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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 1 – 14

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 17 May, 2022, at 6.00 p.m.

Present:

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	J. P. Hart
D. M. Cundy	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	S. K. Nurse
T. M. Donoghue	J. S. Phillips
A. Evans	A. J. Rogers
E. M. Evans	W. E. Skinner
N. Evans	A. G. Stephens
R. E. Evans	N. A. Stephens
S. M. T. Ford	B. M. Williams
O. Williams	

Together with: T. Devichand, S. M. Donoghue

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Past Chairman, Ms. T. Devichand welcomed new and returning members to the meeting, this being the first meeting under the new council administration and reflected on the past year. Ms Devichand also wished the new council a successful term of office.

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Ms Devichand looked back on her civic year with great pride and affection and was very proud of being the council's chairman and Leader of Council. It had been an honour and privilege to have performed both roles.

Ms Devichand commented that she was elected on to the council on 10 June, 2004. The council had evolved and achieved so much since then. It was gratifying that she had played her part in its positive growth and evolution. Moreover, she stated she had been fortunate to have been elected council chairman on two occasions, the first time was in May 2012 and then in May 2021. She had held the position of Leader of Council from February 2017 up to the date of the recent election.

Ms Devichand then reflected upon the achievements and good work of the council and referred to the recent improvements in Dafen Park (located in her former electoral ward) and remarked upon the complete refurbishment of the Astroturf facility at the park. Ms Devichand also referred to the imminent asset transfer of the play area in Cilsaig, Dafen and how much she was looking forward to seeing it refurbished in the not too distant future, having previously lobbied for the transfer to the council for many years.

Ms Devichand then referred to the charity fundraising events she had organised in support of the Alzheimer's Society, Links Llanelli, Ty Bryngwyn Hospice and Wales Air Ambulance. A number of charity fund raising events were organised during the year and in total £4,415.56 was raised for her chosen charities with them each receiving £1,103.89.

Ms Devichand extended her 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 year.

In closing Ms Devichand paid tribute to the valued support provided to her throughout her term of office and the last 18 years by the council's staff and then wished the Chairman Elect, Cllr. A. G. Morgan and his new consort Mrs C. Morgan every success for the year ahead and it was

RESOLVED that Ms Devichand's remarks be noted graciously with thanks.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Ms Devichand invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. A. J. Rogers, seconded by Cllr. T. M. Donoghue, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. A. G. Morgan be and, is hereby, appointed Chairman of Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

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

The Chairman having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office stated that he wished to maintain the high standards of previous Chairmen and would represent the council in a

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positive and professional manner and both he and his consort Mrs Claire Morgan were looking forward to the year ahead.

Cllr. Morgan conveyed his congratulations to the incoming Mayor for Llanelli Town Council and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council and he looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring councils.

Cllr. Morgan thanked members and his personal guests for supporting him this evening.

7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr. M. V. Davies, seconded by Cllr. S. N. Lewis, and was

RESOLVED that Cllr. J. S. Phillips be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman of Council for the municipal year 2022/23.

The Vice-Chairman was invested with the Chains of Office and Cllr. Morgan wished her well during her term of office.

8. 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 she would fully support the Chairman during her year of office. It was noted that Cllr Phillips had elected not to appoint a consort for the ensuing year.

9. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS

Cllr. A. G. Morgan presented Ms T. Devichand with the Past Chairman's medallion and a bouquet and Mr S. M. Donoghue with the Past Chairman's Consort's medallion.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the motion of Cllr. A. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. S. N. Lewis, it was

RESOLVED that there be a short adjournment in proceedings for the Chairman's personal guests to vacate the council chamber. Following which the council would then immediately reconvene to determine the remainder of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

Cllr. S. L. Davies together with T. Devichand, S. M. Donoghue and guests left the meeting.

11. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. N. Lewis be appointed Leader of Council.

