

**9 February, 2022**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 414 – 420**

At a Special Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 9 February, 2022 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. S. N. Lewis (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

C. P. Beer	S. M. Donoghue
S. M. Caiach	A. Evans
S. L. Davies	J. S. Phillips
T. Devichand	W. V. Thomas

**Absent:** F. Akhtar, J. S. Randall

**414. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**415. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
420 (1) to (9)	S. L. Davies	Personal and prejudicial interest – daughter of the Chairman, Llanelli Rural Council.
420 (1) to (9)	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest - Chairman, Llanelli Rural Council.
420 (1) to (9)	S. M. Donoghue	Personal and prejudicial interest – Chairman of Links, one of the council chairman's nominated fund raising charities.

**416. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**RESOLVED** that the committee reports for the Administration Department, Burial Services and Training Department to 31 December, 2021, be noted.

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**417. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS**

Consideration was given to the schedules of payments for the Administration Department, Burial Services and Training Department for November and December 2021 (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £150,436.65; £164,010.00; £2341.15; £3992.05; £115,745.14 and £121,944.24 respectively.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

**418. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960**

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following items in Minute No. 419 below 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.

**419. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2022/23**

Members were presented with a preliminary report on estimates of income and expenditure for the Committee for 2022/23 and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) The report be accepted and that the council enter into a three year rolling support contract with Rialtas Accounting Software so that the council's purchase ledger can be integrated with Microsoft 365 SharePoint free of charge;
- (2) The list of expenditure items annotated in the report be included within the Committee's draft estimates of expenditure for 2022/23 subject to minor adjustments;
- (3) To await a Special Meeting of Council to discuss same.

**420. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

*Cllr S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in all of the following items as she was the daughter of the council chairman. Council chairman Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in all of the items listed below but particularly item (2) as she had submitted the financial assistance request to the committee for consideration. Cllr. S. M. Donoghue declared a personal and prejudicial interest in all of the following items but particularly item (2) because he was the Chairman of Links, which was one of the nominated fund raising charities that the council chairman was raising funds for in 2021/22. All three members left the meeting before any of the items listed in (1) to (9) below were discussed by the committee.*

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Consideration was given to applications received for financial assistance and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) Carmarthenshire County Council – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (2) Chairman – Llanelli Rural Council – that a contribution of £1,600 be made;
- (3) Foothold Cymru – that a contribution of £50.00 be made;
- (4) Llanelli Multicultural Network – that a contribution of £50.00 be made;
- (5) Marie Curie – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (6) Noah’s Ark – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (7) Radio BGM – that a contribution of £250 be made;
- (8) Wales Air Ambulance – that the application be noted because the charity had been nominated by the Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council and also the council chairman as one of their nominated fund raising charities, whereby financial assistance donations had been pledged indirectly to the said charity by the council, having agreed to support the financial assistance requests in items (1) and (2) above.
- (9) Urdd Eisteddfod – that a contribution of £100 be made.

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The meeting concluded at 5.25 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 8 March, 2022, adopted by the Council.