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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 1 – 13**

At the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 14 May, 2024, at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. J. S. Phillips (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. R. Bowen	R. E. Evans
D. M. Cundy	J. P. Hart
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
T. M. Donoghue	A. J. Rogers
A. Evans	W. E. Skinner
E. M. Evans	A. G. Stephens
N. Evans	N. A. Stephens
B. M. Williams	

**Absent:** S. K. Nurse

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. T. Ford and O. Williams.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

The Chairman, Cllr. J. S. Phillips welcomed members and guests to the meeting and reflected on the past year. Cllr. Phillips was very proud of being the Council's Chairman and it had been an honour and privilege to have performed the role.

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Cllr. Phillips spoke about the many events she had participated in during the year with her attending over 104 engagements, and that it had been a very busy but enjoyable and memorable year.

However, two events were deserving of special mention; firstly Ysgol Heol Goffa's prize giving day, where she was overwhelmed by the love and happiness that emanated from the pupils and staff. It was a humbling experience, more so in light of being able to share in a special moment when it was announced that a former pupil of Pwll Primary School had been nominated as head boy.

The second event took place at Prince Philip Hospital. The council had previously made a major contribution towards the creation of a new reflection garden and which was unveiled on 26 July, 2024. The sculpture in the centre of the garden was by Leigh Odishow and was called 'Touch of Hope'. It captured a touching moment during the pandemic when a grandfather who was a patient at the hospital and his grandson were witnessed trying to communicate through the hospital window by pointing their fingers to reach out to one another as they were prevented from physical contact during this unprecedented time. This was particularly poignant in light of the grandfather passing away soon after.

Cllr. Phillips then referred to the charity fundraising event she had organised in support of The Phil Bennett Foundation and Ty Bryngwyn Hospice in Llanelli. The event had raised £3,000 in total with the proceeds being shared equally between the two charities.

She also referred to the excellent work performed by the council over the last 12 months and what the council had achieved during her term of office. She was particularly proud of the various organisations that the council worked with and thanked them for their support. She also 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.

In closing Cllr. Phillips paid tribute to the valued support provided to her throughout the year by the Council's staff and then wished the Chairman Elect, Cllr. Martin V. Davies and his Consort Ms Ruth Thomas every success for the year ahead and it was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. Phillips remarks be noted.

## **5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. J. S. Phillips invited nominations for the election of Chairman. It was moved by Cllr. A. Evans, seconded by Cllr. J. P. Hart, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. M. V. Davies, is hereby, appointed Chairman of Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

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**6. 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 Chairman and would represent the council in a positive and professional manner and both he and his consort Ms Ruth Thomas were looking forward to the year ahead.

Cllr. Davies conveyed his congratulations to the Mayor for Llanelli Town Council and to the incoming Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council and he looked forward to working with all the civic dignitaries of neighbouring councils.

Cllr. Davies thanked members and his personal guests for supporting him during the evening.

**7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Cllr. A. J. Rogers, seconded by Cllr. N. A. Stephens, and was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. S. N. Lewis be and, is hereby, appointed as Vice-Chairman of Council for the municipal year 2024/25.

The Vice-Chairman was invested with the Chains of Office by Cllr. Davies who wished her well during her term of office and thanked her in anticipation of her support.

**8. VICE-CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Vice-Chairman having made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office remarked it was a privilege to be able to accept such an honour and stated both she and her consort Cllr. W. E. Skinner would fully support the Chairman during his term of office.

**9. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS AND BOUQUETS**

Cllr. M. V. Davies presented Cllr. J. S. Phillips with the Past Chairman's medallion and a bouquet and Cllr. A. G. Stephens with the Past Chairman's Consort's medallion.

*Cllr S. L. Davies having participated in the proceedings via teleconference left the meeting at this juncture.*

**10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr. N. Evans, seconded by Cllr. D. M. Cundy, it was

**RESOLVED** that there be a short adjournment in proceedings for the Chairman's personal guests to vacate the council chamber. Following which the council would then immediately reconvene to determine the remainder of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

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11. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**RESOLVED** that members be appointed to the under-mentioned committees together with confirmation of the respective nominations of chairman and vice-chairman for each committee as follows:

Finance and General Purposes:

Members:

M. V. Davies	Hengoed
S. L. Davies	Pemberton
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Dafen
R. E. Evans	Dafen
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed
N. A. Stephens	Dafen

Chairman of Committee:

A. G. Morgan

Vice-Chairman of Committee

T. M. Donoghue

Recreation and Welfare:

