

**17 June, 2025**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 47 – 54**

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, 17 June, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

E. M. Evans	J. S. Phillips
R. E. Evans	A. J. Rogers
S. N. Lewis	W. E. Skinner
A. G. Morgan	A. G. Stephens
O. Williams	

**Absent:** J. P. Hart

Together with Mr M. Collinson, Local Places for Nature Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

**47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. T. M. Donoghue (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

**48. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

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51	A. G. Stephens	Personal interest - Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy and member of Our Llwynhendy.
54(1)	O. Williams	Personal interest – Chairman, Five Roads Community Hall Management Committee.

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**49. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS**

**RESOLVED** that the Facilities Manager's report on work undertaken be noted and that the DLO team be thanked for the high standard of work performed on the cricket pitch in Dafen Park.

**50. SWISS VALLEY RESERVOIR  
(1) BENCHES**

Members considered a letter received from a member of the public requesting that the council install additional benches along the eastern footpath at Swiss Valley Reservoir.

During discussion, focus centred upon the composition of bench materials such as natural wood or composite materials and the merits and longevity associated with respective products. Thereupon, the Deputy Clerk informed members that recently a member of the public had come forward to donate a memorial bench to be installed at an agreed location along the route. Furthermore, that the large trees that had been felled at the reservoir could be possibly used to make log benches to create a rustic seating area.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the general request to install additional benches along the footpath at Swiss Valley Reservoir be supported, while noting the recent request to donate a memorial bench by a member of the public, and moreover it be also noted with thanks Cllr. Morgan's willingness and gesture of also offering to personally donate a bench, should the opportunity arise.

**(2) HEDGE LAYING**

Members considered correspondence and a summary presentation from the Local Places for Nature Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) regarding a hedge laying proposal at select hedgerow locations at Swiss Valley Reservoir. Members were informed that if the proposal was accepted the Local Places for Nature Officer, would organise the work while using the opportunity to teach the technique to volunteers with the work likely to commence in November 2025.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the hedge laying proposal at Swiss Valley Reservoir be supported noting that the work will take place in the autumn.

**51. CANOLFAN LLWYNHENDY  
(1) VENUE HIRE**

*Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy and a member of Our Llwynhendy.*

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Members were informed that it was anticipated the council would take official receipt of Canolfan Llwynhendy from the contractor at the end of June 2025. As an interim measure, it was necessary to determine temporary venue hire rates, while waiting for the Community Buildings Manager to take up his post with the council on 14 July 2025, and in anticipation of him developing a marketing strategy for the premises.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the Recreation and Welfare Sub-Committee and local ward members for determination.

**(2) UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES - GRANT AWARD**

Further to Minute No. 363 (3 March, 2025 refers), members received correspondence from Carmarthenshire County Council informing that the council's Sustainable Communities Fund application had been successful.

The council would be awarded £51,206.71 towards internal furnishings at Canolfan Llwynhendy.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the letter be noted with pleasure.

**52. SOIL RESISTIVITY TEST  
LAND AT TIR EINON, LLANELLI**

Members received correspondence from the South Wales Wayleave Manager, Nationalgrid informing of soil resistivity testing work that was to be carried out by the earthing contractor - RINA on council land.

All work was to be completed by 4 August, 2025, and the duration of the works was expected to last no longer than a day.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and that the council publicise the intended work planned for August 2025, on its social media channels as it affected access to Tir Einon play area during the school summer holidays.

**53. 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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**54. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT  
(1) FIVE ROADS COMMUNITY HALL – 31 MARCH, 2025**

*Cllr. O. Williams declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was Chairman, Five Roads Community Hall Management Committee.*

Members were circulated with the Statement of Accounts received from the above hall management committee, and it was

**RESOLVED** that the annual grant of £400 be made to Five Roads Community Hall for the year ending 31 March, 2025.

**(2) TRALLWM COMMUNITY HALL – 31 MARCH, 2025**

Members were circulated with the Statement of Accounts received from the above hall management committee.

Following discussion, members requested a further break down for the janitorial and miscellaneous expenditure items totals and that the statement of accounts be also independently verified and signed off to reflect it reflected a true and accurate record of the hall accounts.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be held in abeyance until such time as the council had received the further information requested along with the independent witness signature being included on the revised statement.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.35 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 8 July, 2025 adopted by the Council.