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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 346 – 354

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 11 January, 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Devichand (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	J. P. Hart
S. L. Davies	T. J. Jones
S. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis
T. M. Donoghue	A. G. Morgan
P. M. Edwards	S. K. Nurse
A. Evans	J. S. Phillips
H. J. Evans	A. J. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

Absent: F. Akhtar, S. M. Caiach J. S. Randall

346. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. P. Beer and I. G. Wooldridge.

347. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
348	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – involved with the organisation in delivering a project involving local primary schools.
348	J. P. Hart	Personal interest – involved with the organisation in delivering a project involving local primary schools and because two electric vehicles belonging to the organisation were kept at his work premises.

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348. DOLEN TEIFI COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllrs. S. L. Davies and J. P. Hart declared personal interests in the following item as they were involved with the organisation in delivering a project involving local primary schools. Cllr. Hart also had two of the organisation's electric vehicles based at his work premises.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Rod Bowen, Llandysul a Phont Tyweli Ymlaen (Dolen Teifi) to the meeting and invited him to address members regarding the organisation's request as to whether the council could assist with its Llanelli community electric vehicles project initiatives by agreeing to place a vehicle at one of its properties.

Mr Bowen thanked members for the opportunity of addressing the council and continued to give members a brief background history of the organisation stating that he worked for Llandysul a Phont Tyweli Ymlaen (LPY) which was based in Llandysul. In 2006 after public consultation it was decided to set up a community transport provision for the area of Llandysul, the project was called Dolen Teifi. From 2006 to 2013 the organisation enjoyed steady growth with most of the provision for the community of Llandysul and its hinterlands.

In 2013, the organisation was approached by West Wales Action for Mental Health who wanted the organisation to expand the services into Carmarthenshire and to provide transport for the mental health sectors that they supported. To achieve the coverage it was decided to purchase two additional fully accessible minibuses placed in Llanelli and one in Carmarthen. Mr Bowen informed members that to make best use of vehicles the organisation would make the vehicles available to a wide range of community groups.

Mr Bowen stated this project was successful and since then the organisation had gradually increased the provision of vehicles to cover a wide area of Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. There services developed from the ground up and when possible in partnership.

Dolen Teifi had an initial agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) to place an electric vehicle at one of its care homes, however CCC had been slow to identify an appropriate site due to the fact that it was unable to find a suitable location for the charging point.

To accommodate an electric vehicle the organisation would need to install an electric vehicle charge point, this would be paid for by the organisation and costs for any electricity would be reimbursed. Mr Bowen stated that it was essential that the electric vehicle and charge point were in the same location as it made it easier to keep the electric vehicle topped up. The electric vehicle could be used by any group or organisations that met the section 19 permit that was used to operate the vehicle.

The Clerk informed members that there was a potential secure location for the housing of the vehicle at the council's depot compound at Felinfoel Recreation Ground, if members were minded to support the request. This was the only suitable location which the council could offer.

There then followed a question and answer session during which members generally supported the proposal. However, in regard to the safeguarding of local bus services they were mindful that this particular electric vehicle scheme should not be used to replace local

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bus services but commented that communities throughout the council's area would generally benefit from the service on offer from Dolen Teifi.

Mr Bowen thanked members for their support and withdrew from the meeting and it was.

RESOLVED that:

1. Permission be granted to Dolen Teifi to place an electric vehicle at the council's depot compound facility at Felinfoel Recreation Ground. Occupation of the site shall not entitle Dolen Teifi to claim business rights over the property. The council's permission to use the location shall be regulated by a licence agreement to be entered into by the parties, with each party being responsible for its own legal costs when drawing up the agreement.
2. Dolen Teifi shall be responsible for arranging the installation of a charging point at the location at its own expense and for paying all related energy consumption charges associated with the delivery of the scheme and for providing all the necessary equipment.
3. Dolen Teifi shall indemnify the council and the property against all risks and potential claims arising from any damages or losses of whatever kind from the scheme and shall fully insure its personnel and the vehicle and any associated equipment or apparatus while on the council premises at its own expense, with copies of the insurance documents being provided to the council annually.
4. Dolen Teifi shall manage the scheme in its entirety including roll-out and any subsequent requests for community use of the vehicle in the Llanelli area. Dolen Teifi shall be responsible for charging the vehicle and shall nominate a named individual(s) to have key holding responsibilities for accessing the vehicle in the compound, this person's contact details shall be supplied to the council for management and administration purposes. Access to the compound by the general public shall not be otherwise permitted.
5. If the scheme is discontinued for whatever reason Dolen Teifi shall be responsible for removing the charging apparatus and all other associated equipment from the depot compound and for making good the site at its expense.
6. The council reserves the right to cancel the agreement at any time by providing written notice to Dolen Teifi at its main office address, with the caveat that the organisation shall be provided with a maximum six months' notice to surrender the space and to make good and vacate the site commencing from the date of the notification.

349. 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	14 December, 2021
Civic & Ceremonial Committee	15 December, 2021
Policy and Resources Committee	15 December, 2021
Recreation and Welfare Committee	16 December, 2021
Planning and Liaison Committee	20 December, 2021
Finance and General Purposes Committee	20 December, 2021

**350. MATTERS ARISING
(1) PWLL PAVILION –
RECONFIGURATION OF HEATING SYSTEM**

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Further to Minute No. 327(2), the Clerk informed members that there was no longer a need to further consider whether to include a cost estimate for the potential reconfiguration of the heating system at Pwll Pavilion in the council's draft estimates of income and expenditure plans for 2022/23. A provisional sum of money had been identified in the council's current budget for 2021/22 and an update report would be presented to members at the next Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

351. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN ELECT AND VICE CHAIRMAN ELECT

Pursuant to Minute No. 313, it was

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

“Recommended that subject to the outcome of the ordinary local government election results on 5 May 2022:

1. Cllr. A. G. Morgan be confirmed as the Chairman Elect of Council with his Consort being Mrs C Morgan for the ensuing municipal year.
2. Cllr. J. S. Phillips be confirmed as the Vice Chairman Elect of Council for the ensuing municipal year, noting that she had elected not to appoint a Consort.”

352. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 8 September, 2021:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee hosted at, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 8 September 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. H. J. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

D. L. Darkin	J. S. Edmunds
T. Devichand	J. S. Phillips
S. M. Donoghue	B. A. L. Roberts

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. M. Edwards and Mr. D. G. Jones, Town Clerk.

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10. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Annual Meeting - 9 June 2021

12. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure report up to 31 July 2021 be noted.

13. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Further to Minute No. 40 (23 February 2021), Members considered the progress report of the Technical and General Operations Manager.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

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The meeting concluded at 4.15 pm”
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RESOLVED that the Minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and accepted.

353. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

354. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Dafen Forum;
- (2) SSAFA.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.22 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 February, 2022 adopted by the Council.