

**10 December, 2024**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 248 – 258**

At the **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 10 December, 2024, at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

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

**Absent:** S. R. Bowen, S. M. T. Ford, S. K. Nurse

**248. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Cllr. Neil A. Stephens as well as the mother of a staff member and also the daughter of a staff member working in the Training Department. As a mark of respect the Chairman requested members and officers to stand in silent tribute.

**249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies, A. Evans, J. P. Hart and O. Williams.

**250. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

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

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**251. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

**252. 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	13 November, 2024
Recreation and Welfare Committee	19 November, 2024
Policy and Resources Committee	20 November, 2024
Planning and Liaison Committee	25 November, 2024

**253. CITY STATUS FOR LLANELLI**

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

Further to Minute No. 220, members received correspondence from the President of Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce which gave an update covering many of the answers to previously asked questions posed at the council meeting held on 13 November, 2024.

The writer also confirmed that upon checking, the council had been omitted from the original consultation correspondence regarding the merits of supporting the bid application. This would be revisited in due course but as part of a further extended consultation.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the letter be noted and to await further communication from Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

**254. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT (INTERIM UPDATE) 2024/25**

Members considered the Internal Audit Report (Interim Update) received from the Director, Auditing Solutions Ltd, which concluded that the council continued to have effective systems in place and consequently, there were no significant matters arising at present.

The Finance Manager proceeded to guide members through the report and highlighted particular areas of testing for members' attention.

Thereupon, members thanked the Finance Manager and supporting staff for their continued good work in managing the council's finances, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and accepted.

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**255. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 11 September, 2024:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 11 September 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Vice-Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

T. M. Donoghue	J. S. Phillips
N. Evans	B. A. L. Roberts
S. N. Lewis	J. Williams

**10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. D. L. Darkin.

**11. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. N. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minutes No. 15 because she was related to one of the applicants.

**12. MINUTES**

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

Annual Meeting - 12 June 2024

**13. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure report up to 31 July 2024 be noted.

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matter 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.

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15. MEMORIAL MASONS

*Cllr. N. Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter because she was related to one of the applicants and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.*

Members considered applications from J. T. of Hengoed Memorials and S. W. of SW Memorial Masons for inclusion on the Burial Service’s approved list of memorial masons, and it was

RESOLVED that the applications be approved.

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The meeting concluded at 4.07pm”  
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RESOLVED that the Minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and accepted.

256. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

257. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

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

- (1) Cerebral Palsy Cymru;
- (2) Urdd National Eisteddfod.

258. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman wished members and staff a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.18 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 January, 2025 adopted by the Council.