

10 May, 2018

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 20 – 28**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 10 May, 2018, at 6.11 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. S. M. Caiach (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. L. Davies	J. P. Hart
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
S. M. Donoghue	J. S. Phillips
P. M. Edwards	A. J. Rogers
H. J. Evans	E. Simmons
W. V. Thomas	

**Absent:** F. Akhtar, R. L. Najmi, I. G. Wooldridge

**20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. V. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, T. J. Jones, S. N. Lewis, J. S. Randall and C. A. Rees.

**21. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**22. 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	10 April, 2018
Planning & Liaison Committee	16 April, 2018
Recreation and Welfare Committee	17 April, 2018
Policy and Resources Committee	18 April, 2018
Finance and General Purposes Committee	25 April, 2018
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	26 April, 2018

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**23. MATTERS ARISING  
(1) OUR BIG NHS CHANGE  
CONSULTATION ON HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN  
HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**

Further to Minute No. 502, (10 April, 2018), the Clerk informed Members he attended with the Leader of Council, the town and community consultation event held on 25 April, 2018. The Clerk confirmed that during the event he was able to put forward the underlying issues affecting Llanelli residents as well as other residents living in the east of Carmarthenshire should any of the reconfiguration proposals set out under the three options come to fruition. The Clerk also confirmed he attended a workshop meeting in Whitland on Friday, 27 April, 2018, to garner a balanced view of the proposals from different stakeholders' perspectives. It was clear that it would be difficult to select a leading preference from the options presented because the existing hospitals in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire would be affected by the proposals in some shape or form depending on the option selected. The options were locality driven and so it was likely that communities would vote for whichever option offered the greatest protection for the services delivered by their nearest hospital.

The Clerk informed Members there was another consultation event taking place in Llanelli on 22 May, 2018, and encouraged all Members to attend to make their views known. The Council would then consider the Health Board's formal consultation document following this event.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(2) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
HAVELOCK PARK VETERANS BOWLS CLUB**

Further to Minute No. 528(2), (25 April, 2018), Cllr. W. V. Thomas required clarification regarding where Havelock Park Veterans Bowls Club was based. The Clerk responded informing that the bowls club had moved out of the town council area and now used the facility at Calsonic bowling green.

Arising out of discussion of the above, Cllr. S. M. Donoghue commented that the Council should be mindful of other sports teams electing to move into the Council's area purely to try and take advantage of the type of support provided by the Council and which it offered to local village teams from within the Council's area especially when playing on Council maintained facilities. Given neighbouring areas charged for facilities and the Council did not, the situation could be open to potential abuse in the future. Members concurred with these comments.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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**24. HYWEL DDA COMMUNITY HEALTH  
COUNCIL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2018/19**

Members considered correspondence from the Chief Officer, Hywel Dda Community Health Council informing of the feedback that had been received for the Operation Plan 2018/19.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Hywel Dda Community Health Council be invited to the next Council meeting scheduled for 12 June, 2018, to discuss with Members the Operational Plan 2018/19 and also the Health Board's plans to reconfigure health care services.

**25. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

Members received a letter from the Deputy Monitoring Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, inviting Town and Community Council representatives to attend one of the Code of Conduct Training sessions to be held on 14 and 26 June, 2018, at County Hall, Carmarthen and it was

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk be nominated to attend one of the training sessions along with any other interested Members in order to report back to Council as to whether there are any new developments since Members received the general training presentation at last year's special council meeting (to which Minute No. 218 (3 October, 2017) refers).

**26. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 10 January, 2018:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 10 January 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. F. Akhtar (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

D. L. Darkin	P. M. Edwards
S. L. Davies	H. J. Evans
J. S. Edmunds	B. A. L. Roberts

**15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue and J. Williams.

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16. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

17. 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 - 8 November 2017

18. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure reports for October and November 2017 be noted.

19. 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.

20. CHILDREN'S BURIAL FEES

The Cemetery Manager gave a verbal report on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) received from the Welsh Government. The MOU had been entered into by Welsh Ministers, the Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales. The MOU set out arrangements for Burial Authorities in Wales not to charge any fees in relation to the standard burial or cremation of a child, defined for this purpose as a person under the age of 18. After a lengthy discussion about the necessary policy changes required to be made to Llanelli District Cemetery procedures to enact the arrangements it was

RECOMMENDED that the Memorandum of Understanding be adopted and all child burials up to the age of 18 be offered at no charge to the family.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that where a child is buried in a new full adult grave, no Exclusive Rights of Burial be charged at the time of burial; whereas instead the charge shall be deferred until the burial of the first adult in the grave.

