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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 353 – 360

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 14 January, 2020, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	A. G. Morgan
S. M. Caiach	J. S. Phillips
M. V. Davies	A. J. Rogers
T. Devichand	E. Simmons
P. M. Edwards	W. V. Thomas
H. J. Evans	I. G. Wooldridge

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

353. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

354. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

355. 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 December, 2019
Recreation and Welfare Committee	17 December, 2019
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	18 December, 2019
Policy and Resources Committee	18 December, 2019
Finance and General Purposes Committee	18 December, 2019

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**356. MATTERS ARISING
(1) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES)
BILL – WRITTEN STATEMENT**

Further to Minute No. 339, the clerk informed members that he would be attending the Senedd on Wednesday, 15 January, 2020, to give evidence on the Bill.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**357. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN ELECT AND
VICE CHAIRMAN ELECT**

Pursuant to Minute No. 335, it was

RESOLVED that the following recommendation of the Civic and Ceremonial Committee be accepted:-

- (1) Cllr. T. Devichand be confirmed as the Chairman Elect of Council with her Consort being Cllr. J. P. Hart for the ensuing municipal year;
- (2) Cllr. S. N. Lewis be confirmed as the Vice-Chairman Elect of Council with her Consort being Mr R. Thorne for the ensuing municipal year.

358. NATIONAL COMMUNITY ENERGY CAMPAIGN

Further to Minute No. 267, members received correspondence from the Director, Power for People requesting the Council to support the Local Electricity Bill.

The Bill, if made law would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory right to local supply. This was currently impossible because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

Following discussion, some members supported the idea in principle but required clarification of the set up costs. Comment was made that the Bill in all likelihood would need to be tabled in Parliament once again because of the December 2019, Westminster Parliament general election and it was

RESOLVED that the council support the Local Electricity Bill in principle and a letter be sent to the Nia Griffith MP requesting her support. Furthermore, that the council's Environment and Climate Emergency Steering Group be requested to look at this subject by assessing the merits of local energy initiatives.

359. CARMARTHENSHIRE SCRUTINY FORUM

Correspondence was received from the Carmarthenshire Scrutiny Forum, Carmarthenshire County Council promoting the work of the scrutiny committees within Carmarthenshire and which sought greater participation from town and community councils.

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Carmarthenshire County Council had five scrutiny committees with responsibility for Policy and Resources; Communities; Education and Children; Environmental and Public Protection; and Social Care and Health.

Each scrutiny committee would shortly be looking at developing a forward work programme for 2020/21 and the forum welcomed any suggestions for topics to discuss.

Following discussion, whereby members welcomed the invitation for the council to participate, it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The matter be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for further discussion about potential topics to be presented to the county council.
- (2) The invitation letter be published on the council’s website to help further promote participation at future scrutiny committee events.

360. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Holy Trinity Church and Hall Committee;
- (2) Swiss Valley Community Hall Management Committee.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.25 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 February, 2020, adopted by the Council.