

19 May, 2026

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 27 – 35

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, 19 May, 2026 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

Absent: J. P. Hart

Together with representatives from Perthyn, Helen Kell and Kelly Turner.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Cllr. N. Evans deputising).

28. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in Minute No. 35 as he was a Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-vision, Llwynhendy.

29. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

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

30. PERTHYN – VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ms Kelly Turner and Ms Helen Kell, Perthyn and invited them to address members.

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Perthyn was established in 1995 operating on a ‘not-for-profit’ basis. Perthyn started providing services under the ‘All Wales Strategy’, in support of the closure of the long stay hospitals in Wales. Since then, Perthyn has built a strong reputation for providing quality person centred support with an additional specialism in supporting people with behaviours that challenge. Moreover, Perthyn delivered support services in several Welsh local authority areas for people with a learning disability while encouraging their personal independence by them moving into their own homes.

Perthyn’s vision was for people with disabilities and autism to have the right support to live lives filled with opportunities, self-determination and meaningful relationships with a real sense of belonging in the community. The aim was to deliver the right amount of individualised support so everyone, regardless of their previous opportunities or the complexities of their support, could live the life they chose, being visibly active and contributing to the community in accordance with Perthyn’s values.

Members were informed that prior to today’s presentation officers had met with representatives from Perthyn to discuss whether the council might be able to offer volunteering opportunities in the workplace. Several areas of council work had been identified where people with learning difficulties could participate while being accompanied by their support workers and these work areas were briefly outlined during the discussion.

There then followed a question-and-answer session and the chairman thanked Ms Turner and Ms Kell for the informative presentation, and it was

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and that the council enter into a partnership arrangement with Perthyn to provide voluntary opportunities in the workplace for adults with learning disabilities.

Ms Turner and Ms Kell withdrew from the meeting.

31. COMMUNITY FACILITIES – MAINTENANCE WORKS

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

**32. ASSET TRANSFER
LAND AT MAES Y GLO, BYNEA**

The matter was withdrawn.

33. 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.

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34. BYNEA COMMUNITY POOL PROJECT

Members considered correspondence from the Director, RKL Swims, requesting a letter of support from the council for the Bynea community pool project.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be noted.

35. CANOLFAN LLWYNHENDY

Cllr. A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in the following items as he was a Trustee and Treasurer, Pro-vision, Llwynhendy.

(1) CAFÉ LICENCE

Further to Minute No. 435 (17 March, 2026, refers) members considered the report of the Community Buildings Manager which sought to clarify the council's working relationship with day-to-day operations at Canolfan Llwynhendy in partnership with the café licensee. The report also clarified respective financial responsibilities.

The Community Buildings Manager had produced a 'Principles for Working Together' document which outlined the costs to be considered for the café licence, as well as outlining how the council and café licensee would work together in terms of bookings and events, to ensure the ongoing success of the facility and the café offer. It was suggested this document should be read in conjunction with the licence agreement for the café at Canolfan Llwynhendy to provide an overview of the opportunity.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The "Principles of Working Together" document be adopted and that it should form the basis of the initial operating arrangements between the centre and café and that the document be presented to the parties who remain interested in the café licence.
2. A further meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Sub-Committee and interested parties be convened as soon as practicable, with a view to the café becoming operational during the late summer 2026.
3. The operating principles and lease arrangements between the café operator and the council would be subject to annual review to ensure continued effectiveness, financial sustainability and alignment with operational requirements and community needs.

(2) FIRE DAMAGE

Members received a detailed report from the Governance and Projects Manager informing of fire damage at Canolfan Llwynhendy that occurred on Friday, 8 May, 2026.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

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RESOLVED that:

1. The report content be noted with concern.
2. An insurance claim be submitted to the council's insurers for damage repairs.
3. A review of the council's out-of-hours emergency response arrangements, alarm monitoring systems and associated service contracts be authorised including publicising the emergency service contact information more prominently on the Canolfan and on the council's website and answer phone service. Furthermore, that additional CCTV signage be erected on the Canolfan.
4. A public consultation meeting be arranged involving local ward members to engage with members of the public and youth to discuss keeping both the building and communal areas safe from harm. This could take the form of an open day at the Canolfan and or combined with further planned consultation in the area to be facilitated by the Community Development Officer over the summer. Furthermore, the local ward members investigate separate arrangements to visit local schools.
5. Local ward members engage the support of the local police and PCSO's to tackle anti-social behaviour in the vicinity and in parallel officers explore the opportunity to commence a youth club service at the centre to be commissioned and provided by other third-party stakeholders holding an interest in the building.
6. Officers generally review the council's other community facilities to assess resilience against malicious damage, including arson with the outcome being reported to a future meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.10 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 9 June, 2026 adopted by the Council.