

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES

At a Council Meeting hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 9 September, 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. R. Bowen, S. L. Davies, M. V. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, E. M. Evans, N. Evans, R. E. Evans, J. P. Hart, S. N. Lewis (Chairman), J. Lovell, A. G. Morgan, K. Morgan, J. S. Phillips, A. J. Rogers, W. E. Skinner and A. G. Stephens.

ABSENT: Cllrs. A. Evans, S. M. T. Ford, S. K. Nurse and O. Williams.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. D. M. Cundy.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business transacted.

Cllr. A. G. Stephens - Item 6 – personal interest

Cllr. A. G. Stephens - Item 8 – personal and prejudicial interest

3. Public Participation.

None.

4. Minutes.

(1) The following Minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings:

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(2) The following matters arising from the Minutes were noted for information:

(i) Arising out of minute no. 95(3) of the Recreation and Welfare Committee meeting on 15 July 2025, an update was provided on the official opening date of Canolfan Llwynhendy and when this was likely to take place which was dependent upon the library service being fully operational in its new digital configuration. It was estimated the new

library equipment would take up to three weeks to be delivered and installed from placing the order, which had been placed by Carmarthenshire County Council over a week ago. There was also a number of snagging issues that needed to be resolved before official hand-over of the building could take place. This was likely to push back the official opening date by a few additional weeks. An update was also provided on the completion of external landscaping works and further information about plans regarding the creation of a bump (BMX) track would be reported to the Recreation and Welfare Committee in due course.

(ii) Further to minute no. 125 of the Planning and Liaison Committee meeting on 26 August 2025, the Clerk reported that the council had received for information several objections from residents in response to the pre-application consultation exercise for the proposed solar farm off Pendderi Road, Bynea. It appeared there was widespread opposition to the proposed development. The Clerk then summarised the council's observations that had been communicated to the planning applicant's planning agents. Moreover, when it came to commenting upon the formal planning application, when it was submitted to Welsh Ministers, the council would be looking to balance the national need for the development against the overall impact on the local community.

5. Hywel Dda University Health Board – Prince Philip Hospital Minor Injury Unit (MIU) – further to Minute No. 44 (11 June, 2025, refers) – to consider correspondence received from the Government Business Team, Social Care and Early Years Group.

The correspondence was noted for the time being until such time as the Health Board had decided upon its preferred option for the future operation of the MIU, whereupon the correspondence could be reconsidered, if necessary.

6. Canolfan Llwynhendy – Parc Y Gwili – Anti Social Behaviour – further to Minute No. 95 (2) (15 July 2025, refers) - to receive a verbal update report from the Community Development Officer and Facilities Manager.

The update detailing current and planned measures to help combat the issue of vandalism at the new play area at Parc Y Gwili and also the new play area in Penygraig, Bynea was noted. It was agreed that a cost analysis be produced for presentation to the Recreation and Welfare Committee of the damage caused at both sites.

7. Welsh Rugby Union Consultation – a formal consultation and public engagement on the future structure and funding of elite rugby in Wales. To consider and discuss the potential ramifications for the Scarlets Regional Rugby Franchise:

(1) To consider supporting the Scarlets to be retained by the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) as a funded professional rugby team based in Llanelli.

It was agreed that the clerk send a letter to the Chief Executive, WRU in support of retaining the Scarlets Regional Rugby Franchise.

(2) To receive and consider email correspondence from Llanelli Town Council, regarding a campaign demonstration in support of the Scarlets to be held at Parc Y Scarlets on Saturday 27 September 2025.

Noted and that interested members participate should they wish.

8. Ymlaen Llanelli – Annual General Meeting – to receive an invitation to attend Ymlaen Llanelli's Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 16 September, 2025.

Noted and that interested members attend the annual general meeting.

9. To note for information the schedule of matters reported.

Noted.

10. Letters of appreciation.

Letters received from the following organisations were noted with thanks:

- (1) Friends of Dafen PTA;
- (2) Phoenix Theatre Group;
- (3) Royal British Legion – Llanelli Branch.

The meeting concluded at 7.01 p.m.