

# LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

## MEETING NOTES

At a Council Meeting hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 13 November, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. S. R. Bowen, D. M. Cundy, M. V. Davies (Chairman), S. L. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, A. Evans, E. M. Evans, N. Evans, R. E. Evans, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan, J. S. Phillips, A. J. Rogers, W. E. Skinner, A. G. Stephens and N. A. Stephens.

**ABSENT:** Cllrs. S. K. Nurse, O. Williams.

### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs S. M. T. Ford and J. P. Hart.

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

Cllr. D. M. Cundy	Item 7	– personal
Cllr. S. L. Davies	Item 6 & 8	– personal
Cllr. E. M. Evans	Item 6 & 8	– personal
Cllr. A. J. Stephens	Item 4, 6 & 8	– personal

3. Public Participation.

None

4. City Status for Llanelli – further to Minute No. 137, to receive representatives from Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce to discuss the City Status bid.

Presentation noted and to await further information and correspondence from Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

5. Minutes.

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

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Special Meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee	10 October, 2024	Page Nos: 94 - 96
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6. Minute No. 176 – Gwili Fields, Llwynhendy – to consider the following recommendation of the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee:-

RECOMMENDED that the council gives consideration to:

1. Raising the precept for 2025/26 in order to replenish the earmarked reserve, if additional funding could not be identified via further stakeholder pledges or additional grants.
2. Similarly, how the remaining phase 2 environmental works totalling £135,539.70 (subsequent to the deduction of any additional savings being identified in the accepted tender) could be met alongside the total funding needed for the construction works required to the library building, should it transpire that no further stakeholder pledges were forthcoming and the council's grant bid(s) for building works proving to be unsuccessful.
3. The preparation of a general financial appraisal/plan of the resources needed to deliver all facets of the Llwynhendy Hub project and other council projects including the staffing resources required to sustain future services through increasing general capability and capacity. The appraisal/plan would identify the additional operating costs and how these costs could be possibly funded and sustained through the council's annual budget process over the next few years leading up to the next set of ordinary local government elections in 2027.

Recommendation accepted.

7. Prince Philip Hospital –Temporary overnight closure of the Minor Injuries Unit, Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli – further to Minute No. 199, to consider email correspondence exchanged with the council and Hywel Dda University Health Board representatives.

Due to time constraints at the Special Council meeting held on 22 October, 2024, and the lack of opportunity to discuss the next steps at the conclusion of the meeting, the clerk canvassed members' opinion on putting further written questions to the Health Board, having already secured the Health Board's agreement to respond in kind to this suggestion. Accordingly the clerk enquired on the range of questions to be tabled. To initiate this it was ultimately agreed that the clerk shall forward a scoping email to all members which members could respond to individually with further questions to be put to the Health Board focussing on areas such as the review process; the membership and role of the Health Board steering group leading the review; the scenarios and recommendations that might emanate from the review process in regard to the future status of the MIU including the Health Board's preferred delivery model, assuming the current delivery model was not re-instated.

8. Sealing of Documents – Gwili Fields, Llwynhendy – to authorise the sealing of the lease and under lease documents received from Evans Powell & Co Solicitors.

The chairman and clerk be authorised to sign and affix the council's seal to the lease document once a suitable sub-letting clause had been inserted within the main provisions of the head lease.

9. Schedule of matters reported.

Noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.