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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 84 – 93

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 9 June, 2009, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. C. A. Rees (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. J. Jones and M. J. Lewis.

85. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Mrs. M. E. Lloyd, mother of Mr. W. P. Lloyd, Training Manager, Training Department. Members and Officers thereupon stood in silent tribute.

86. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

87. 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:-

Annual Meeting	12 May, 2009
Adjourned Annual Meeting	14 May, 2009
Council	14 May, 2009

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Finance and General Purposes Committee	14 May, 2009
Recreation and Welfare Committee	14 May, 2009
Planning and Liaison Committee	14 May, 2009
Policy and Resources Committee	14 May, 2009
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	14 May, 2009
Community Development Grants Panel	14 May, 2009
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	14 May, 2009
Planning and Liaison Committee	18 May, 2009
Policy and Resources Committee	20 May, 2009
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 May, 2009
Finance and General Purposes Committee	27 May, 2009
Planning and Liaison Committee	8 June, 2009

88. SWISS VALLEY SHOPPING AREA

Further to Minute No. 66, it was

RESOLVED that the following Recreation and Welfare Committee's recommendation be accepted:-

RECOMMENDED that the Council take the project forward in principle as a capital scheme, subject to costs not being prohibitive and, that the Council's Recreation and Welfare Sub-Committee work in partnership with the Swiss Valley Residents' Association to draw up a suitable scheme which attracted low maintenance costs."

89. EXTERNAL EVENTS

Members considered an invitation received from the National Association of Councillors for the Council to nominate representatives to participate in the Certificate of Councillors training course.

RESOLVED that the invitation be noted.

90. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

**91. SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY CENTRE
JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Senior Citizens' Day Centre Joint Management Committee held on 11 March, 2009:-

"At a Meeting of the SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at The Town Hall, Llanelli on Wednesday, 11th March 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P.J. Edmunds (Chairman), J. Roberts, Mrs. L.J. Stedman and G.H. Wooldridge (Vice-Chairman).
APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs. L.J. Butler, M.L. Evans, Mrs. S.N. Lewis and D.H. Skivington.

33. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th January 2009 be received, verified and confirmed.

34. FINANCIAL REPORTS

(1) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED – that the financial report giving details of cumulative income and expenditure for the period 1st April 2008 to 28th February 2009 in the sums of £69,918 and £47,928 respectively be approved (copies having been previously circulated to members).

(2) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Consideration was given to the written report of the Finance Officer relating to accounts for payment (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report disclosed that payments made for the period 15th January 2009 – 11th March 2009 in respect of Direct Debits, reimbursements, BACS payments and vouchers no. 4155 – 4161 (inclusive) amounted to the sum of £7,473.50.

RESOLVED – that payment of the aforementioned accounts be approved.

35. HIRINGS

Consideration was given to a written schedule of hirings of the Day Centre for the months of January and February 2009 (copies having been previously circulated to members).

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and approved.

36. FUTURE OF LLANELLI Y.M.C.A.

Further to Minute No. 31 of the Committee meeting held on 14th January 2009, the Secretary reported on very recent developments involving Y.M.C.A. Wales and Carmarthenshire County Council.

Following the lack of progress made in the negotiations between the County Council and Y.M.C.A. Wales, a letter had recently been received by the County Council from solicitors acting on behalf of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s of Wales, details of which were reported to members. In the light of the content of the letter, the position of all the interested parties would need to be reviewed. As part of that exercise, a meeting between the Secretary, the Clerk to Llanelli Rural Council and Carmarthenshire County Council's Head of Property had been arranged later in the week, and this would hopefully assist in determining the appropriate way forward.

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Following a detailed discussion, it was

RESOLVED as follows –

- (1) That the Secretary's Report be noted.
- (2) That authority be granted to the Secretary to continue discussions with the County Council and, in the light thereof, to obtain or contribute towards the cost of obtaining Counsel's opinion, if deemed necessary.
- (3) That delegated authority be granted to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to determine any matters arising in the interim which did not require a meeting of the Committee, with any decisions taken being reported to the next available Committee meeting.