D. M. Cundy	Bynea
M. V. Davies	Chairman of Council
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
E. M. Evans	Felinfoel
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
A. G. Morgan	Swiss Valley
J. S. Phillips	Hengoed
A. J. Rogers	Dafen
W. E. Skinner	Hengoed
A. G. Stephens	Pemberton
O. Williams	Glyn

Chairman of Committee:

D. M. Cundy

Vice-Chairman of Committee

A. J. Rogers

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Planning and Liaison:

Members:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
M. V. Davies	Hengoed
S. L. Davies	Pemberton
E. M. Evans	Felinfoel
S. M. T. Ford	Bynea
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
S. K. Nurse	Pemberton
A. J. Rogers	Dafen
N. A. Stephens	Dafen
B. M. Williams	Hengoed
O. Williams	Glyn

Chairman of Committee:  
Vice-Chairman of Committee

A. J. Rogers  
E. M. Evans

Policy and Resources:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
D. M. Cundy	Bynea
M. V. Davies	Chairman of Council
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Felinfoel
R. E. Evans	Dafen
S. M. T. Ford	Bynea
J. P. Hart	Pemberton
S. N. Lewis	Dafen
W. E. Skinner	Hengoed
A. G. Stephens	Pemberton
B. M. Williams	Hengoed

Chairman of Committee:  
Vice-Chairman of Committee

R. E. Evans  
N. Evans

Civic and Ceremonial:

M. V. Davies  
S. L. Davies  
S. N. Lewis  
A. G. Morgan  
J. S. Phillips

Chairman of Committee:  
Vice-Chairman of Committee

J. S. Phillips  
A. G. Morgan

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Learning and Development Consultative  
Committee:

Members:

S. R. Bowen	Swiss Valley
D. M. Cundy	Bynea
M. V. Davies	Chairman of Council
T. M. Donoghue	Bynea
A. Evans	Glyn
N. Evans	Felinfoel
R. E. Evans	Dafen
S. N. Lewis	Leader of Council
N. A. Stephens	Dafen

Chairman of Committee:  
Vice-Chairman of Committee

S. R. Bowen  
N. A. Stephens

In accordance with Standing Order No. 39, members serving on any of the council's committees were given discretionary powers to appoint a deputy to attend in their stead, except for the Civic and Ceremonial Committee.

**12. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES  
AND ORGANISATIONS**

**RESOLVED** that the following members be appointed to represent the council on the under-mentioned committees, bodies or organisations:-

Members:

Carmarthenshire Tourism  
Association

A. Evans

CETMA/Llanellitown.com

A. G. Stephens

Friends of Llanelli Museum

B. M. Williams

Governing Bodies:

Primary Schools:

Bryn  
Brynsierfel  
Bynea  
Dafen  
Five Roads  
Furnace  
Halfway  
Ponthenri  
Pontyates  
Pwll  
St. Mary's Catholic  
Swiss Valley

Llangennech Community Council  
J. P. Hart  
T. M. Donoghue  
N. A. Stephens  
O. Williams  
J. S. Phillips  
S. N. Lewis  
Federation appointment  
A. Evans  
J. S. Phillips  
A. J. Rogers  
S. R. Bowen

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Governing Bodies:

Primary Schools:

Ysgol Brynteg	J. P. Hart
Ysgol-y-Felin	E. M. Evans
Heart of Wales Line Forum	D. M. Cundy
Links	B. M. Williams
Llanelli and District Civic Society	A. J. Rogers
Llanelli and District Flood Forum	D. M. Cundy W. E. Skinner
Llanelli and District Shopmobility	R. E. Evans
Llanelli and District Talking Newspaper Association	S. N. Lewis A. J. Rogers
Llanelli and District Twinning Association	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce	W. E. Skinner
Llanelli Fair Trade Group	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Guide Dogs for the Blind	T. M. Donoghue
Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee	T. M. Donoghue N. Evans S. N. Lewis J. S. Phillips A. J. Rogers
Llanelli Railway Strike Riots 1911 Commemorative Committee	T. M. Donoghue W. E. Skinner
Ty Bryngwyn Hospice Fundraising Committee	S. R. Bowen J. S. Phillips A. J. Rogers

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**13. ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL STATUS**

**RESOLVED** that it be reaffirmed the council was an eligible community council for the purpose of using the General Power of Competence in light of the council continuing to meet the eligibility criteria.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.31 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 11 June, 2024, adopted by the Council.