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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 94 – 103

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 11 July, 2006, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. D. Bowen (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	M. P. Jones
D. J. Davies	T. J. Jones
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. L. Evans	A. G. Morgan
R. E. Evans	A. S. Peters
M. Howells	R. G. Thorne
M. B. Hughes	G. H. Wooldridge

Together with PC Venessa Hurne, Dyfed Powys Police.

Apologies: Cllrs. D. V. Darby, M. Davies, T. Devichand, C. Edwards, C. A. Rees.

94. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in Minute No. 99 (1) as he was a member of the Bynea Forum.

95. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

The Chairman welcomed PC V. Hurne to the meeting and invited her to give a short address to Members.

PC Hurne introduced herself as being a Police Officer based at Burry Port Police Station. The Police Station's catchment area covered part of the Glyn and Hengoed Wards. She stated that the general aim was to set up Police surgeries and to press forward with 'Neighbourhood Policing' to tackle anti social behaviour and to put in place action plans to target crime in the area.

PC Hurne informed Members that there would be on going liaison with Inspector E. Bailey, to press ahead with dealing with police matters and crime issues in the Rural area. PC Hurne acknowledged that local police structures were not coterminous with electoral areas and this presented its own difficulties. However, every effort would be made to find a satisfactory solution so as to improve lines of communication, general reporting and community liaison.

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The Chairman thanked PC Hurne for attending and she thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

96. VERIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following Minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) be taken as read and the same verified respectively:-

Council	13 June, 2006.
Recreation and Welfare Committee	20 June, 2006.
Planning and Liaison Committee	26 June, 2006.
Finance and General Purposes Committee	28 June, 2006.
Special Council	5 July, 2006.

97. MATTERS ARISING

(1) WEBSITE

Further to Minute No. 59, Cllr. A. G. Morgan referred to the Council's new website and commended its functionality and appearance.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(2) TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL - ALTERATIONS

Arising out on Minute No. 79, Cllr. T. J. Jones requested that a letter be forwarded to the Trallwm Area Forum clearly stating the committee's decision to support the request in principle only and that a copy of the letter be copied to the Secretary of Trallwm AFC for information.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**(3) PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL –
CAMPAIGN FOR THE RETENTION OF
HOSPITAL SERVICES**

Arising out of Minute No. 93, Cllr. T. J. Jones expressed his thanks to fellow Councillors, staff and particularly the Authority's DLO team for their support and assistance with the Council's campaign to safeguard Prince Philip Hospital.

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**98. COMMUNITY DECLINE AND CHARTER 88'S CAMPAIGN -
MODERN DEMOCRACY, EMPOWERING CITIZENS AND
LOCAL COUNCILS**

Members considered correspondence from the Co-Directors of the campaign group known as Charter 88. The group sought general support for its campaign to support the 'Sustainable Communities Bill'.

The writer informed that the Bill would make democracy relevant to citizens everywhere, by giving parish and community councils and local people, powers to protect their communities from further decline, by introducing mechanisms for 'government from the grass roots'.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) Support be given to the campaign; and
- (2) in accordance with the general aims of the campaign a request be made to Nia Griffith, MP, asking her to support the campaign by signing Early Day Motion No. 641 (Sustainable Communities Bill) and submitting it to the Table Office, House of Commons, Westminster Parliament, London.

99. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

(1) 99 YEAR LEASE - LAND AT BYNEA SQUARE, BYNEA

Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge, declared an interest in the following item as he was a member of the Bynea Forum and he did not speak or vote on the matter.

The Clerk reported that there were one or two minor points that needed to be resolved with Carmarthenshire County Council, prior to the sealing of the document, and it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman of Council and Clerk be duly authorised to affix the Council's seal to the Lease agreement provided that the issues raised with the County Council were satisfactorily resolved.

(2) 125 YEAR LEASE - LAND AT STRADEY ROAD, FURNACE

The Clerk reported that the Stradey Estate had now forwarded a Lease agreement to the Council in connection with the construction of the Council's new community hall in Furnace and it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman of Council and Clerk be authorised to affix the Council's seal to the document.

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100. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

101. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL AUTHORITY

Members received the following Minutes of meetings of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held on 11 July, 2006:-

“At a Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Authority held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 10 May 2006 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. C. E. Richards (Chairman)

Cllrs.

D. J. Davies
M. Davies
D. J. Harries

M. Howells
C. C. Lucas
M. E. Prothero

Cllr. E. Smith

Apologies: Cllr. T. D. Bowen and Cllr. T. J. Jones

93. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Despite the absence of Cllr. T. D. Bowen, the Chairman extended her congratulations to both Cllr. Bowen and Cllr. D. J. Davies on their respective election to the office of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Llanelli Rural Council.

94. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated) be confirmed.

Ordinary Meeting - 12 April 2006

95. MATTERS ARISING

(1) TRADE REFUSE COLLECTION

Further to Minute No. 88, the Secretary reported that the trade refuse collection contract had been successfully transferred to Onxy Waste Management, and refuse collections had commenced.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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(2) LLANELLI CREMATORIUM LTD

Further to Minute No. 92, Members were informed that Jennings Solicitors had received further correspondence from the Managing Director of the crematorium dated 2 May 2006. The Burial Authority had been provided with a facsimile copy of the correspondence, which the Secretary read out to the committee. In view of the content of the correspondence the Secretary confirmed that he had instructed the Burial Authority's solicitors to send a letter of reply and to take the matter forward as previously agreed.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

96. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RESOLVED that the income and expenditure report for March 2006 and the provisional report for April 2006 be noted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary investigate the parameters of the various financial reports made available via the Authority's accountancy software, for possible inclusion on future committee agendas.

97. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedule of payments for April 2006, which revealed expenditure for the month amounted to £18,772.46.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

98. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS – INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEM

The Secretary reported to committee that the present policy between the alarm company and Dyfed Powys Police was as follows:-

“A registered building must be fitted with two sensor alarms which must be activated before a police investigation would be sanctioned. If only one sensor had been activated then the alarm company would contact the key holder to inform them that the alarm had been triggered.”

Members were informed that at present a number rooms in the cemetery buildings only had one sensor and in order to comply with the current policy in respect of police call outs, the rooms in question needed to be fitted with additional sensors.

A quotation had been received from Dyfed Alarms to modify the alarm system at a cost of £290.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Dyfed Alarms be accepted and additional sensors be added at the earliest possible opportunity.

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FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that further sensors need to be installed, the Secretary be authorised to raise an official order for the necessary works, without first seeking committee approval.

99. MEMBERS' FELICITATIONS

Cllr. C.C. Lucas, on behalf of the members of the committee, extended his thanks and congratulations to the Chairman, Cllr. C. E. Richards, for fulfilling her term of office.

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The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

102. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letters of appreciation for the Council's assistance be accepted with pleasure.

- 103. (1) CARMARTHENSHIRE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION**
(2) ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL LARGER COUNCILS

RESOLVED that the reports by Cllr. A. S. Peters and G. H. Wooldridge respectively on the above, 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 12 September, 2006, adopted by the Council.