

9 January, 2024

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 300 – 306

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 9 January, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. J. S. Phillips (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	N. Evans
D. M. Cundy	R. E. Evans
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
T. M. Donoghue	A. G. Morgan
A. Evans	W. E. Skinner
E. M. Evans	A. G. Stephens
N. A. Stephens	

Absent: S. M. T. Ford, S. K. Nurse

300. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. V. Davies, J. P. Hart, A. J. Rogers, B. M. Williams and O. Williams.

301. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
306	D. M. Cundy	Personal interest – he was a Llanelli Chamber of Trade committee member, appointed by the council to serve on the outside body.
306	A. G. Stephens	Personal and prejudicial interest – he was the Vice President, Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

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302. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

303. 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	12 December, 2023
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	18 December, 2023
Recreation and Welfare Committee	19 December, 2023
Policy and Resources Committee	20 December, 2023
Finance and General Purposes Committee	20 December, 2023

304. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 8 November, 2023:

“At the Special Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 8 November 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Present: Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Chairman)

Cllrs.

D. L. Darkin	N. Evans
T. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis

Together with Mr A. Davies (Town Clerk)

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. B. A. L. Roberts and J. Williams.

19. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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20. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Ordinary Meeting - 13 September 2023

21. MATTERS ARISING
ICCM CEMETERY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Further to Minute No. 14, the Secretary informed members that the cemetery had been awarded a silver award at the national awards ceremony. The focus of the award centred around the procedures and processes in place and it was determined that the cemetery office had very effective systems in place, including its website, cemetery rules and regulations, memorial headstone safety policy, exclusive rights of burial, Muslim burial administration and processes for catering for the needs of bereaved families otherwise known as the Charter for the Bereaved.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

22. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure report up to 30 September 2023 be noted.

23. BUDGET MEETING

The Secretary informed members that a special meeting would be held on Wednesday, 24 January 2024, at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance in order to recommend a budget for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

24. DRAFT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Members considered the rate of interest to be applied to the draft income and expenditure estimates in support of the preparation of the forthcoming 2024-2025 budget.

RECOMMENDED that an interest rate of 3% be applied to the draft income and expenditure estimates.

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25. 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.

26. MEMORIAL MASON

Members considered an application from N. P. of Memorials of Distinction to be added to the Burial Services list of approved memorial masons.

RESOLVED that the application be approved.

27. LLANELLI CREMATORIUM - ANNUAL RENT REVIEW

Members considered the Secretary’s report informing of the impending annual rent review, which confirmed the amount of rent payable by the Westerleigh Group Ltd with effect from 1 December 2023.

RECOMMENDED that the rent for the ensuing year be confirmed as £43,720 and that the Westerleigh Group Ltd be notified accordingly.

28. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the Technical and General Operations Manager’s staffing report.

RECOMMENDED that the report be approved.

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The meeting concluded at 4.18pm
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RESOLVED that the minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and accepted.

305. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letters of appreciation for the council’s assistance, received from the following organisations be noted:

- (1) Dafen Forum;
- (2) Pwll Carnival Committee;
- (3) RNLI.

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306. CITY STATUS FOR LLANELLI

Cllr. D. M. Cundy declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a Llanelli Chamber of Trade committee member, having been appointed by the council to serve on the outside body. Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was the Vice President, Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members considered correspondence from the Secretary, Llanelli Chamber and Commerce informing of the organisation’s planned application launch for City Status for Llanelli through the King’s Charter process for his Coronation.

The application for the launch would be take place on Saturday, 30 March, 2024, whereby civic dignitaries would be in invited to attend.

Following discussion about some of the challenges, issues and reasons associated with making such a city status application, it was

RESOLVED that the civic invitation to attend the launch event be accepted with further information and details about the Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce’s city status application being subsequently reported to council for consideration in due course.

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The meeting concluded at 6.25 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 February, 2024 adopted by the Council.