

14 January, 2025

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 287 – 294

At the **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 14 January, 2025, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

Absent: S. M. T. Ford, S. K. Nurse

287. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The chairman wished members and staff a Happy New Year.

288. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A. J. Rogers.

289. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

290. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

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291. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated to members) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings:

Council	10 December, 2024
Civic and Ceremonial	16 December, 2024
Planning and Liaison Committee	16 December, 2024
Recreation and Welfare Committee	17 December, 2024
Policy and Resources Committee	18 December, 2024
Planning and Liaison Committee	8 January, 2025

292. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN ELECT AND VICE CHAIRMAN ELECT

Pursuant to Minute No. 261, it was

RESOLVED that the following recommendation of the Civic and Ceremonial Committee be noted and accepted:-

“RECOMMENDED that:

- 1. Cllr. S. N. Lewis be confirmed as the Chairman Elect of Council with her Consort being Cllr. W. E. Skinner for the ensuing municipal year.*
- 2. Cllr. T. M. Donoghue be confirmed as the Vice Chairman Elect of Council for the ensuing municipal year with her Consort being Mr S. M. Donoghue for the ensuing municipal year.”*

293. NOTICE OF VACANCY – HENGOED WARD

Further to Minute No 171, members received correspondence from the Electoral Services Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the statutory request from ten electors requesting that the casual vacancy in the Hengoed Ward be filled by election.

The Notice of Election would be published on 16 January, 2025, and if contested the election would be held on 20 February, 2025.

The Officer enquired if the council would like to issue poll cards in the event that the election was contested. There was no statutory requirement for poll cards to be issued and so they would only be issued at the request of the council. The estimated cost of providing poll cards for the election in Hengoed ward was £3856.06.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted and that poll cards be issued to residents in the event of the election being contested.

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294. THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Further to Minute No. 280, members received the Finance and Governance Toolkit which had been prepared by the Finance and Governance Working Group.

Community and Town Councils were responsible and accountable for the conduct of public business and for spending public money. By law, councils needed to ensure they safeguarded, properly accounted for, and used public money they had been entrusted with economically, efficiently and effectively.

All councils were expected to have high standards of stewardship, this began with compliance with legal requirements but over and above this it was about achieving the best outcomes for the people and communities the council served.

The toolkit helped the council assess whether the council was meeting certain statutory requirements that external auditors and the public would expect to see. It was about providing assurance that the council was operating effectively.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the completion of the Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Council be noted and accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.18 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 February, 2025 adopted by the Council.