;
- (2) the existing balance of the General Reserves be replenished over the next five years.

199. STAFF CHARITY EVENT - SPONSORSHIP

The Chairman informed that members of staff were to take part in a Ladies’ Driving Challenge in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity on Sunday, 24 October, 2010, at Pembrey Racing Circuit.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) welcomed Members’ sponsorship towards such a worthy cause.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.45 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 12 October, 2010, adopted by the Council.