

**10 March, 2009.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 491 – 500**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 10 March, 2009, at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. M. L. Davies (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

L. J. Butler	T. J. Jones
M. V. Davies	M. J. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	C. A. Rees
S. M. Donoghue	B. C. M. Reynolds
H. J. Evans	A. C. Thomas
M. L. Evans	V. R. Thomas
T. Rh. Ifan	G. H. Wooldridge

**491. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, S. M. Caiach, D. J. Davies and S. N. Lewis.

**492. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman referred to the recent indispositions of Cllr. D. J. Davies, Mrs. J. Bowen, wife of Cllr. T. D. Bowen and Master J. Morgan, son of Cllr. A. G. Morgan. Best wishes were forwarded to all concerned.

The Chairman also referred to the fact that Friday, 13 March, 2009, was Comic Relief's Red Nose Day' and suggested that Members, Staff and Learners 'dress down' for the day in order to contribute to the charity.

**RESOLVED** that the above be noted.

**493. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

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**494. DYFED-POWYS POLICE AUTHORITY –  
INSPECTOR J. DAVIES**

The Chairman welcomed Insp. J. Davies, Dyfed-Powys Police Authority, to the meeting and invited him to address Members.

Inspector Davies, having conveyed his thanks for the opportunity to introduce himself, informed of his policing background and of the wide localised area for which he was responsible. He stated that he wished to continue the good rapport which co-existed between his Authority and the Rural Council.

The Chairman thanked Insp. Davies for attending and he thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

**495. 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 February, 2009
Special Meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee	11 February, 2009
Recreation and Welfare Committee	17 February, 2009
Policy and Resources Committee	18 February, 2009
Planning and Liaison Committee	23 February, 2009
Special Council	24 February, 2009
Finance and General Purposes Committee	25 February, 2009

**496. ONE VOICE WALES – MEMBERSHIP 2009/10**

An invitation was received from the Chief Executive, One Voice Wales, for the Council to join the organisation's membership from April 2009.

During discussion, Members felt that it was appropriate to review the Council's position and, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Chief Executive, One Voice Wales, be invited to address Members at a future meeting of Council to discuss the organisation's strategy and evolution.

**497. EXTERNAL EVENTS**

Members having considered an invitation received from Cancer Research UK – Llanelli Branch, for the Council to be represented at a Charity Quiz Night to be held on 8 April, 2009, at the Conservative Club, Llanelli, it was

**RESOLVED** that interested Members attend.

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**498. MATTERS REPORTED**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

**499. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY**

Members received the following Minutes of meetings of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 14 and 27 January, 2009, respectively:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 14 January 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. C. C. Lucas (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	W. J. Lemon
M. J. P. Burns	K. D. Rees
D. J. Davies	W. G. Thomas

**69. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman wished Officers and Members a happy New Year.

**70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. L. Davies, T. J. Jones and A. G. Morgan.

**71. MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**72. 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 subject to Cllr D. J. Davies’ apologies for absence being recorded.

Ordinary Meeting - 10 December 2008

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73. MATTERS ARISING

LLANELLI CREMATORIUM LTD – RENT REVIEW

Arising out of Minute No.67, the Secretary reported that he had replied to the letter received from the Director of Llanelli Crematorium Ltd re-iterating the proposed rent increase, and had subsequently received a cheque for the correct monthly rental.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

74. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure reports for November 2008 and the provisional report for December 2008 be noted.

75. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for December 2008, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £16,724.98.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

76. MEMORIAL TESTING FIGURES

Consideration was given to the memorial testing figures for December 2008, which revealed that 54 memorials had been tested to stage two level, with 22 failures.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

77. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 31 MARCH 2008

Members considered the Auditor's report received from Mazars LLP, (copies having been previously circulated) in respect of the Burial Authority's accounts for 2007/08. The report confirmed that the information contained in the annual return was in accordance with the Auditor General for Wales' requirements and no matters had come to the Auditor's attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

However, the report raised one other matter which did not affect the Auditor's opinion but which was drawn to the Burial Authority's attention nonetheless. The Burial Authority was recommended to review its standing orders/financial regulations on a regular basis to ensure they remained in line with legislative/regulatory requirements and were fit for purpose.

RESOLVED that the Auditor's report be accepted.

