

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES

At a Council Meeting hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 13 June, 2023 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. R. Bowen, D. M. Cundy, T. M. Donoghue, A. Evans, E. M. Evans, N. Evans, R. E. Evans, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan, S. K. Nurse, J. S. Phillips (Chairman of Council), A. J. Rogers, W. E. Skinner, A. G. Stephens, N. A. Stephens and B. M. Williams.

ABSENT: S. M. T. Ford.

Together with Mr R. Lloyd and Mr S. Williams, Furnace Action Committee.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs. M. V. Davies, S. L. Davies, J. P. Hart and O. Williams.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business transacted.

Cllr. A. G. Stephens Item 7 – personal

Cllr. W. E. Skinner Item 4 – personal and prejudicial

3. Public Participation.

None

4. Stradey Park Hotel – to discuss the Home Office decision to use the hotel to accommodate asylum seekers while their applications are being processed and reviewed. Furthermore to receive a representative from the local action group, Furnace Action Committee established to challenge this decision so that the council may consider what action it may also wish to take, whether separately, in addition to or in support of actions planned or already taken by other local stakeholders.

The council fully supports the Furnace Action Committee.

5. Minutes.

(1) The following Minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings:

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(2) The following matters arising from the Minutes were noted for information:

No matters arising to report.

6. Council Annual Report 2022/23 - to approve the council's Annual Report detailing key activities and achievements over the last year as well as noting the progress made with promoting and enhancing local biodiversity and moreover how the council has contributed towards the objectives contained in the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board's local well-being plan.

Approved.

7. Representatives on Outside Bodies – Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce – further to Minute No. 12, to reconsider the council's nominated representative to serve on this outside body.

Further to Minute No. 12, that Cllr. D. M. Cundy be appointed to serve on Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

8. Swiss Valley Reservoir – Operator's Licence – to receive the Operator's Licence prepared for the council by Evans Powell & Co Solicitors and to authorise the engrossment of the document.

The chairman and clerk be authorised to sign and affix the council's seal to the Operator's Licence.

9. Schedule of matters reported.

Noted.

10. Letters of appreciation

The following letters received from the following were noted:

- (1) Blood Cancer – Llanelli Branch;
- (2) Buckingham Palace;
- (3) Wales Air Ambulance.

11. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 – it was agreed to exclude members of the public during consideration of the following agenda item because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

12. Borrowing Approval 2023-24 – to note correspondence from the Welsh government and to confirm the council's preferred loan repayment option whether this is in the form of an annuity (equal repayments) (fixed half-yearly payments to include principal and interest); or Equal Instalments of Principal (EIP) (equal half-yearly instalments of principal together with interest on the balance outstanding at the time).

The matter was determined in private.

The meeting concluded at 7.25 pm.