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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 530 - 543

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

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

Cllrs.

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

530. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. L. Davies, T. Rh. Ifan and V. R. Thomas.

531. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
535	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial interest - Member, Llanelli Fair Trade Group Committee
535	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest - Member, Llanelli Fair Trade Group Committee
535	S. N. Lewis	Personal and prejudicial interest - Member, Llanelli Fair Trade Group Committee
537	M. L. Evans	Personal interest – Council's Representative, Senior Citizens' Day Centre Committee

532. DYFED-POYWS POLICE

The Chairman welcomed Inspector J. Davies, Llanelli Rural NPT & Response, Dyfed-Powys Police, to the meeting.

Inspector Davies having given a brief address, referred to locally held Partners and Community Together (PACT) meetings and active policing in the Rural area, all of which had effectively brought back 'the bobby on the beat'. Reference was also made to the non-emergency telephone number 101 and to the positive feedback the new system had received.

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Members having conveyed their support for the police authority, the Chairman thanked him for attending and Inspector Davies withdrew from the meeting.

533. 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	9 March, 2010
Recreation and Welfare Committee	16 March, 2010
Special Council	17 March, 2010
Community Development Grants Panel	25 March, 2010
Planning and Liaison Committee	29 March, 2010
Finance and General Purposes Committee (Subject to Minute No. 520 being amended to read "... Minute No. 523 (f)" and not "... Minute No. 524 (f)" as referred to therein)	31 March, 2010
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	12 April, 2010

534. MATTERS ARISING

**(1) SEALING OF DOCUMENTS –
GLOBE ROW, DAFEN – LICENCE TO OCCUPY LAND**

Pursuant to Minute No. 493 (1), the Clerk informed Members that email correspondence had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council confirming the receipt of the above documents and that confirmation was being awaited from the Corporate Property Section that the tenant had vacated the land. Once received, the ground investigations could take place.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(2) YMCA BUILDING

Further to Minute No. 499, the Clerk informed that a Tender specification had been drawn up and that a report would be submitted in the near future to the YMCA Trustees' Management Committee. Following which, a building contractor would be selected (based on tenders received) to carry out urgent structural repairs to the building to make it safe and water tight.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

535. LLANELLI FAIR TRADE GROUP

Cllrs. S. L. Davies, T. Devichand and S. N. Lewis declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following item as they were members of the Fair Trade Group Committee. All Members withdrew before the matter was discussed.

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Further to Minute No. 492 (1), a letter had been received from the Secretary, Llanelli Fair Trade Group, which confirmed that this Council's representative would have full voting rights.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

Cllrs. S. L. Davies, T. Devichand and S. N. Lewis returned to the meeting.

**536. LLANELLI RAILWAY STRIKE RIOTS 1911 COMMITTEE
CENTENARY COMMEMORATION**

Members were circulated with a letter received from Cllr. J. Willock, Llangennech, informing that a committee had been formed to co-ordinate Centenary events to commemorate the Llanelli Railway Strike Riots of 1911; and this Council was invited to nominate a representative to attend.

During discussion, the Clerk referred to the Committee's possible intention to apply for financial assistance to aid the funding of events and suggested that any submission should be made in open competition alongside other similar financial requests.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's comments be noted and that Cllr. S. M. Caiach be nominated to represent the Council on the Llanelli Railway Strike Riots 1911 Committee.

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

Cllr. M. L. Evans declared a personal interest in the following item as he was the Council's representative on the Senior Citizens' Day Centre Joint Management Committee.

Members were circulated with a letter received from the Town Clerk, Llanelli Town Council. The writer informed that, following a meeting of the Senior Citizens' Day Centre Joint Management Committee, it had been resolved that, given the fact that the re-opening of the Y.M.C.A. building, and more particularly the Senior Citizens' Day Centre, were not likely to occur in the foreseeable future, a recommendation be made to both the Town and Rural Councils that the Joint Management Committee be disbanded but reconstituted in the event that a Day Centre facility was provided by the two Councils in the renovated Y.M.C.A. building at some future date.

RESOLVED that the recommendation be adopted.

538. STRADEY PARK – PETITION

Correspondence was received from Mr. V. Jones, Chapman Street, Llanelli, regarding a petition and requesting support for the retention of the pitch within the proposed housing development at Stradey Park.

Following a lengthy discussion, during which reference was made to the importance of the rugby pitch being earmarked as an open space for recreational and leisure purposes, it was

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RESOLVED that a letter of support be forwarded to Mr. Jones.

539. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

**540. 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 13 January, 2010:-

“At a Meeting of the SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at the Town Hall, Llanelli on Wednesday, 13th January 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Roberts (Vice-Chairman)(Presiding), H.J. Evans, M.L. Evans, Ms. Ff.S. Larsen and Mrs. L.J. Stedman.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs. L.J. Butler, Ms. J.C. Isaac and G.H. Wooldridge (Chairman).

24. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th November 2009 be received, verified and confirmed.

25. FINANCIAL REPORTS

(1) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED – that the Financial Report giving details of cumulative income and expenditure for the period 1st April – 31st December 2009 in the sums of £35,859 and £41,853 respectively be approved (copies having been previously circulated to members).