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78. SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The Secretary informed Members that the special budget meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 January, at 4.00pm in the Conference Room at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

79. 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.

80. REQUEST TO INSTALL MEMORIAL BENCH

Members considered a letter from Mr F requesting permission to install a memorial bench in the cemetery grounds near to the grave of his late son. Members were shown photographs of the area in question and it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The request be approved;
- (2) Permission is given on the understanding that Mr F would install the bench at his own expense and would be responsible for its future maintenance;
- (3) As a gesture of good will, the Burial Authority would install the concrete foundation to receive the bench;
- (4) The request would not prejudice similar requests in the future, with each request being considered on its own merits; and
- (5) Given the unusual design of the proposed bench, Mr F be made aware that it may attract more interest and attention and consequently the Burial Authority accepts no responsibility for any wilful damage caused through vandalism.

Arising out of discussion of the above, Members queried the number of benches in the cemetery grounds and felt that a policy should be developed to govern the number, type, location and general installation of benches in order to cater for future requests especially in the context of the amount of cemetery space available. The policy would also serve as an aid to streamlining procedures and standardising bench design and it was

FUTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorised to draft a general policy for future consideration by the committee.

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The Meeting concluded at 4:20pm”  
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“At a Special Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 27 January 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. C. C. Lucas (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen

W. J. Lemon

S. L. Davies

K. D. Rees

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M. J. Burns, D. J. Davies, T. J. Jones, A. G. Morgan and W. G. Thomas.

82. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

83. 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.

84. SCALE OF FEES

(1) Exclusive Rights of Burial Fees

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Conventional grave - 30 year period	449.00
Conventional grave - 50 year period	899.00
Cremated Remains - 30 year period	149.00
Cremated Remains - 50 year period	299.00

Section 11:

Conventional grave - 30 year period	557.00
Conventional grave - 50 year period	1113.00
Cremated Remains - 30 year period	149.00
Cremated Remains - 50 year period	299.00

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(2) Cemetery Management Fees

The following charges would be levied where  
Exclusive Rights of Burial was not applicable:

Cemetery management fee for a conventional grave	231.00
Cemetery management fee for a cremated remains plot	116.00

(3) Interment Charges

Grave - Depth for 1	297.00
Grave - Depth for 2	333.00
Grave - Depth for 3	379.00
Interment in existing grave	297.00
Interment of cremated remains	111.00
Weekend Surcharge Interment Grave	309.00
Weekend Surcharge Interment Cremated Remains	123.00

(4) Other Charges

Hire of Chapel (including speaker)	38.00
Still Birth	11.00
Testing of Grave	84.00
Exhumation of Ashes	167.00
Exhumation of body (Actual & necessary costs)	
New memorial – headstone and kerbstones	56.00
Additional names cut on headstones	28.00
Memorials within Garden of Remembrance	56.00
Bricked Grave (Admin fee)	308.00
Reserved Grave (Section 10 only)	212.00
Family History Search (per individual name)	10.00

(5) Out Of Area Surcharges

The interment fee referred to in (3) above would be increased by 50% in cases where the deceased did not reside within the administrative area of Llanelli Town and Rural Councils.

RESOLVED that the above fees be approved from 1 April 2009.

85. EXHUMATION PAYMENTS

Further to Minute No. 141 (8 December 2004), Members reviewed the special payment made to the cemetery groundsmen when asked to participate in exhumations and it was

RESOLVED that the special payment be increased to £35.80 for exhumation of ashes and £89.50 for a full exhumation.

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86. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The Secretary presented Members with a detailed report in respect of the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2009 / 2010, and after a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that a budget precept of £191,610 be set for the financial year 2009 / 2010, and that a contribution of £95,805 be requested from Llanelli Town and Rural Councils respectively.

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The Meeting concluded at 4:25 pm”  
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**RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted.

**500. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

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

- (1) Bethel Presbyterian Church, Cefncaeau;
- (2) Llwynhendy Samba Band;
- (3) Llwynhendy W.I.;
- (4) Llwyn yr Ynys Social Club;
- (5) Llys y Bryn League of Friends;
- (6) Tŷ Bryngwyn Hospice Trust Fundraising Committee.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.10 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 15 April, 2009, adopted by the Council.