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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 216 – 228

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 8 October, 2019, at 6.00 p.m.

Present:

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	J. S. Phillips
P. M. Edwards	A. J. Rogers
H. J. Evans	W. V. Thomas
I. G. Wooldridge	

Absent:

J. S. Randall

216. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. M. Caiach be appointed Chairman Pro-Tempore.

217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, S. L. Davies, T. Devichand, S. M. Donoghue, T. M. Donoghue, J. P. Hart, T. J. Jones, S. N. Lewis, R. L. Najmi, C. A. Rees and E. Simmons.

218. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

**219. ZONAL STUDIES IN DAFEN
WELSH WATER**

The Chairman welcomed Ms Rebecca Jones, Community Manager, Mr Jonathan Davies and Ms Laura Kerslade, Welsh Water together with Mr Glenn Hill and Mr Jonathan Davies, Morrison Utility Services to the meeting.

Ms Jones thanked members for the opportunity to attend the meeting and provided some background information about Welsh Water.

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Since 2001 Welsh Water had been owned by Glas Cymru, a ‘not for profit’ company. Glas Cymru did not have any shareholders and therefore all profits were retained in the business and reinvested for the benefit of Welsh Water’s customers.

There were 63 treatment works and 91 dams and reservoirs in the UK. 831 million litres of water were treated per day. In Wales we use 150 litres of water per person per day.

Currently, Welsh Water was undertaking zonal studies in the Dafen area. Welsh Water wanted to continue to provide its customers in the area with a safe, reliable supply of clean drinking water for decades to come. In order to do this, some of the pipes that provide customers with their water were over 100 years old and needed to be replaced or repaired and cleaned. Furthermore, over time natural deposits would build up inside the pipes and slow the flow of water. While the deposits were not harmful, every now and then the pipes needed to be cleared or changed to keep the water running freely.

Mr Hill from Morrison Utility Services then continued to inform members of the works to be undertaken on Dafen Road, Llanelli. He stated it was extremely important to keep disruption to the flow of traffic to a minimum as well as the amount of the disruption to the households and local businesses in the area.

Ms Jones informed members that while the work was being carried out on the pipes, customers might experience the water appearing a bit darker than usual. This was quite normal and would clear by running cold water taps for a little longer than usual.

Ms Jones then explained that during the disruption, it was important to keep in contact with residents and the local businesses in the area. This was done through social media, letters and a community van which would serve as a mobile information point.

Discussion then followed, whereby members raised concerns on traffic movements during peak times and if the temporary traffic lights could be manned to keep the flow of traffic moving as far as reasonably possible.

The Chairman thanked all the representatives for the information update and thereupon enquired whether the council could receive an information update about the Rainscape project in Llanelli and Ms Jones confirmed she would look into this with a view to arranging a similar presentation in the near future. Ms Jones and her colleagues then left the meeting.

During discussion of the above. Cllr. A. J. Rogers left the meeting.

220. 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 September, 2019
Planning and Liaison Committee	16 September, 2019
Recreation and Welfare Committee	17 September, 2019
Policy and Resources Committee	18 September, 2019

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Finance and General Purposes Committee
Planning and Liaison Committee

25 September, 2019
7 October, 2019

**221. MATTERS ARISING
(1) PENDERI SOLAR FARM LLANGENNECH**

Further to Minute No. 169, the Clerk informed members that enquiries had been made with Llannon and Llangennech Community Councils about arranging a joint meeting to discuss the planning proposal. Llannon Community Council agreed with the suggestion but to date no communication had been received from Llangennech Community Council.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(2) LLWYNHENDY LIBRARY
FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT BRIEF**

Further to Minute No. 181, the Clerk informed members that only one organisation had submitted a sealed bid for the work and probably it would be necessary to re-evaluate the timetable set out in the project brief given that four out of the six organisations that had been invited to bid responded stating they could not accommodate the timescale set out for completing all of the work.

An update would be reported to the Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting to be held on 15 October, 2019.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(3) SOCIAL FARM AND GARDENS
SITE VISIT ALLOTMENTS**

Further to Minute No. 183, the Clerk informed members that unfortunately due to members being unable to attend the site visit to Llandaff North allotments, the visit had been cancelled.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(4) TRALLWM PLAY FIELDS – PLAY AREA

Further to Minute No. 187, the Clerk informed members that the meeting with officers and representatives of Carmarthenshire County Council had still not been arranged because of difficulties in arranging a suitable date for everyone to attend.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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(5) COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Further to Minute No. 194, the Clerk informed members that the report setting out the new arrangements for recording councillors' attendance at council and committee meetings would be circulated to members shortly.