FURTHER RESOLVED – that the supplemental verbal report given by the Finance Officer regarding the discontinuation of payment of the majority of budget head items following the decision taken at the previous Committee meeting to terminate the employment of the Day Centre staff be noted and approved.

(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 12th November 2009 – 13th January 2010 in respect of Direct Debit payments, reimbursements, BACS payments and voucher nos. 4193 – 4197 (inclusive) amounted to £16,298.19.

RESOLVED – that the payment of the aforementioned accounts be approved.

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26. ANNUAL ESTIMATES 2010/2011

Consideration was given to the draft estimates for the 2010/2011 financial year as prepared by the Finance Officer (copies having been previously circulated to members).

In the light of the supplemental verbal report given by the Finance Officer under the previous Minute, members noted that there would be a saving of £6,000 to each of the two Councils in the level of contributions actually required from them (£21,000) as compared to the amount budgeted at the start of the financial year (£27,000). It was also noted that a nil budget was recommended for the forthcoming financial year.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED – that the draft estimates for 2010/2011 prepared by the Finance Officer be approved.

27. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Now that the Day Centre operation had been discontinued and the staff made redundant, members were asked to consider the possible disposal of the following items of equipment which were considered to be in good condition and capable of resale – two microwave ovens, a gas cooker and small deep fat fryer.

If members were in agreement, it was recommended that a resale price be obtained for the three items in question, and delegated authority be granted to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to determine if these were reasonable and, in that event, to authorise the sale of the said items.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED – to proceed as recommended.

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

Further to Minute No. 21 of the Committee meeting held on 11th November 2009, members were given a further update on the present position by the Secretary and Finance Officer.

Now that all the survey and inspection reports were to hand, it was anticipated that a meeting of the Trustees' Management Committee would be convened before the end of the month, when it was expected that a decision would be taken as to the way forward. It was also anticipated that further discussions would take place with Carmarthenshire County Council in order to seek a solution to the dilapidations problem.

Particular reference was made to the Insurance Surveyor's report which had now been received, and which had concluded that the building was in very poor condition and considered unsafe for occupation at present. As a result, the insurers felt unable to continue the existing cover on a re-instatement basis, and were proposing to restrict future cover to debris removal for fire, aircraft and explosion perils only. This cover was also subject to confirmation that a number of risk improvements had been complied with, in particular the disconnection of gas, electricity and water services to the property.

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Obviously it was a matter for the Trustees to determine the best course of action, but in view of members' interests in the matter, it was felt that, if possible, representatives of the Committee attend the Trustees' Management Committee meeting as observers.

In regard to the Insurance Surveyor's report, it was considered that it would be prudent to disconnect the services to the Day Centre, if this was feasible.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was

RESOLVED as follows –

- (1) That the report of the Secretary and Finance Officer be noted.
- (2) That the Secretary be asked to seek the permission of the Chairman of the Trustees' Management Committee for representatives of the Day Centre Joint Management Committee to attend the forthcoming Management Committee meeting as observers.
- (3) That authority be given to the officers to disconnect the gas, electricity and water supplies to the Day Centre, if this could be achieved without affecting the remainder of the building.

The Meeting concluded at 6.50 p.m.”

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

541. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 10 February, 2010:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 10 February 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	S. L. Davies
S. M. Donoghue	A. G. Morgan

93. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. M. Donoghue be appointed Chairman pro tempore.

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M. J. P. Burns, W. J. Lemon, C. C. Lucas, K. D. Rees and J. Williams.

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95. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

96. 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	-	13 January	2010
Special Meeting	-	1 February	2010

97. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for December 2009 and the provisional report for January 2010 be noted.

98. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for January 2010, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £35,122.48.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

99. 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.

100. OFFICE PHOTOCOPIER

Members were informed that two quotations had been obtained for a new photocopier as the lease for the existing machine was due to expire soon.

Following a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the lowest quotation received from Konica Minolta Business Solutions (UK) Ltd, of Riverside Business Park, Swansea, at a cost of £126.64 per quarter (based on a lease rental option of 5 years) and a copying charge of 0.0043p for black and white copies and 0.04p for colour copies be accepted.

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101. NEW CEMETERY SIGNAGE

The Cemetery Manager presented Members with a report on the new cemetery signage and notices to be introduced within the cemetery grounds in the near future. Members were shown copies of the new signage which included an information sign and map, office opening hours, traffic speed limits, dog control signage, toilet and car park signs, all of which would be introduced at strategic points within the cemetery grounds. Members were informed that the cost of the signs was within budget. After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that an official order amounting to £2785.00 for the new signage be placed with Atech Graphic Design, of Unit 17 Llanelli Workshops, Trostre Industrial Park, Llanelli, once final proofing of the signage had been completed.

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The meeting concluded at 4:40 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

542. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Llwynhendy WI;
- (2) Llys-y-Bryn League of Friends;
- (3) Ysgol Bryn Teg;
- (4) Ysgol Ponthenri;
- (5) Ysgol Pum Heol.

543. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman conveyed her thanks to Members and Staff for the support she had received during the past year and particularly thanked Cllr. T. J. Jones for his diligence as Leader of Council for the past six years. Members having reiterated same, it was

RESOLVED that Members’ comments be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.30 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 13 May, 2010, adopted by the Council.