21. SCALE OF FEES

(1) Exclusive Rights of Burial Fees

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Conventional grave - 30 year period	685.00
Conventional grave - 50 year period	1368.00
Cremated Remains - 30 year period	185.00
Cremated Remains - 50 year period	369.00
Cremated Remains Vault – 30 year period	1000.00

(2) Cemetery Management Fees

The following charges would be levied where purchased  
Exclusive Rights of Burial was not applicable:

Cemetery management fee for a conventional grave	284.00
Cemetery management fee for a cremated remains plot	143.00

(3) Interment Charges

Grave - Depth for 2	420.00
Grave - Depth for 3	658.00
Child's Grave	0.00
Interment in existing grave	420.00
Interment of cremated remains	140.00
Interment of cremated remains in Vault	59.00
Interment of cremated remains in Garden Plot	68.00
Weekend Surcharge Interment Grave	380.00
Weekend Surcharge Interment Cremated Remains	50.00

(4) Natural Burial Area

Single Depth Grave with 30 year EROB	1105.00
Reservation Fee (10 Years)	53.00
Marker Post	105.00*
Memorial Tree	105.00*

Single Cremated Remains Plot with 30 year EROB	325.00
Reservation Fee (10 Years)	28.00
Marker Post	63.00*
Scattering	37.00

(5) Scattering Gardens

Scattering in Memorial Gardens	37.00
Garden Wall Memorial Plaque (Square) – 15 Year Lease	125.00*
Garden Wall Memorial Plaque (Square) – 30 Year Lease	197.00*
Garden Wall Memorial Plaque (Oval) – 15 Year Lease	150.00*
Garden Wall Memorial Plaque (Oval) – 30 Year Lease	222.00*
Plaque Space Reservation Fee – 15 Year Period	35.00
Plaque Lease Renewal Fee – 15 Year Period	72.00*
Plaque Lease Renewal Fee – 30 Year Period	144.00*
Second Inscription Fee	41.00*

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Ceramic Photo Plaque – 5 cm x7 cm	62.00*
Ceramic Photo Plaque – 8 cm x10 cm	72.00*
Single Walkway Memorial – 15 Year Lease	330.00*
Single Walkway Memorial – 30 Year Lease	433.00*
Double Walkway Memorial – 15 Year Lease	418.00*
Double Walkway Memorial – 30 Year Lease	521.00*
Leaf Vault with 30 Year Exclusive Right of Burial	976.00

(6) Other Charges

Hire of Chapel (including speaker)	42.00
Testing of Grave	106.00
Exhumation of Ashes	140.00*
Exhumation of Body	(Actual and necessary costs)
New memorial - headstone	122.00
New memorial - kerbset	145.00
Additional names cut on headstones	62.00
Memorials within Garden of Remembrance	84.00
Memorial Bench Permit Fee	150.00
Additional Excavation Fee for Bricked Grave	400.00
Family History Search (per individual name)	10.00
Memorial Bench	980.00*
Chapel Memorial Plaque	50.00*
Chapel Memorial Plaque Reservation	20.00*
All fees marked with * are subject to VAT @ the current prevailing rate of 20%	

RECOMMENDED that the above fees be approved from 1 April 2018.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the percentage increase for 2019/2020 be considered by Members prior to formulating the final budget arrangements.

22. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The Secretary presented Members with a detailed report in respect of the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2018 / 2019, and after a lengthy discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that a budget contribution of £110,000 be requested from Llanelli Rural Council for the financial year 2018 / 2019, and that in turn it requests £55,000 from Llanelli Town Council as its contribution towards service costs.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Llanelli Rural Council be requested to vire £48,000 from general reserves to earmarked reserves for the future development of a secure compound.

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The Meeting concluded at 4:40 pm”  
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**RESOLVED** that the Minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and accepted.

**27. MATTERS REPORTED**

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

**28. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

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

- (1) Five Roads W. I;
- (2) Radio BGM;
- (3) South Wales Junior Cricket Club.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.18 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 June, 2018, adopted by the Council.