

20 May, 2025

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 21 – 30

At a Meeting of the **RECREATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 20 May, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. D. M. Cundy (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

Absent: J. P. Hart

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. J. Rogers (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising) and O. Williams (Cllr. J. Lovell deputising).

22. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

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26	J. S. Phillips	Personal interest – member, Pwll Carnival Committee.
26	W. E. Skinner	Personal interest – member, Pwll Carnival Committee.
27 & 30	E. M. Evans	Personal interest – employed by the Library Service, Carmarthenshire County Council.
27 & 30	A. G. Stephens	Personal interest - Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy and member of Our Llwynhendy.

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23. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that a sub-committee, comprising the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council and local ward members be appointed.

24. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

RESOLVED that the Facilities Manager's report on work undertaken be noted.

25. PLAY AREAS – VANDALISM

Cllr. D. M. Cundy in his capacity as committee chairman wanted to flag up with disappointment, a concern over two separate acts of recent vandalism at the council's newly installed play areas at Penygraig, Bynea, and at Parc Y Gwili, Llwynhendy. He cited the costs of having to make repairs and was keen to stress this wasn't sustainable for the council in the longer term and in view of this he was keen to garner the views of committee members on how best to combat the problem going forward.

During the ensuing discussion, members cited other play areas that had also suffered some form of vandalism, and they expressed frustration with local communities in not wishing to engage in tackling anti-social behaviour proactively and directly, if witnessed. Members of the public were not so inclined to challenge, and report live incidents. Several reasons were attributed to this, and members concurred that something needed to be done to address this worrying underlying trend. Various counter measures were then discussed, ranging from the installation of CCTV systems; councillor led community engagement initiatives within their wards; developing stronger relationships with neighbourhood policing teams in order to carry out proactive patrols and surveillance especially with PCSOs; and also direct messaging campaigns using social media channels to help rally the community to take greater care and pride in helping to protect important community facilities, and it was

RESOLVED that the matter be kept under review.

26. PWLL RECREATION GROUND – MURAL

Cllr. J. S. Phillips and W. E. Skinner declared personal interests in the following matter as they were members of Pwll Carnival Committee.

Members considered correspondence from Cllr. J. Lovell requesting permission from the council for a mural to be painted on a wall of an outbuilding at Pwll Recreation Ground.

If permission was granted, the mural would be painted on the outbuilding wall by a local artist during the planned village carnival on Saturday, 28 June, 2025. The cost of the mural would be met by Pwll Carnival Committee and Pwll AFC. The mural would consist of Pwll AFC logo and local historical images.

Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that the request be supported with permission being granted for the artistic work to proceed on the basis that no objections were received from other stakeholders and that a simple risk assessment be conducted by Pwll Carnival Committee to ensure general public safety before, during and after the planned spray painting work in the vicinity of the outbuilding.

27. SIGNAGE – CANOLFAN LLWYNHENDY

Cllr. E. M. Evans declared a personal interest in the following item as she was employed by the Library Service, Carmarthenshire County Council. Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in the following item as he was a Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy and a member of Our Llwynhendy.

Members considered four designs for the new logo for Canolfan Llwynhendy, and it was

RESOLVED that the preferred design selected from the four initial designs be put out to public consultation using the council's social media channels once the sign-writer had drawn up several iterations of the preferred design, for general consideration.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. S. N. Lewis left the meeting.

28. 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.

29. PLAY AREA – CLOS CILSAIG

Members considered correspondence from the Legal Department, Welsh Water concerning the recent redevelopment of the playground at Clos Cilsaig, Dafen, Llanelli. Thereupon the Deputy Clerk provided members with a full appraisal, having followed the advice and agreement of the Welsh Water Site Engineer, and it was

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the council's insurers for general opinion and to receive appropriate advice and guidance on how best to proceed.

**30. CANOLFAN LLWYNHENDY
VALUATION REPORT**

Cllr. E. M. Evans declared a personal interest in the following item as she was employed by the Library Service, Carmarthenshire County Council. Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in the following item as he was a Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy and a member of Our Llwynhendy.

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Members received the valuation report from Mallard Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agent in readiness of the license negotiations for tendering the catering concession at Canolfan Llwynhendy, and it was

RESOLVED that the valuation be accepted on the terms specified in the report.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.53 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 June, 2025 adopted by the Council.