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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 1 – 9

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 11 May, 2021, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

C. P. Beer	J. P. Hart
M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
S. M. Donoghue	S. K. Nurse
T. M. Donoghue	J. S. Phillips
P. M. Edwards	A. J. Rogers
H. J. Evans	W. V. Thomas
I. G. Wooldridge	

Absent: J. S. Randall

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, T. J. Jones and C. A. Rees.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman, Cllr. S. L. Davies welcomed members to the meeting and reflected on the past two years. Cllr. Davies was very proud of being the council's chairman and it had been an honour and privilege to have performed the role.

Cllr. Davies referred to taking up office in May 2019 and little did anyone know that eight months later society would change forever. The Covid-19 pandemic had dominated the world headlines on a daily basis for the last 15 months and has had a catastrophic impact on society.

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Despite this, the human spirit had found a way to prevail and against all odds, a number of vaccines had been created in record time. There was light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully society at large would return to some kind of normality in the not too distant future.

Despite the pandemic, Cllr. Davies then reflected upon the achievements and good work of the council over the last two years and referred to the charity fundraising events she had organised in support of the Alzheimer's Society, Swansea Samaritans, Ty Bryngwyn Hospice and Wales Air Ambulance. A number of charity fund raising events were organised before the pandemic and in total Cllr. Davies raised £10,000 for her chosen charities with them each receiving £2,500.

Cllr. Davies then thanked the various organisations that were working with the council for their support including the Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum in managing its foodbank service. In particular she thanked Cllr. Hart for all the hard work with keeping up the food deliveries and in generally managing the service. She also extended thanks to the chairman and consort, Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Town Council Mayor and consort and to all other civic dignitaries who she had worked with during the two civic years.

Cllr. Davies then thanked her consort, Miss S. Williams and also thanked her mother Cllr. T. Devichand, Vice Chairman along with her consort, Cllr. Jason P Hart for their excellent support over the last two years.

In closing Cllr. Davies paid tribute to the valued support provided to her throughout her term of office by the council's staff and then wished the Chairman Elect, Cllr. T. Devichand and her new consort Cllr. Stephen M. Donoghue every success for the year ahead and it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. Davies' remarks be noted with pleasure.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. S. L. Davies invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. W. V. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. J. P. Hart, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. T. Devichand be and, is hereby, appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2021/22.

5. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chairman having made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office stated that she wished to maintain the high standards of previous Chairmen and would represent the council in a positive and professional manner and both she and her consort were looking forward to the year ahead.

Cllr. Devichand conveyed her congratulations to the incoming Mayor for Llanelli Town Council, Cllr. M Cranham and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council and she looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring councils.

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Cllr. Devichand thanked members for their support.

6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr. A. J. Rogers, seconded by Cllr. H. J. Evans, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. N. Lewis be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2021/22.

The Vice-Chairman and consort, Mr R. Thorne, were invested with the Chains of Office remotely and Cllr. T. Devichand wished them well during their term of office.

7. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice-Chairman having made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office remarked it was a privilege to be able to accept such an honour and stated both she and her consort would fully support the Chairman during her year of Office.

8. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the under-mentioned committees:

Finance and General Purposes:

Members:

C. P. Beer	Pemberton
S. M. Caiach	Hengoed
S. L. Davies	Dafen
T. Devichand	Chairman of Council
S. M. Donoghue	Bynea
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed
J. S. Randall	Swiss Valley
C. A. Rees	Glyn
W. V. Thomas	Felinfoel
Vacancy	Pemberton

Recreation and Welfare:

M. V. Davies	Hengoed
T. Devichand	Chairman of Council
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
P. M. Edwards	Hengoed
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
T. J. Jones	Glyn
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton

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Recreation and Welfare:

Members:

A. J. Rogers	Dafen
W. V. Thomas	Felinfoel
I. G. Wooldridge	Bynea

Planning and Liaison:

S. M. Caiach	Hengoed
M. V. Davies	Hengoed
T. Devichand	Dafen
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
H. J. Evans	Felinfoel
T. J. Jones	Glyn
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
J. S. Randall	Swiss Valley
A. J. Rogers	Dafen
Vacancy	Pemberton

Policy and Resources:

C. P. Beer	Pemberton
S. L. Davies	Dafen
T. Devichand	Dafen
S. M. Donoghue	Bynea
P. M. Edwards	Hengoed
H. J. Evans	Felinfoel
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed
C. A. Rees	Glyn
I. G. Wooldridge	Bynea

Civic and Ceremonial:

S. M. Caiach	
M. V. Davies	
S. L. Davies	
T. Devichand	Chairman of Council
S. M. Donoghue	
H. J. Evans	
T. J. Jones	
S. N. Lewis	
C. A. Rees	

Community Development Grants Panel:

T. Devichand	Chairman of Council
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
P. M. Edwards	Hengoed
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
T. J. Jones	Glyn
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
A. J. Rogers	Dafen
W. V. Thomas	Felinfoel

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Learning and Development Consultative
Committee:

Members:

T. Devichand Chairman of Council
S. M. Donoghue
H. J. Evans
S. N. Lewis
A. G. Morgan
J. S. Phillips
A. J. Rogers

In accordance with Standing Order No. 39, members serving on any of the council's committees were given discretionary powers to appoint a deputy to attend in their stead, except for the Civic and Ceremonial Committee.

**9. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
 AND ORGANISATIONS**

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to represent the council on the under-mentioned committees, bodies or organisations:-

Members:

Carmarthenshire Tourism Association	P. M. Edwards
CETMA/Llanellitown.com	H. J. Evans
Friends of Llanelli Museum	S. M. Donoghue

Governing Bodies:

Primary Schools:

Bryn	S. M. Donoghue
Brynsierfel	J. P. Hart
Bynea	T. M. Donoghue
Dafen	H. J. Evans
Five Roads	C. A. Rees
Furnace	S. M. Caiach
Halfway	S. N. Lewis
Ponthenri	Federation appointment
Pontyates	T. J. Jones
Pwll	J. S. Phillips
St. Mary's Catholic	A. J. Rogers
Swiss Valley	M. V. Davies
Ysgol Brynteg	J. P. Hart
Ysgol y Felin	H. J. Evans

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Members:

Heart of Wales Line Forum	T. M. Donoghue
Links	S. M. Donoghue
Llanelli and District Civic Society	S. M. Donoghue
Llanelli and District Flood Forum	S. M. Caiach I. G. Wooldridge
Llanelli and District Shopmobility	W. V. Thomas
Llanelli and District Talking Newspaper Association	S. N. Lewis A. J. Rogers
Llanelli and District Twinning Association	A. J. Rogers
Llanelli Area Town and Community Councils	Chairman of Council Deputy Leader of Council Clerk
Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce	H. J. Evans
Llanelli Committee for the Disabled	T. Devichand
Llanelli Fair Trade Group	S. M. Caiach
Llanelli Guide Dogs for the Blind	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Joint Burial Authority	T. Devichand S. M. Donoghue P. M. Edwards H. J. Evans J. S. Phillips
Llanelli Railway Strike Riots 1911 Commemorative Committee	S. M. Donoghue W. V. Thomas
National Association of Councillors – Welsh Region	T. Devichand
Ty Bryngwyn Hospice Fundraising Committee	A. G. Morgan J. S. Phillips A. J. Rogers

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The Meeting concluded at 6.21 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 8 June, 2021, adopted by the Council.