

18 June, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 100 – 108

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 18 June, 2014 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	G. N. R. Edwards
L. A. Beer	H. J. Evans
M. V. Davies	M. L. Evans
S. L. Davies	R. E. Evans
A. J. Rogers	

100. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced that former Council Chairman, Mr Donald Davies, had passed away. As a mark of respect, Members and Officers stood in silent tribute.

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Bowen, L. J. Butler, T. Devichand (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising), C. A. Rees (Cllr. F. Akhtar deputising), A. G. Morgan (Cllr. M. V. Davies deputising) and G. H. Wooldridge (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

102. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) HUMAN RESOURCES

RESOLVED that the Chairman of Committee, Leader of Council and Cllr. L. A. Beer, be appointed.

(2) APPEALS

RESOLVED that the Chairman of Council, the Deputy Leader of Council and A. J. Rogers, be appointed.

103. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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104. ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Members considered the draft consultation document from the Scrutiny, Democracy and Participation Team, Welsh Government.

In accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, Sections 55 to 58 of the Act were concerned with access to information about Community and Town Councils. The Act required Community and Town Councils to have websites; publish notices and papers electronically; and to publish their register of Members' interests electronically.

The Council must publish electronically information about each of its members, including a list of council members, each member's name, their contact details, political affiliation (if any) and any office held or committee they belong to within the Council. If the community concerned was divided into community wards, the ward each member represents must be shown.

The Council must also publish electronically the following:-

- Minutes of meetings;
- audited accounts;
- public notices; and
- notices of meetings.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk responds to the set of accompanying consultation questions with them being returned to the Scrutiny, Democracy and Participation Team, Welsh Government, indicating full support for the proposals.

105. PUBLIC HEALTH WHITE PAPER LISTENING TO YOU: YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Members considered a consultation document from the Head of Health Protection Division, Welsh Government.

On 2 April, 2014, the Welsh Government published a consultation document on the Public Health White Paper which set out a series of proposals for legislation to help further improve and protect people's health and wellbeing in Wales.

Chapter 5 of the White Paper asked for views on the proposal to place a duty on each local authority (County Council) to develop a strategy on the provision of and access to toilets for public use in their area.

Following discussion, during which Members raised general concerns and issues regarding public toilet provision it was

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RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to complete the accompanying consultation questions articulating Members' views and observations while confirming the Council's general support for a duty to be placed on local authorities to develop a strategy for the provision of and access to toilets for public use in their area.

106. DYFED POWYS PUBLIC INVITED TO BE THE JUDGE

Members received correspondence from the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, requesting the Council's response to how local justice was delivered for minor offences.

The Commissioner was keen to garner community views as to how offences such as minor criminal damage and low value theft could be dealt with. A recent change in the law allowed victims to have a say in the punishment of their offender.

The new community remedy would be introduced across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys this autumn. Victims would choose a punishment from a list of options. It was hoped the community remedy would deliver swift justice and see minor offending nipped in the bud.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that an invitation be sent to the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the initiative in further detail.

107. 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.

108. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

Members were circulated with a letter from the Pensions Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the employers contribution rate payments from April 2015 through to March 2018.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.30 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 8 July, 2014, adopted by the Council.