Members thereupon commented on the low attendance at today's council meeting and emphasised the importance of attending meetings on a regular basis.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(6) INVESTORS IN PEOPLE
DRAFT ACTION PLAN**

Further to Minute No. 202, the Clerk informed members that the feedback meeting with staff had been held today together with Cllr. S. M. Donoghue in attendance and that further meetings were planned to take place shortly to work through the various points set out in the action plan report presented at the Policy and Resources Committee held on 18 September, 2019.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**222. WOMAN AGAINST STATE PENSION INEQUALITY
(WASPI) LLANELLI**

A notice of motion was tabled by Cllr. J. S. Phillips which requested the council to support the campaign - Woman Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) Llanelli.

Cllr. Phillips informed members that the Llanelli Waspi Group were fighting the injustices done to all women born in the 1950's affected by the changes to the state pension laws. Correspondence received from the local campaign co-ordinator was also considered during the discussion and it was

RESOLVED that the council supports the endeavours of the Llanelli WASPI group and that a letter confirming this be forwarded to the campaign co-ordinator.

223. CARMARTHENSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

The Clerk informed members that the council had been asked to nominate an officer and a member to attend the periodic meetings of the Public Services Board (PSB) on a rota basis. Attending meetings would be shared with the six other community and town councils in Carmarthenshire that were subject to presenting annual reports to the PSB as a consequence of duties set out under the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that the Leader of Council and Clerk be nominated to attend the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board meetings.

224. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 12 June, 2019:

“At the Annual Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 12 June 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllrs.

T. Devichand	P. M. Edwards
S. M. Donoghue	H. J. Evans
J. S. Edmunds	S. Najmi
E. Simmons	

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. M. Donoghue be appointed Chairman pro tempore.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Members proceeded to appoint a Chairman and following the motion of Cllr. J. S. Edmunds, seconded by Cllr. S. Najmi, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. B. A. L. Roberts be appointed Chairman.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Following the motion of Cllr. T. Devichand, seconded by Cllr. P. M. Edwards, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. H. J. Evans be appointed Vice Chairman.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. L. Darkin, S. J. Griffiths and B. A. L. Roberts.

5. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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6. 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 April 2019

7. MATTERS ARISING
DISPOSAL OF CEMETERY VEHICLE

Further to Minute No. 45 (10 April 2019), Members were informed that the Kubota utility vehicle had been sold for £500 plus VAT.

RECOMMENDED that the information be noted.

8. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure report up to 31 March 2019 be noted.

9. BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members considered the proposal of changing the frequency of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee meetings from monthly to quarterly.

After a brief discussion it was

RESOLVED that the proposal be approved and in future meetings be held in June, September, December and March with a special budget meeting being held in January.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a special meeting be called in between the set quarterly meetings if any urgent matter needed to be discussed.

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The meeting concluded at 4.10pm

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

225. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

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226. 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.

**227. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2019/20
TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

Members were presented with a report on the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2019/20.

The budgets for 1 April, 2019 to 31 March, 2020 had been circulated. The projected income and expenditure for the financial year 2019/20 was £1,543,716 and £1,518,000 respectively, giving an anticipated surplus of £25,716 at 31 March, 2020.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Estimates of Income and Expenditure 2019/20 be accepted.

228. COUNCILLOR C. A. REES

Members considered an email communication from Cllr. C. A. Rees regarding her non-attendance at meetings. Cllr. Rees was experiencing an on-going personal health issue which prevented her from attending council meetings. In view of such the council was asked to consider whether it would be prepared to approve her absence to avoid the likelihood of a casual vacancy on the council because of her probable non-attendance at meetings for a period of six consecutive months. It was Cllr. Rees' intention to return to her public duties following a medical procedure which was to be performed quite soon.

RESOLVED that the request be granted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that best wishes be extended to Cllr. Rees in respect of the planned procedure in the hope that she is able to make a speedy recovery during her period of convalescence.

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The Meeting concluded at 7.05p.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 November, 2019, adopted by the Council.