

**12 May, 2015.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 1 – 9**

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 12 May, 2015, at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. L. J. Butler (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

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| L. A. Beer     | H. J. Evans    |
| T. Bowen       | R. E. Evans    |
| S. M. Caiach   | T. J. Jones    |
| D. M. Cundy    | A. G. Morgan   |
| M. V. Davies   | J. S. Phillips |
| S. M. Donoghue | C. A. Rees     |

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, S. L. Davies, T. Devichand, M. L. Evans, S. N. Lewis, A. J. Rogers, W. V. Thomas and G. H. Wooldridge.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

The Chairman, Cllr. L. J. Butler welcomed Members and guests to the meeting and reflected on the past year with immense pleasure; she stated it was a proud moment in her life.

Cllr. Butler revealed that it was a great honour to be appointed civic leader but it could also be a great challenge and recalled how she felt last year after taking on the role; she remembered feeling nervous but very excited.

Cllr. Butler reflected on the Council's services over the last 12 months referring to the positive developments initiated by the Council during her time in office. Cllr. Butler referred to the transfer of community facilities from Carmarthenshire County Council in support of the County Council's Asset Transfer Programme. The progress had been slow because of legal issues but it was very pleasing that the Council had managed to transfer Bryngolau Play Area in Dafen and had just recently completed the transfer of Swiss Valley Play Area. The Council had put together a capital scheme of £81,000 to provide the play area with brand new play equipment and safety surfacing.

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Cllr. Butler then referred to the Council's aim to actively encourage community development and in November the Council approved the creation of a Whole Place Plan and the creation of a new post of Community Development Officer as a means of working far more closely with the community.

Cllr. Butler thanked Mr R. Butler for serving as her Consort and for his support during the past year. She also thanked Cllr. M. V. Davies for serving in his capacity as Vice Chairman to whom she extended good wishes for the year ahead. Furthermore, she extended thanks to the Chairman and Consort, Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Town Mayor and Mayoress and to all other civic dignitaries who she had worked with during the civic year.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. Butlers' remarks be noted.

#### **4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. L. J. Butler invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. A. G. Morgan, seconded by Cllr. R. E. Evans, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. M. V. Davies be and, is hereby, appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2015/2016.

The Past Chairman invested the Chairman and Consort, Ms R. Thomas with the Chains of Office.

#### **5. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chairman having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office stated that he wished to maintain the high standards of previous Chairmen and would represent the Council in a positive and professional manner and both he and his Consort were looking forward to the year ahead.

Cllr. Davies conveyed his congratulations to the newly elected Mayor for Llanelli Town Council, Cllr. S. Najmi and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council, Cllr. P. Hughes-Griffiths and he looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring Councils.

Cllr. Davies thanked his guests for their support during the evening.

#### **6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Cllr. T. J. Jones, seconded by Cllr. J. S. Phillips, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. S. M. Donoghue be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2015/2016.

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The Chairman, Cllr. M. V. Davies invested the Vice-Chairman and Consort, Mrs M. Donoghue with the Chains of Office and wished them well during their term of office.

**7. VICE-CHAIRMAN’S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Vice-Chairman having made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, stated that it was a privilege to be able to accept such an honour and assured that both he and his Consort would fully support the Chairman in his year of Office.

**8. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS**

Cllr. M. V. Davies presented Cllr. L. J. Butler with the Past Chairman’s medallion together with a bouquet and Mr R. Butler with the Past Chairman’s Consort’s medallion.

**9. ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr. C. A. Rees, seconded by Cllr. A. G. Morgan it was

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Meeting stand adjourned until Thursday, 14 May, 2015 at 6.00 pm.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.30 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, 2015, adopted by the Council.