

12 November, 2019

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 261 – 269

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 12 November, 2019, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Devichand (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	T. J. Jones
S. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis
H. J. Evans	A. J. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

Absent: R. L. Najmi, J. S. Randall, E. Simmons

261. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman informed members of the recent demise of Mrs Joan Linsell, former luncheon club supervisor with the council and the wife of the former Cllr. L. S. Linsell and as a mark of respect members and officers stood in silent tribute.

262. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, S. M. Caiach, S. L. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, P. M. Edwards, J. P. Hart, A. G. Morgan, J. S. Phillips, C. A. Rees and I. G. Wooldridge.

263. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

264. LLWYNHENDY COMMUNITY TB SCREENING EXERCISE

The item was withdrawn until further notice as one of the presenters namely Dr. Barry Mason from Public Health Wales was suddenly unavailable to attend the meeting.

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265. 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	8 October, 2019
Recreation and Welfare Committee	15 October, 2019
Policy and Resources Committee	16 October, 2019
Community Development Grants Panel	23 October, 2019
Planning and Liaison Committee	28 October, 2019
Finance and General Purposes Committee	30 October, 2019

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

Further to Minute No. 221(1), the Clerk informed members that an officer from the Planning Department, Carmarthenshire County Council had been in touch enquiring if the council had any further comments to make regarding the Penderi Solar Farm pre-application consultation and in particular whether the council had submitted a ‘without prejudice’ community benefit submission to the planning agent managing the project application. The agent was intending to submit the pre-application stage of the planning process to the Welsh Government by the end of November and if the council did not respond to the invitation by then it would be difficult to do so afterwards.

The Clerk informed members that the planning agent had been informed about the council’s circumstances and general intentions in looking to arrange a tripartite meeting with Llangennech and Llannon Community Councils in the first instance and that the invitation to submit a ‘without prejudice’ community benefit submission would follow this meeting. However, it had been revealed that Llangennech Community Council had responded directly to the planning agent about the proposed development and so this partly explained why that council had not responded to a request to participate in the tripartite meeting. Arrangements would now be escalated to press ahead to meet separately with Llannon Community Council and in turn the council would then respond to the planning agent in regard to the ‘without prejudice’ community benefit submission.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**(2) COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR FELINFOEL RECREATION GROUND**

Further to Minute No. 232, Cllr. Thomas informed Members that Dyfed Powys Police had issued community orders to two individuals prohibiting them from attending the recreation ground and subsequently there had been no further incidents of anti-social behaviour. Failure to observe the orders would result in the persons being arrested.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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267. NATIONAL COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN

Correspondence was received from the Director, Power for People requiring the council’s support towards a campaign for more local, clean energy generation that would benefit local communities.

Power for People was a not-for-profit organisation campaigning for the Local Electricity Bill to become law. The Bill was currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs. The Bill’s aim was to solve the current problem whereby local renewable energy generators, such as community energy groups, were unable to sell energy that they generate to local people. This was because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

Power for People was requesting the council to write to local MP’s asking them to support the Bill. Due to the dissolution of parliament, members thought it was appropriate to wait until after the general election to write to the local MP’s.

Following discussion, whereby members supported the campaign in principle, it was

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred until the Council meeting scheduled for 14 January, 2020.

268. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

269. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Chairman, Carmarthenshire County Council;
- (2) Carmarthenshire Youth and Children’s Association;
- (3) Dementia UK;
- (4) Guide Dogs.

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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 10 December, 2019, adopted by the Council.