

**22 February, 2023**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 372 – 381**

At a **SPECIAL COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 22 February, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

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

**Absent:** S. K. Nurse

**372. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. S. M. T. Ford.

**373. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**374. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

**375. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

In reference to Minute No. 30, of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 January, 2023, it was

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

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“RECOMMENDED that a budget contribution of £100,000 be requested from Llanelli Rural Council for the financial year 2023 / 2024, and that in turn it requests £50,000 from Llanelli Town Council as its contribution towards service costs.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the current sum of earmarked reserves totalling £140,881 be noted”.

**376. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**RESOLVED** that the committee reports for the Administration Department, Burial Services and the Training Department to 31 December, 2022 be noted.

**377. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS**

Consideration was given to the schedules of payments for the Administration Department, Burial Services and the Training Department for December 2022 (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £133,693.87; £5,536.90; and £88,313.52 respectively.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

**378. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) Bryngwyn School (x2) – that the applications be noted;
- (2) Llanelli & District Schoolboys’ Rugby Union – that a contribution of £100 be made.

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

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

**380. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2023/24**

Members were presented with a report on the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2023/24.

Following discussion of the report a recorded vote was called for based on an amendment tabled to provide for a neutral budget with the ‘Band D’ property charge being retained at £129.83. This would be accommodated by making cuts to the budget in the sum of £22,043. The amendment was lost by eleven member votes to seven member votes, with the council chairman electing not to vote given there was a clear majority against supporting the

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amendment. Members then proceeded to vote upon the substantive motion to support the report recommendations in full which was carried by twelve member votes to seven member votes in favour of the precept increase for 2023/24, with the voting pattern of those in favour conversely reflecting the same pattern of votes of those voting against the amendment, except that council chairman also elected to vote in favour of the substantive motion. Accordingly, the names of the members who voted on the matter so as to show whether they voted for or against the course of action as annotated in the resolution set out below was recorded as follows:

*For*

*Against*

S. R. Bowen  
D. M. Cundy  
T. M. Donoghue  
E. M. Evans  
N. Evans  
R. E. Evans  
S. N. Lewis  
A. G. Morgan  
A. J. Rogers  
W. E. Skinner  
N. A. Stephens  
B. M. Williams

M. V. Davies  
S. L. Davies  
A. Evans  
J. P. Hart  
J. S. Phillips  
A. G. Stephens  
O. Williams

**RESOLVED** that the Council Tax yield of £1,122,755 be levied for the financial year 2023/24 reflecting a 'Band D' charge of £132.43.

**381. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2023/24**

Members considered the council's Annual Investment Strategy prepared in accordance with the statutory guidance as it is applied in Wales and it was

**RESOLVED** that the investment strategy be received and accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.35 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 March, 2023 adopted by the Council.