

**13 December, 2022**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 252 – 264**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 13 December, 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. R. Bowen	R. E. Evans
D. M. Cundy	J. P. Hart
M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
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
O. Williams	

**Absent:** S. M. T. Ford

Together with Mrs Alison Evans, Chair of Trustees & Director and Mr Mark Johns, Commercial and Events Manager, Llanelly House.

**252. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Mrs Sylvia Evans, wife of the former Councillor and Past Chairman Mr H. John Evans and as a mark of respect members and officers stood in silent tribute.

**253. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. N. A. Stephens and B. M. Williams.

**254. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**255. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

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**256. LLANELLY HOUSE**

Further to Minute No. 238, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mrs Alison Evans, Chair of Trustees and Director and Mr Mark Johns Commercial and Events Manager, Llanelly House to discuss the sustainability of Llanelly House and invited them to address members.

Mrs Evans thanked members for the opportunity to attend the council meeting and addressed members via the aid of presentation slides. Mrs Evans then took members through the presentation highlighting the twenty year project to bring Llanelly House back to life as part of the regeneration of the town centre and also key elements of the revised business plan and the financial support required over the short to medium term.

At the conclusion of the presentation, and following a brief question and answer session during which members made several suggestions associated with the marketing and promotion of the House as a visitor attraction, the Chairman thanked Mrs Evans and Mr Johns for attending the meeting and for contributing to a very informative discussion.

Prior to them withdrawing from the meeting they were informed that no decision about their financial assistance request would be made this evening because it would need to be further considered alongside the council's other financial commitments when the council was in a position to determine its draft estimates of income and expenditure in the New Year. Only then could the council decide whether it was in a position to provide any form of financial support towards Llanelly House's business plan for 2023.

Mrs Evans and Mr Johns then withdrew from the meeting, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the presentation be noted and that the financial assistance request be supported in principle on the understanding that the matter shall be further considered alongside the council's other financial commitments in the New Year as part of the council's budget preparations for the 2023/24 financial year.

**257. 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	8 November, 2022
Recreation and Welfare Committee	15 November, 2022
Policy and Resources Committee	16 November, 2022
Planning and Liaison Committee	28 November, 2022

**258. STAFFING MATTERS**

Pursuant to Minute No. 242, it was

**RESOLVED** that the following recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee be accepted:-

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*“RECOMMENDED that in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment, it was suggested that the council offices close at 1.00 pm on Friday, 23 December, 2022 and that all employees return to work on Tuesday, 3 January, 2023.”*

**259. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 12 October, 2022:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee hosted at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Vice-Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

T. M. Donoghue  
N. Evans

J. S. Phillips  
B. A. L. Roberts

**10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. L. Darkin, S. N. Lewis and J. Williams.

**11. MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**12. 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 - 8 June 2022

**13. MATTERS ARISING  
EAR MARKED RESERVES**

Further to minute No. 6, the Secretary informed members that due to ongoing issues the alternative compound site was still being evaluated. The matter would be re-presented at a future meeting when the evaluation had been completed.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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**14. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure report up to 31 August 2022 be noted.

**15. 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.

**16. MEMORIAL MASON**

Members considered an application from Mr M. D of Stonemasters to be added to the Burial Services list of approved memorial masons.

RESOLVED that the application be approved in principle subject to Mr M. D providing the Burial Advisory Committee with proof that his company did not require employer’s liability insurance cover.

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The meeting concluded at 4.10 pm  
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**RESOLVED** that the Minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and accepted.

**260. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

In reference to Minute No. 24, of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee meeting held on 9 November, 2022, it was

**RESOLVED** that the following recommendation be accepted:

*“RECOMMENDED that the rent for the ensuing year be confirmed as £40,162 and that the Westerleigh Group Limited be notified accordingly”.*

**261. PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL –  
GLANYMOR & TYISHA SAFER COMMUNITIES ACTION GROUP**

Correspondence was received from the Secretary, Glynymor & Tyisha Safer Communities Action Group informing of the complaints and representations it had received from local residents about the curtailment of intensive care services provided at Prince Philip Hospital. The action group believed this would put surgical patients at risk if this was the case.

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The action group was seeking the council's support by it making representations directly to the Hywel Dda University Health Board to recommission the full suite of ICU services as quickly as possible.

During the ensuing discussion, members were reminded that this matter had been raised with the Chair and Chief Executive of the Health Board when they participated in the council meeting held on the 11 October, 2022 (Minute No 178 refers). A clinical safety issue had been identified resulting in unacceptable risk to patients requiring level three care namely those patients needing mechanical ventilation support. The issue stemmed from the lack of resources around the operation of the joint rota which required nine clinicians in normal circumstances but currently there were four vacancies. This was causing difficulties particularly at weekends covering the rota and recruitment in this area was proving difficult. However, during the same period only eight people had been categorised as level three patients and ended up being transferred to Glangwili. The situation would not affect Orthopaedics: there would be minimal impact. The Health Board was working hard to fill the vacancies.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that given the matter had been already raised by the council directly with both the Chair and Chief Executive of Hywel Dda University Health Board, the correspondence be noted for the time being in order for the Health Board to sufficiently fill the vacancies. However, the matter shall be kept under review, with the situation being monitored and revisited, if necessary, in the New Year, when there would be further opportunities to re-engage with the Health Board and the Hywel Dda Community Health Council in regard to fresh consultation about the general reconfiguration of the health service in West Wales, whereupon this matter could be raised with both organisations if the situation was unresolved and remained a concern.

## **262. MATTERS REPORTED**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

## **263. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

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

- (1) Felinfoel Community & Events Group;
- (2) Llwynhendy & Pemberton Forum;
- (3) Tenovus Cancer Care.

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**264. SEASONAL GREETINGS**

The Chairman wished members and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The Meeting concluded at 7.07 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 10 January, 2023 adopted by the Council.