

8 April, 2025

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 411 – 420

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 8 April, 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

Absent: J. P. Hart, S. M. T. Ford, S. K. Nurse

411. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. Evans and O. Williams.

412. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

413. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

414. 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:

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Council	11 March, 2025
Recreation and Welfare Committee	18 March, 2025
Policy and Resources Committee	19 March, 2025
Planning and Liaison Committee	31 March, 2025
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	7 April, 2025
Special Council	7 April, 2025

415. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT (FINAL UPDATE) 2024/25

Members considered the Internal Audit Report (Final Update) 2024/25 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 and brought two particular report recommendations to members' attention, namely:

- The Council should review and update its overall Corporate Risk Assessment.
- The Council should confirm that hire agreements were in place for the Swiss Valley Community Hall or require new agreements were signed by the Hirer's.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the recommendations accepted.

416. CORPORATE RISK ASSESSMENT 2025/2026

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk attaching the council's Risk Management Policy and Corporate Risk Assessment for 2025/26. The report also presented action plans relating to 2024/2025 and the current financial year.

Following discussion of how the measures identified as medium risk in the current action plan could be positively addressed by the recent increase in council resources, namely: the acquisition of a Business Continuity and Disaster Recover software package (Datto – Siris); the additional staffing appointments in the Administration Department increasing general capacity; and the development and roll-out of digital software tools to aid the council to effectively manage employment law and health and safety matters, it was

RESOLVED that the Risk Assessment Policy and the Corporate Risk Assessment and accompanying action plan for 2025/26 be accepted.

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417. TRALLWM PLAYING FIELDS – DRAFT LEASE

Members received correspondence from Carmarthenshire County Council, pertaining to the draft lease, and it was

RESOLVED to accept the general provisions of the draft lease. However, the block plan defining the curtilage of the land parcel to be asset transferred, needed to be re-defined and amended so as to exclude all of the land on the eastern flank of the football pitch, in so far that the redefined eastern boundary shall run parallel to the western edge of the ditch (delineated on the block plan as two narrow black parallel lines) running in a southerly direction from the northern field perimeter to the southern field perimeter abutting the rear boundary of properties on the Pant Isaf housing estate. The effect of which would omit the ditch and all of the adjoining land to the east of it and which surrounded the pond (also delineated on the plan). Furthermore, in view of the ongoing drainage and maintenance issues associated with the playground, the area of land that it occupied on the plan shall also be omitted from the initial lease transfer, until such time as all of the issues were fully remedied by Carmarthenshire County Council to the council's satisfaction; at which point the asset transfer of the playground would be re-considered.

During the discussion of the above item, Cllr. S. L. Davies left the meeting.

**418. ONE VOICE WALES
MEMBERSHIP 2025 – 2026**

Members received general correspondence from the Chief Executive, One Voice Wales inviting the council to consider membership of One Voice Wales, and it was

RESOLVED that the invitation be noted.

419. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

420. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letters of appreciation for the council's assistance received from the following organisations be noted with pleasure:

- (1) Dafen Welfare Bowls Club;
- (2) Llanelli Centre for the Deaf;
- (3) Pro-Vision Llwynhendy;
- (4) Pwll C.P. School.

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The meeting concluded at 6.43 p.m.
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