

**12 January, 2010.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 395 - 408**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 19 January, 2010, at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

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

**395. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, M. L. Davies, S. M. Donoghue, V. R. Thomas and G. H. Wooldridge.

**396. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:-

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
402	D. J. Davies	Vice-Chairman, Task and Finish Group, Carmarthenshire County Council
402	T. Devichand	Member, Task and Finish Group, Carmarthenshire County Council

**397. 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	8 December, 2009
Planning and Liaison Committee	14 December, 2009
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	15 December, 2009
Recreation and Welfare Committee	15 December, 2009
Policy and Resources Committee	16 December, 2009

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Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Planning and Liaison Committee

17 December, 2009  
4 January, 2010

**398. CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Further to Minute No. 258 (12 October, 2009), it was

**RESOLVED** that authorisation be given for the amendment of the heading description of said Minute to read as 'Tollerton House, Bynea' and not '11 Pwll Road' as stated therein.

**399. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN ELECT AND VICE-CHAIRMAN ELECT**

Pursuant to Minute No. 363, it was

**RESOLVED** that the following Civic and Ceremonial Committee recommendation be accepted:-

“RECOMMENDED that

- (1) Cllr. S. L. Davies be confirmed as the Chairman elect of Council with her Consort being Mr Philip Hunt-Davies for the ensuing municipal year:
- (2) the Council notes the 12 month deferment of the role of Vice Chairman Elect of Council received via email on 11 December, 2009, from Cllr. T. Devichand and that subsequently the position be offered to Cllr. S. N. Lewis with her Consort being Mrs. Joan Roberts for the ensuing municipal year.”

The Chairman thereupon congratulated Cllrs. Davies and Lewis upon their selection.

**400. PARC HOWARD ASSOCIATION**

Members considered a letter received from the Secretary, Parc Howard Association, inviting a representative of this Council to become a non-voting, ex-officio member of the above Association.

Reference having been made to the fact that there was little point in becoming a member without voting rights, it was

**RESOLVED** that the invitation be noted.

**401. LOWER LLIEDI RESERVOIR, FELINFOEL – B149 NOTICE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A PERSON IN ADVERSE POSSESSION**

Consideration was given to the above B149 Notice received from the Land Registry Office on behalf of the applicant, Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig.

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The Clerk informed that the areas referred to were a private road leading from the main road to the reservoir and land adjacent to the dam wall.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made to the application.

**402. CAEMAEN NURSING HOME, COLESHILL, LLANELLI – PROPOSED CLOSURE**

Cllrs. D. J. Davies and T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item as Cllr. Davies was Vice-Chairman, and Cllr. Devichand a member of, the Task and Finish Group, Carmarthenshire County Council. Both Members withdrew from the meeting before discussion took place.

The matter having been requested for inclusion on the Agenda by Cllr. T. Rh. Ifan, the Chairman thereupon invited Cllr. Ifan to address Members.

Cllr. Ifan informed that, following the proposed closure of Caemaen and St. Paul's Nursing Homes by Carmarthenshire County Council, a Joint Action Committee had been formed to campaign against the proposal and a request was made therefore, for this Council's support.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that a letter be forwarded to the Task and Finish Group, Carmarthenshire County Council, requesting that services be retained at Caemaen and St. Paul's Nursing Homes.

Cllrs. Davies and Devichand returned to the meeting.

**403. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The Chairman invited the Deputy Clerk (Administration) to inform Members how the Council's budgets were formulated and presented on an annual basis. Having given a short presentation via a laptop projector and circulation of a draft budget report, Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Members having thanked the Deputy Clerk (Administration) for her presentation, it was requested that a hard copy of the presentation be circulated to all Members.

**RESOLVED** accordingly.

**404. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 11 November, 2009:-

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“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 11 November 2009 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. C.C. Lucas (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen                      A. G. Morgan  
W. J. Lemon                      K. D. Rees

56.      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M. J. P. Burns, S. L. Davies, S. M. Donoghue and T. J. Jones.

57.      MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

58.      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            -      14 October 2009

59.      INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for September 2009 and the provisional report for October 2009 be noted.

60.      SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for October 2009, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £28,000.46.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

61.      SOIL AND HYDROLOGY REPORT - SECTION 11

The Cemetery Manager presented Members with a report from Geo Laboratory Testing Services Ltd which indicated the presence of arsenic in the soil in Section 11. The report recommended that cemetery staff wore personal protective clothing while excavating grave

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spaces. The Cemetery Manager stated that cemetery staff were already provided with such clothing and no other special clothing was needed.

The report also provided hydrology information and confirmed that there were no contaminants in the water that flowed through the drainage channel adjacent to Section 11. As this water flowed off site, the Burial Authority had a legal obligation to test the water quality twice a year for environmental reasons. Members were informed there would be an ongoing charge for this service.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and the findings be incorporated into an appropriate risk assessment addressing general ground conditions and that the hydrology testing costs be included in future budgets.

**62. SOIL STORAGE AREA**

The Cemetery Manager informed Members that a new soil storage area had been created from waste ground in Section 11. Soil was now stored away from public view. However, the recent wet conditions had made the entrance into the site muddy and this was being transferred onto the road by cemetery vehicles. In order to safeguard ground conditions, the Cemetery Manager recommended that hardcore be laid to form a suitable track entrance into the soil storage area. However, the cost for creating a new track entrance was approximately £1000.00 but there was no provision in the budget for this amount. After a brief discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the work be approved and the cost be met from general reserves.

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The Meeting concluded at 4:15 pm”  
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**RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted.

**405. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

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

- (1) Bobath Childrens’ Therapy Centre Wales;
- (2) Maescanner Chapel, Dafen;
- (3) Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

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**406. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter contained in Minute No. 407 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.

**407. COUNCIL TENANCY AT VAUXHALL BUILDINGS**

The Clerk informed Members of recent developments.

Following a lengthy discussion, during which Cllrs. S. L. Davies, T. Devichand and S. N. Lewis withdrew from the meeting, it was

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) the correspondence received from the Landlord be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration;
- (2) the Clerk meet with the Chief Executive of Carmarthenshire County Council to discuss a potential opportunity for change through working in partnership;
- (3) if discussion with the Chief Executive proves favourable and external support was required to help develop ideas, that the Clerk be authorised to incur expenditure in support of same; and subsequently
- (4) a report be presented to a future special meeting of Council detailing ideas and projected costs.

**408. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman informed that, following the funds raised in lieu of Christmas cards and raffles by Members and Staff, it had been her great honour to present £200 each to representatives of Macmillan Cancer Support and Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted with pleasure.

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The Meeting concluded at 7.10 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 9 February, 2010, adopted by the Council.