37. MENU PRICE LIST

Further to Minute No. 38 of the Committee meeting held on 12th March 2008, members were invited to consider a modest increase in the price of some of the foods and beverages provided at the Day Centre, as set out in the schedule prepared by the Finance Officer (copies having been previously circulated to members).

RESOLVED – that the recommended increases be approved with effect from 1st April 2009.

The Meeting concluded at 6.50 p.m.”

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

92. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 8 April, 2009:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 8 April 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. T. J. Jones (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	S. L. Davies
M. J. P. Burns	W. J. Lemon
D. J. Davies	K. D. Rees

104. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Cllr T.D. Bowen's wife and as a mark of respect Members and Officers thereupon stood in silent tribute.

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105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C.C. Lucas, A.G. Morgan and W.G. Thomas.

106. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the under-mentioned matters:-

<i>Minute No</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
116	S.L. Davies	The Member knew the bereaved family.
116	W.J. Lemon	The Member knew the bereaved family.
117	S.L. Davies	The Member knew the applicant.
117	W.J. Lemon	The Member knew the applicant.

107. CEMETERY MANAGER

The Secretary introduced Mr Graham Williams, the newly appointed Cemetery Manager to Members and stated that he would commence duties on 1 May 2009.

Members thereupon welcomed Mr Williams to the Burial Authority and by way of response Mr Williams gave a short address on his initial plans for moving the service forward and he thanked Members for their supportive remarks.

108. 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.

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109. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for February 2009 and the provisional report for March 2009 be noted.

110. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for March 2009, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £25,498.33.

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RESOLVED that the information be noted.

111. ICCM NEWSLETTER

The Secretary provided Members with an overview of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management's newsletter issue No.11. (copies having been previously circulated) and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

112. 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.

113. EMPLOYING AUTHORITY DISCRETIONS
AND DISCRETIONARY POLICY

Members were circulated with a report from the Secretary which informed of the alteration to the existing Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (as amended) and the introduction of the new regulations. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the revised policy be adopted.

114. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY SCALES AND ALLOWANCES

Further to Minute No 57 (12 November, 2008) the Secretary informed Members of the announcement of an additional award of 0.30% by the arbitration panel appointed to settle the 2008 pay dispute and it was

RESOLVED that the National Joint Council circular 3/08 reflecting an increase of 2.75% (plus £100 per annum on spinal column points 4, 5 & 6) on the April 2007 pay scales, and not an increase of 0.30% on the April 2008 pay scales (as published in National Joint Council circular 2/08 dated 17 October 2008) be received and adopted.

115. BUDGET VIREMENTS

The Secretary provided Members with a journal report outlining proposals to a vire a sum of money from various cost centres to fund the new post of Cemetery Manager. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the virement proposals be accepted.

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116. NEW STYLE OF MEMORIAL

Cllrs S.L. Davies and W.J. Lemon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as they both knew the bereaved family and so did not speak or vote on the matter under discussion.

The Secretary reported that an application had been received to install a grey granite headstone comprising a standard base with two separate pillars instead of the conventional single face plate associated with standard lawn memorials. Members were informed that the height of the pillars were identical to a standard lawn memorial and that each pillar would be bolted in place from underneath the base to ensure a secure and stable fix. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the application be approved.

117. INSTALLATION OF MEMORIAL BENCH

Cllrs S.L. Davies and W.J. Lemon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as the applicant was personally known to them and so did not speak or vote on the matter under discussion.

Members considered a letter from Mrs H requesting permission to install a memorial bench in the cemetery grounds near to the grave of her late husband. The Secretary stated that the area was still being utilised for the access of machinery and a pedestrian walkway for current burials. After a short discussion it was

RESOLVED that application be deferred for the time being and that it be reconsidered once burials had been completed in Section 9 and the area had been levelled and reseeded. This would be in approximately 18 to 24 months.

118. OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Members considered a request from a member of staff to purchase an obsolete computer from the Burial Authority given that the computer was surplus to requirements. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the request be approved and that the offer put forward accepted.

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

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93. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Bryngwyn School;
- (2) Cylch Meithrin Five Roads;
- (3) Hywel Girls' Choir & Hywel Boy Singers.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.10 p.m.

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