28 October, 2026

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 215 – 221

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 28 October, 2026 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. N. Evans (Vice - Chairman (in the chair))

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies R. E. Evans
S. L. Davies S. N. Lewis
T. M. Donoghue K. Morgan
J. S. Phillips

Absent: A. Evans, S. K. Nurse

215. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A. G. Morgan.

216. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

217. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the committee income and expenditure reports for the Administration Department, Burial Services and the Training Department to 31 August, 2026 be noted.

218. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the schedules of payments for the Administration Department, Burial Services and the Training Department for August 2026 (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £159,460.50; £3,578.91 and £91,411.76 respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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219. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to applications received for financial assistances and it was

RESOLVED that:
1. Llanelli Men's and Hen's Shed – that a contribution of £100 be made.
2. Llanelli Sea Cadets – that a contribution of £100 be made.

220. 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.

221. CLOUD-BASED TELEPHONE SYSTEM – QUOTATION ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION OF PREFERRED PROVIDER

Members received and considered the report of the Governance and Projects Manager regarding the competitive quotation exercise undertaken for the provision of a cloud-based telephone system. The report outlined the need to replace the Council's existing telephony arrangements in advance of the withdrawal of legacy telecommunications services and detailed the evaluation of quotations received from Onecom, BlueSky UC, Blossom Connect and Pisys.net Ltd.

Members noted that all four suppliers were capable of providing a compliant cloud-based solution; however, the assessment identified differences in whole-life cost, functionality, customer support arrangements, resilience and business continuity provisions. BlueSky UC submitted the lowest compliant quotation at £312 per month plus VAT over a 60-month period, representing a total contract value of £18,720 excluding VAT. The proposal was considered to offer the most advantageous balance of cost, functionality, local support, accountability and service assurance.

RESOLVED that BlueSky Unified Communications Limited be approved as the Council's preferred provider at a cost of £312 per month plus VAT for a period of 60 months, subject to satisfactory completion of all necessary checks be accepted. Total contract value is £18,720.00. Furthermore, Officers be authorised to finalise the necessary contractual, technical and implementation arrangements.

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The meeting concluded at 4.55 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 10 November, 2026, adopted by the Council.