

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES

At a Council Meeting hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 11 February, 2025 at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. R. Bowen, D. M. Cundy, M. V. Davies (Chairman), S. L. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, A. Evans, E. M. Evans, N. Evans, R. E. Evans, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan, J. S. Phillips, A. J. Rogers, W. E. Skinner, A. G. Stephens and O. Williams

ABSENT: Cllrs. S. M. T. Ford and S. K. Nurse.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. J. P. Hart.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business transacted.

None.

3. Public Participation.

None.

4. Minutes.

(1) The following Minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings:

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(2) The following matters arising from the Minutes were noted for information:

No matters arising to report.

5. Budget preparations 2025/26 - to receive and consider the following notice of motion submitted by Cllr S. L. Davies:

“Given the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, it is essential that this Council exercises responsible financial management by prioritising core services and reducing non-essential spending.

“The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales did not mandate or recommend that Community Councils introduce attendance payments; it simply allowed them the discretion to do so, up to a maximum of £30 per meeting.

“While this administration chose a £15 per meeting payment rather than the £30 adopted by Llanelli Town Council the current financial pressures make it necessary to identify savings and limit any further increases to the precept.

“For decades, the role of a Llanelli Rural Councillor was understood to be voluntary. In recognition of the financial difficulties facing our community, this motion proposes a return to this principle by removing the £15 per meeting attendance payment.”

Following a recorded vote whereby there were four votes in favour of the motion; 11 votes not in favour of the motion and one abstention the motion was not carried in light of the fact that the attendance allowance was a discretionary payment which individual members did not have to claim. Moreover, under the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’ remuneration framework for community and town councils, members may elect to decline to receive, part or all of the payments contained in the remuneration framework if they so wish.

6. Llanelli Unites – Conference Report – to receive correspondence from the Chair, Llanelli Unites enclosing a report from a recently held conference together with a request for a formal meeting with the council and to agree the council’s response.

Noted.

7. Schedule of matters reported.

Noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.37 p.m.