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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 178 – 189

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 14 September, 2021, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Devichand (Chairman)

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	J. P. Hart
S. M. Caiach	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	S. K. Nurse
S. M. Donoghue	J. S. Phillips
P. M. Edwards	A. J. Rogers
A. Evans	W. V. Thomas
H. J. Evans	I. G. Wooldridge

Absent: J. S. Randall

178. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman informed members of the recent demise of Mr Craig Evans, son of the former Deputy Clerk, Wendy Evans and Ms Linda Thomas, Past Chairman's (Cllr. M. V. Davies) Consort's mother and as a mark of respect members and officers paid silent tribute.

179. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. P. Beer, T. M. Donoghue and T. J. Jones.

180. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

181. NEW COUNCILLOR – GLYN WARD

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. A. Evans to his first full council meeting following his recent co-option on to the council.

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182. 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	13 July, 2021
Recreation and Welfare Committee	20 July, 2021
Policy and Resources Committee	21 July, 2021
Special Policy and Resources Committee	21 July, 2021
Finance and General Purposes Committee	28 July, 2021
Special Council	28 July, 2021
Planning and Liaison Committee	2 August, 2021
Planning and Liaison Committee	23 August, 2021
Planning and Liaison Committee	13 September, 2021

183. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members considered re-appointing Auditing Solutions Limited as the council's independent internal auditor having received a letter of engagement setting out the terms of the proposed arrangement and also a five year work plan defining the scope of the work associated with the management of risk.

During the ensuing discussion, questions were posed about how long the present arrangement had been in place with the current provider and the importance of adhering to competitive measures when awarding a future works contract, and it was

RESOLVED that the council re-appoint Auditing Solutions Limited as the council's independent internal auditor for the next five years and that the accompanying work plan associated with the management of risk be accepted.

**184. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES
GOVERNING BODIES – FIVE ROADS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Members considered email correspondence from the Principal School Governance Officer, Department for Education and Children, Carmarthenshire County Council, advising of the Additional Community Governor vacancy for Five Roads Primary School.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. A. Evans be nominated to represent the council as an Additional Community Governor for Five Roads Primary School.

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185. YMLAEN LLANELLI – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members received an invitation from the Chair, Ymlaen Llanelli to attend the organisation’s Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 21 September, 2021 at 5.30 pm via remote attendance.

RESOLVED that interested Members attend the event.

186. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

187. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letter of appreciation for the council’s assistance received from the following organisation be noted:

- (1) University Hospital of Wales

188. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

189. DECORUM AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

In reference to the decorum at the special council meeting held on 2 July 2021, the Chairman remarked that she was keen to avoid a recurrence and that going forward and in seeking members’ general agreement, there was a need for polite and proper behaviour whereby everyone demonstrated respect for one another and accordingly thanked members in anticipation of their support.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.20 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 12 October, 2021 adopted by the Council.