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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 115 – 124**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 10 July, 2018, at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

M. V. Davies	J. S. Phillips
S. L. Davies	J. S. Randall
T. Devichand	A. J. Rogers
H. J. Evans	E. Simmons
J. P. Hart	W. V. Thomas
T. J. Jones	I. G. Wooldridge

**Absent:** F. Akhtar, R. L. Najmi

**115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue, T. M. Donoghue, P. M. Edwards, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan and C. A. Rees.

**116. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**117. 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, 2018
Planning and Liaison Committee	18 June, 2018
Recreation and Welfare Committee	19 June, 2018
Policy and Resources Committee	20 June, 2018
Special Council	27 June, 2018
Planning and Liaison Committee	9 July, 2018

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**118. MATTERS ARISING  
(1) HYWEL DDA COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL**

Further to Minute No. 70, Cllr. T. Devichand commented that it had been an informative meeting with the Hywel Dda Community Health Council particularly in regard to the Hywel Dda University Health Board's proposals to change hospital services. Cllr. M. V. Davies enquired if the Council could invite the Health Minister to attend a future Council meeting and during the ensuing discussion it was realised it was too premature to contemplate such action but furthermore any such invitation would probably be declined by the Health Minister because the Health Minister could ultimately be drawn into making a decision about the preferred proposal chosen by the Health Board.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(2) C.A.T.C.H. U.P.**

Further to Minute No. 73(2), the Clerk informed Members that an email communication expressing Members' disappointment had been sent to the Carer's Trust. The Chief Executive of the Trust telephoned the office by way of reply to explain how appointments were made to its board of directors. The Chief Executive commented that the Trust would welcome nominations being submitted from individuals with a legal background or business and commerce. Councillors could apply to serve on the board provided they had the necessary skills and experience in these particular areas.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(3) TRANSFER OF ASSETS  
LLWYNHENDY FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE**

Further to Minute No. 89, it was reiterated that Members' main concern was providing a community hall building for the residents for the Pemberton ward or acquiring land for such purpose because the Pemberton Ward was the only electoral ward that did not have this type of community facility provided by the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**119. RURAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE**

An invitation was received from the Executive Board Member, Communities and Rural Affairs, Carmarthenshire County Council inviting representatives to attend the Rural Affairs Conference to be held on Friday, 7 September, 2018 at the Halliwell Conference Centre, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Carmarthen.

The aim of the conference was to consider the issues affecting rural communities across Carmarthenshire and to identify actions which the County Council in partnership with other public bodies and organisations could take to support rural regeneration in future years.

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Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that Cllrs. S. M. Caiach and T. Devichand be nominated to attend the event on Friday, 7 September, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter annotated in Minute No, 121 below, 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.

**121. LLANELLI FORUM**

Correspondence was received from the Chairman, Llanelli Forum inviting a Council representative to attend the launch of the forum to be held on Tuesday, 17 July, 2018 at the Phil Bennett Lounge, Parc Y Scarlets.

Following a discussion, whereby Members raised issues in respect of the general arrangements and the protocol required to be observed at the event; it was suggested that the Clerk makes further enquiries with the event organiser and provided there were no issues identified with the running of the event or programme content, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman shall be nominated to attend the event.

**122. THE URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD  
SIR GAERFYRDDIN 2021**

A letter was received from the Director, Urdd National Eisteddfod, enquiring if members of the Urdd National Eisteddfod could attend a future Council meeting to discuss with Members the forthcoming Urdd National Eisteddfod 2021.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Director, Urdd National Eisteddfod be invited to attend the Council meeting scheduled for 11 September, 2018.

**123. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 11 April, 2018:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 11 April 2018 at 4:00 pm.

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Present: Cllr. J. Williams (Chairman)

Cllrs.

D. L. Darkin S. M. Donoghue

H. J. Evans

Together with Mr D. Gary Jones (Town Clerk)

23. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr. J. Williams commented that her term of office was coming to an end and accordingly thanked Members and staff for their support throughout the year.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies, J. S. Edmunds, P. M. Edwards and B. A. L. Roberts.

25. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

26. 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 - 10 January 2018

27. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure reports for December 2017, January and February 2018 be noted.

28. CHILDREN'S BURIAL FEES

Further to Minute No. 20, Members considered correspondence from Welsh Government dated 7 February 2018 in respect of children's burial fees. The correspondence provided some further clarification on Welsh Government policy since the enactment of the original Memorandum of Understanding on 23 November 2017. However, Members' attention was drawn to consider a particular paragraph which stated therein "*The expectation is that these fees will be waived in all circumstances - including whether the child was a resident of the*

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*area or not, and when the intention would be for further interments to be made at a later date.”*

The Secretary commented that the wording had caused an element of doubt amongst burial authorities; the issue being whether it was permissible to charge for future interments in an adult grave space where families had elected to inter a child in the said grave and where the adults then wished to be interred in the same grave at a later date. After a brief discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that for the avoidance of doubt the Secretary seek clarification from Welsh Government on the general interpretation of the text in order to properly inform cemetery policy.

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The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm”

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**RESOLVED** the Minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and accepted.

**124. MATTERS REPORTED**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of matters reported 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 11 September, 2018, adopted by the Council.