

11 February, 2025

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 337 – 343

At the **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 11 February, 2025, at 6.15 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

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

337. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. J. P. Hart.

338. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

339. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

340. 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
Policy and Resources Committee
Recreation and Welfare Committee

14 January, 2025
15 January, 2025
21 January, 2025

11 February, 2025

Planning and Liaison Committee	27 January, 2025
Finance and General Purposes Committee	29 January, 2025
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	30 January, 2025
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	3 February, 2025
Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee	3 February, 2025

341. BUDGET PREPARATIONS 2025/26

Cllr. S. L. Davies put forward the following notice of motion for consideration:

“Given the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, it is essential that this Council exercises responsible financial management by prioritising core services and reducing non-essential spending.

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales did not mandate or recommend that Community Councils introduce attendance payments; it simply allowed them the discretion to do so, up to a maximum of £30 per meeting.

While this administration chose a £15 per meeting payment rather than the £30 adopted by Llanelli Town Council the current financial pressures make it necessary to identify savings and limit any further increases to the precept.

For decades, the role of a Llanelli Rural Councillor was understood to be voluntary. In recognition of the financial difficulties facing our community, this motion proposes a return to this principle by removing the £15 per meeting attendance payment.”

During discussion of the motion it was highlighted that the attendance allowance payment was a discretionary payment which individual members did not have to claim. Moreover, under the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’ remuneration framework for community and town councils, members could elect to decline to receive, part or all of the payments contained in the remuneration framework if they so wished. There then followed a recorded vote on the motion and the names of the members and how they voted was recorded as follows:

<i>For:</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>Abstained:</i>
M. V. Davies	S. R. Bowen	A. G. Stephens
S. L. Davies	D. M. Cundy	
A. Evans	T. M. Donoghue	
O. Williams	E. M. Evans	
	N. Evans	
	R. E. Evans	
	S. N. Lewis	
	A. G. Morgan	
	J. S. Phillips	
	A. J. Rogers	
	W. E. Skinner	

RESOLVED that the motion to remove the discretionary allowance payment be declined.

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342. LLANELLI UNITES - CONFERENCE REPORT

Members received correspondence from the Chair, Llanelli Unites enclosing a report from a recently held conference together with a request for a formal meeting with the council.

The report summarised the outcome from the ‘Healing the Divide’ conference held in Llanelli in November 2024. The conference was organised by Llanelli Unites, a voluntary group committed to promoting and celebrating the multicultural and diverse communities of Llanelli.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the report and meeting request be noted.

343. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.37 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 11 March, 2025 adopted by the Council.

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