

**11 November, 2008.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 294 - 303**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 11 November, 2008, at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

T. D. Bowen	T. J. Jones
L. J. Butler	M. J. Lewis
S. M. Caiach	S. N. Lewis
D. J. Davies	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	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

**294. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies and T. Devichand.

**295. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman having referred to the Day of Remembrance and to Services held within the area, Members and Officers stood in silence as a mark of respect.

**296. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**297. 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 October, 2008
Policy and Resources Committee	15 October, 2008
Planning and Liaison Committee	20 October, 2008
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 October, 2008
Finance and General Purposes Committee	29 October, 2008

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Learning and Development Consultative Committee	30 October, 2008
Special Meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee	5 November, 2008
Planning and Liaison Committee	10 November, 2008

**298. MATTERS ARISING**

**(1) CARMARTHENSHIRE TOURIST ASSOCIATION**

Further to Minute No. 240 (1), the Clerk informed of email correspondence having been received which stated that, owing to the organisation's recent move from the National Botanic Garden of Wales to new offices at Ammanford, the Council's letter requesting the reconsideration of representatives had not been received. However, the request was to be placed before the next Board of Directors' meeting to be held on 16 December, 2008.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(2) FURNACE COMMUNITY HALL**

Pursuant to Minute No. 240 (3), Members enquired as to the status of the new hall. The Clerk in reply stated that, following a Contractors' dispute regarding installation of the central heating system, matters had now been resolved and that finishing works were progressing. It was hoped therefore, that the hall would be open as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(3) VAUXHALL BUILDINGS – ASBESTOS REMOVAL**

In reference to Minute No. 240 (4), and in reply to an enquiry regarding the certifying of the safe removal of asbestos from Vauxhall Buildings, the Clerk informed that a full Health and Safety manual would be provided by the Consultants, together with all necessary certificates.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(4) LAND AT UPPER PARK STREET, LLANELLI**

Further to Minute No. 260, an enquiry was made as to whether a suitable consultation date had been agreed. The Clerk having replied in the negative, it was

**RESOLVED** to await further information.

**(5) TRALLWM LUNCHEON CLUB**

Pursuant to Minute No. 286, an enquiry was made as to the progress of investigating alternative venues for the above Club. The Clerk informed that a further report would be discussed at the next meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

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**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**299. DYFED-POWYS POLICE AUTHORITY –  
POLICING PLAN 2009/12**

Members were circulated with the above plan, together with a request for this Council's views on which of the local priorities should be put forward for next year's plan commencing in April 2009.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the following priorities be forwarded:-

- Anti-social behaviour
- Drug related crime
- To combine accessibility and visibility of the Police

**300. MATTERS REPORTED**

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

**301. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 11 September, 2008:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 11 September 2008 at 4:00 pm.

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

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen  
D. J. Davies

S. L. Davies  
C. C. Lucas

**26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr K. D. Rees.

**27. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

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28. 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 - 9 July 2008

29. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure reports for June and July 2008 and the provisional report for August 2008 be noted.

30. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for July and August 2008, which revealed expenditure for the months amounted to £23,725.39 and £16,096.09 respectively.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

31. 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.

32. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL – BABY SECTION

The Secretary reported to Members that currently no Exclusive Rights of Burial was issued when a Baby Grave was opened. After a short discussion it was

RESOLVED that a grave deed be issued free of charge, for all existing and future baby graves for an exclusive rights period of 30 years.

33. UNAUTHORISED MEMORIALS

Further to Minute No. 136 (21 May 2008), the Secretary reported that he had met with the families concerned and subsequently they had applied for retrospective permission so that the kerb sets installed on the graves could remain insitu. He also informed Members that letters had been sent to families regarding mementos and trinkets placed on the lawned graves in the baby section, and to date only one family had not responded. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Having paid the appropriate memorial application fee and the quality of the unauthorised work being of an acceptable standard, the families be granted

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retrospective permission for the installation of the kerb sets in respect of grave reference numbers BS1-1-3 and BS1-1-5.

For the avoidance of doubt, all memorial work must be carried out by an approved memorial mason. However, in view of the baby section being relatively new, the Burial Authority recognises that parents and family need a degree of latitude to commemorate loved ones, provided of course, general cemetery standards are maintained. The fact that the unauthorised works were in keeping with general standards and did not involve erecting a memorial headstone and furthermore, the kerb sets dimensions were relatively small, mitigated the impact of the unauthorised work. Therefore, permission was granted on this basis. Had this not been the case, permission would have been refused, resulting in the families being instructed to immediately clear the grave surfaces, in accordance with general policy.

- (2) In respect of the unauthorised mementos and trinkets placed on the lawned grave BS1-1-2, given the Secretary had not received a reply to his initial letter and the family having received sufficient notice to remove the items from the grave surface, the Secretary be authorised to write once again to the family informing that the Burial Authority will now permanently remove the mementos and trinkets in order to carry out routine maintenance on the grave.

#### 34. TREE SURVEY

The Secretary reported that a number of complaints had been received about the condition and safety of large trees in the cemetery grounds. It was felt necessary to instigate a tree survey to assess their condition, however, no provision had been made for this in the budget. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the tree survey be commissioned and the cost of £640 be met from general reserves.

#### 35. REQUEST TO INSTALL MEMORIAL BENCH

Members considered a letter from Mr & Mrs J L requesting permission to install a memorial bench in the cemetery grounds near the grave of their late son. Members were shown photographs of the area in question and 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:

- (1) The request be declined at this time; and that
- (2) The family be invited to resubmit the request 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.

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**36. REQUEST FOR DIFFERENT  
MEMORIAL HEADSTONE COLOUR**

Members considered a letter received from T J Lloyd Monumental Mason requesting permission to install a green coloured memorial in Section 9 in memory of the late Lance Corporal Ryan Lee Francis. The colour symbolised Corporal Francis’ regimental colours. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The request be approved; and
- (2) The request would not prejudice similar requests in the future, with each request being considered on its own merits.

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

**302. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

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

- (1) Age Concern Sir Gâr;
- (2) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru;
- (3) Guide Dogs – Llanelli & District Branch;
- (4) Llanelli & District Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers;
- (5) Communities First Llwynhendy.

**303. LEADER’S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Cllr. T. J. Jones referred to the Clerk’s recent success upon achieving the Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy with Distinction. The Clerk was also awarded the Aon Prize for outstanding achievement on the course at Level One.

Members having congratulated the Clerk, it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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 The Meeting concluded at 6.20 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 December, 2008, adopted by the Council.