

10 July, 2007.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 118 - 127

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 10 July, 2007, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. D. J. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	M. B. Hughes
S. M. Caiach	M. P. Jones
D. V. Darby	T. J. Jones
M. Davies	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	C. A. Rees
M. Howells	R. G. Thorne
G. H. Wooldridge	

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Edwards, M. L. Evans and R. E. Evans.

119. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

120. 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	12 June, 2007.
Planning and Liaison Committee	18 June, 2007.
Recreation and Welfare Committee	19 June, 2007.
Policy and Resources Committee	20 June, 2007.
Finance and General Purposes Committee	27 June, 2007.
Planning and Liaison Committee	3 July, 2007.

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121. MATTERS ARISING

(1) CLLR. S.L.D. - FELICITATIONS

Pursuant to Minute No. 115, Cllr. S. L. Davies conveyed her appreciation of Members' felicitations regarding her recent birthday.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Davies' comments be noted.

122. BLUE LIGHT DISCO – TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL

Pursuant to Minute No.82 (2), a letter was received from Inspector E. Bailey, Dyfed-Powys Police, within which Members were thanked for their kind sentiments, with particular reference being made to Cllr. T. D. Bowen's assistance at the event and its success. It was hoped that such events would continue in order to enhance involvement with the youth of the area.

Cllr. M. P. Jones referred to the event's success and to those responsible for organising it.

RESOLVED that the letter and Cllr. Jones' comments, be noted.

123. TAX OFFICE, LLANELLI – CLOSURE

Further to Minute No. 349 (9 January, 2007), correspondence was received from the Branch Organiser, PCS – South West Wales Branch, informing that, on 25 June, 2007, HM Revenue & Customs announced its decision to close Llanelli Tax Office pending consultation with staff, the union and interested stakeholders. It was stated that, should the decision be affirmed, there would be 61 job losses in the Swansea and Llanelli area and the removal of all tax jobs from Llanelli except for a limited enquiry centre.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) reiterated the Council's policy of not being able to support Union matters, however, a letter supporting the retention of the local services in Llanelli had been forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary previously citing the loss of employment in the area and the effect on vulnerable people e.g. the elderly and other European nationalities, who would have to travel to Swansea or Carmarthen to address their concerns personally.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that a further letter reiterating the above be forwarded to the Parliamentary Under Secretary; and that any consultation document received be forwarded to Members.

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124. EXTERNAL EVENTS

Members having received invitations for the Council to be represented at the following, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) Society of Local Council Clerks – Welsh Conference – Best Western Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran – 12 September, 2007 – that the Clerk, Leader of Council and Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge be authorised to attend;
- (2) Royal Air Forces Association – Battle of Britain Thanksgiving Service – All Saints Church, Llanelli – 16 September, 2007 – that interested Members attend.

125. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

126. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 9 May, 2007:-

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 9 May 2007 at 4:00 pm.

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

Cllrs.

D. J. Davies
M. Howells

C. E. Richards
E. Smith

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J. Harries, C. C. Lucas, A. S. Peters and M. E. Prothero.

111. MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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112. 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 - 11 April 2007

113. MATTERS ARISING

NO SMOKING POLICY

Further to Minute No. 104, the Secretary reported that Carmarthenshire County Council had reviewed its no smoking policy and was now allowing members of the public to smoke in non enclosed areas. In light of this the Secretary recommended that the Burial Authority also amend its no smoking policy to permit the public to smoke in the cemetery grounds, but stressed that the policy amendment was exempt to all employees of the Authority and that smoking was totally prohibited within the cemetery for all members of staff.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and that the no smoking policy be duly amended.

114. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for March 2007 and the provisional report for April 2007 be noted.

115. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for April 2007, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £23,040.10.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

116. 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.

117. HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY SERVICE

The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from PR Safety Ltd dated 24 April 2007, setting out proposals for renewing the health and safety advisory service provided by the company to the Burial Authority, for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Following a brief discussion it was

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RESOLVED that the health and safety advisory service be renewed in accordance with the terms set out in the letter provided by PR Safety Ltd.

118. LLANELLI CREMATORIUM LTD

Further to Minute No. 109, the Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from the Burial Authority’s solicitors dated 20 April 2007, regarding the possible disposal of crematorium land to Llanelli Crematorium Ltd. The writer enclosed a copy of the Counterpart Option Deed (dated 9 May 2001) which specified the terms of how the option to purchase should be exercised by Llanelli Crematorium Ltd. The writer had summarised the terms in the covering letter, and apologised for the considerable delay in responding to the enquiry.

Members were informed that following receipt of the letter, a corresponding letter dated 30 April 2007, was forwarded by the Secretary to the Managing Director, Llanelli Crematorium Ltd advising of the terms over the possible sale of the land. The Secretary stated that upon receiving a confirmation response from the company to proceed with the sale, he would arrange a valuation of the land using the criteria set out in the Counterpart Option Deed.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted and to await further developments.

119. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr D.J. Davies commented that in view of his election as Chairman of Llanelli Rural Council, he would have to stand down from serving on the committee and expressed his thanks and best wishes to fellow members.

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The meeting concluded at 4:20 pm”

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RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted.

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127. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales;
- (2) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod;
- (3) Prince's Trust Cymru – Llanelli.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.15 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 11 September, 2007, adopted by the Council.