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12. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that members be appointed to the under-mentioned committees together with confirmation of the respective nominations of chairman and vice-chairman for each committee as follows:

Finance and General Purposes:

Members:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
M. V. Davies	Hengoed
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
N. Evans	Felinfoel
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
A. G. Morgan	Chairman of Council
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
W. E. Skinner	Hengoed
A. G. Stephens	Pemberton
N. A. Stephens	Dafen
O. Williams	Glyn

Chairman of Committee:

T. M. Donoghue

Vice-Chairman of Committee

W. E. Skinner

Recreation and Welfare:

D. M. Cundy	Bynea
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn
E. M. Evans	Felinfoel
R. E. Evans	Dafen
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
A. J. Rogers	Dafen
W. E. Skinner	Hengoed
B. M. Williams	Hengoed

Chairman of Committee:

D. M. Cundy

Vice-Chairman of Committee

A. J. Rogers

Planning and Liaison:

Members:

M. V. Davies	Hengoed
S. L. Davies	Dafen
E. M. Evans	Felinfoel
S. M. T. Ford	Bynea
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed

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Planning and Liaison:

Members:

A. J. Rogers	Dafen
A. G. Stephens	Pemberton
N. A. Stephens	Dafen
O. Williams	Glyn

Chairman of Committee:
Vice-Chairman of Committee

A. J. Rogers
E. M. Evans

Policy and Resources:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
D. M. Cundy	Bynea
S. L. Davies	Pemberton
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Felinfoel
R. E. Evans	Dafen
S. M. T. Ford	Bynea
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
A. G. Morgan	Chairman of Council
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed
B. M. Williams	Hengoed

Chairman of Committee:
Vice-Chairman of Committee

R. E. Evans
B. M. Williams

Civic and Ceremonial:

M. V. Davies
S. L. Davies
S. N. Lewis
A. G. Morgan

Chairman of Committee:
Vice-Chairman of Committee

S. L. Davies
M. V. Davies

Community Development Grants Panel:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Felinfoel
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
A. G. Morgan	Chairman of Council
W. E. Skinner	Hengoed
A. G. Stephens	Pemberton
N. A. Stephens	Dafen

Chairman of Committee:
Vice-Chairman of Committee

N. Evans
N. A. Stephens

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Learning and Development Consultative
Committee:

T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Felinfoel
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
A. G. Morgan	Chairman of Council
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed
N. A. Stephens	Dafen
B. M. Williams	Hengoed
O. Williams	Glyn

Chairman of Committee:

B. M. Williams

Vice-Chairman of Committee

N. A. Stephens

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.

**13. 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

A. Evans

CETMA/Llanellitown.com

A. G. Stephens

Friends of Llanelli Museum

B. M. Williams

Governing Bodies:

Primary Schools:

Bryn

T. M. Donoghue

Brynsierfel

J. P. Hart

Bynea

T. M. Donoghue

Dafen

N. A. Stephens

Five Roads

O. Williams

Furnace

M. V. Davies

Halfway

S. N. Lewis

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A. Evans

Pwll

J. S. Phillips

St. Mary's Catholic

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Governing Bodies:

<u>Primary Schools:</u>	
Swiss Valley	S. R. Bowen
Ysgol Brynteg	J. P. Hart
Ysgol-y-Felin	E. M. Evans
Heart of Wales Line Forum	D. M. Cundy
Links	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli and District Civic Society	N. A. Stephens
Llanelli and District Flood Forum	D. M. Cundy W. E. Skinner
Llanelli and District Shopmobility	N. A. Stephens
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 Leader of Council Clerk
Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce	W. E. Skinner
Llanelli Committee for the Disabled	N. A. Stephens
Llanelli Fair Trade Group	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Guide Dogs for the Blind	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Joint Burial Authority	T. M. Donoghue N. Evans S. N. Lewis J. S. Phillips A. J. Rogers
Llanelli Railway Strike Riots 1911 Commemorative Committee	T. M. Donoghue W. E. Skinner

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National Association of
Councillors – Welsh Region

S. N. Lewis

Ty Bryngwyn Hospice
Fundraising Committee

A. G. Morgan
J. S. Phillips
A. J. Rogers

14. MEMBERS’ ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

Further to Minute No. 316 (15 December, 2021 refers), and in accordance with the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’ remuneration framework for community and town councils, it was

RESOLVED that members receive an attendance allowance for certain approved duties.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.45 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 14 June, 2022, adopted by the Council.