

**9 May, 2023**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 1 – 12**

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 9 May, 2023, at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

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

**Absent:** S. K. Nurse

**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 Chairman, Cllr. A. G. Morgan welcomed members and guests to the meeting and reflected on the past year. Cllr. Morgan was very proud of being the Council's Chairman and it had been an honour and privilege to have performed the role.

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Cllr. Morgan spoke about the many events he had participated in during the year with him attending over 120 engagements, and that it had been a very busy but enjoyable and memorable year. One of the highlights was the visit to the Wales Air Ambulance Base in Dafen where he met the Prince and Princess of Wales. Cllr. Morgan also reflected upon the national Royal events during the year including celebrating the Platinum Jubilee; sadly mourning the loss of her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II followed by his participation in the proclamation reading of the New Sovereign on the town hall steps, Llanelli, and of course very recently celebrating the coronation of their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla at St. David's Cathedral.

Cllr. Morgan referred to the charity fundraising events he had organised in support of Blood Cancer UK (Llanelli), Threshold – DAS Llanelli and Wales Air Ambulance. The events had raised £3,000 in total, with the proceeds being shared equally amongst the three bodies. He then referred to the excellent work performed by the council over the last 12 months and what the council had achieved during his term of office. He was particularly proud of the work and progress made by the council in enhancing the visitor experience at the lower reservoir, Swiss Valley.

Cllr. Morgan thanked the various organisations that were working with the Council for their support. He also extended thanks to the Chairman and Consort, Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Town Mayor and Mayoress and to all other civic dignitaries who he had worked with during the civic year.

In closing Cllr. Morgan paid tribute to the valued support provided to him throughout the year by the Council's staff and then wished the Chairman Elect, Cllr. J. Susan. Phillips and her Consort Cllr. Andrew G. Stephens every success for the year ahead and it was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. Morgan's remarks be noted.

## **5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. A. G. Morgan invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. A. Evans, seconded by Cllr. O. Williams, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. J. S. Phillips and, is hereby, appointed Chairman of Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

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

The Chairman having made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office stated that she wished to maintain the high standards of previous Chairmen and would represent the council in a positive and professional manner and both she and her consort Cllr. Andrew G. Stephens were looking forward to the year ahead.

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

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Cllr. Phillips thanked members and her personal guests for supporting her this evening.

**7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Cllr. O. Williams, seconded by Cllr. A. Evans, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. M. V. Davies be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman of Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

The Vice-Chairman was invested with the Chains of Office by Cllr. Phillips who wished him well during his term of office and thanked him in anticipation of his support.

**8. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Vice-Chairman having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office remarked it was a privilege to be able to accept such an honour and stated he would fully support the Chairman during his term of office.

**9. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS**

Cllr. J. S. Phillips presented Cllr. A. G. Morgan with the Past Chairman's medallion and Mrs C. Morgan with the Past Chairman's Consort's medallion and a bouquet.

**10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr. S. N. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. D. M. Cundy, 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.

**11. 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
S. L. Davies	Pemberton
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn

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N. Evans	Felinfoel
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
J. S. Phillips	Chairman of Council
W. E. Skinner	Hengoed
N. A. Stephens	Dafen

Chairman of Committee:	W. E. Skinner
Vice-Chairman of Committee	T. M. Donoghue

Recreation and Welfare:

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

Chairman of Committee:	D. M. Cundy
Vice-Chairman of Committee	A. J. Rogers

Planning and Liaison:

M. V. Davies	Hengoed
S. L. Davies	Pemberton
E. M. Evans	Felinfoel
S. M. T. Ford	Bynea
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed
A. J. Rogers	Dafen
N. A. Stephens	Dafen
O. Williams	Glyn

Chairman of Committee:	A. J. Rogers
Vice-Chairman of Committee	E. M. Evans

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Policy and Resources:

Members:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
D. M. Cundy	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Felinfoel
R. E. Evans	Dafen
S. M. T. Ford	Bynea
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
J. S. Phillips	Chairman of Council
W. E. Skinner	Hengoed
A. G. Stephens	Pemberton
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  
J. S. Phillips

Chairman of Committee:  
Vice-Chairman of Committee

A. G. Morgan  
S. L. 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
J. S. Phillips	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:

Members:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Felinfoel
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
J. S. Phillips	Chairman of Council
N. A. Stephens	Dafen
B. M. Williams	Hengoed

Chairman of Committee:  
Vice-Chairman of Committee

B. M. Williams  
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.

**12. 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  
Brynsierfel  
Bynea  
Dafen  
Five Roads  
Furnace  
Halfway  
Ponthenri  
Pontyates  
Pwll

Llangennech Community Council  
J. P. Hart  
T. M. Donoghue  
N. A. Stephens  
O. Williams  
B. M. Williams  
S. N. Lewis  
Federation appointment  
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St. Mary's Catholic Swiss Valley Ysgol Brynteg Ysgol-y-Felin	A. J. Rogers S. R. Bowen J. P. Hart E. M. Evans
Heart of Wales Line Forum	D. M. Cundy
Links	B. M. Williams
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 Chamber of Trade and Commerce	W. E. Skinner
Llanelli Fair Trade Group	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Guide Dogs for the Blind	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee	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
Ty Bryngwyn Hospice Fundraising Committee	S. R. Bowen J. S. Phillips A. J. Rogers

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The Meeting concluded at 6.33 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 13 June, 2023, adopted by the Council.