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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 213 – 220

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, 21 October, 2015 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs

T. Bowen	R. E. Evans
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	J. S. Phillips
T. Devichand	C. A. Rees
H. J. Evans	A. J. Rogers

213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, S. M. Donoghue (Cllr. T. Bowen deputising) and T. J. Jones (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

214. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

215. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PANEL

Members considered a request from Cllr. S. N. Lewis proposing that the Community Development Grants Panel money be shared equally between the Council's seven wards, with the ward Councillors and Community Development Officer deciding who qualified for the grant.

Members considered the merits and demerits of ring fencing money to electoral wards and felt this would make the scheme too inflexible to facilitate a sustainable policy. However, Members were minded to carry out a general review of the scheme and general policy in twelve months' time to ensure it remained effective and it was

RESOLVED that the proposal be refused and that a general review of the scheme and policy be programmed before the Grants Panel meets in 2016.

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216. SERVICE PLANS 2015/16

Members considered the half yearly report on the Council's Service Plans for 2015/16 which reviewed the key objectives and targets of the wide ranging services provided for the following groups:-

- Administrative Services;
- Community Services;
- Recreation and Leisure Services; and
- Training Services.

RESOLVED that the Service Plans be accepted.

**217. SHARED PURPOSE: SHARED FUTURE
DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR THE WELL-BEING
OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

Members considered a consultation document from the Director of Local Government, Welsh Government on the Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The draft statutory guidance was aimed at those community and town councils that would be subject to the duty to take all reasonable steps to meet the objectives set out in a well-being plan.

The guidance provided a step-by-step guide of the actions public bodies, public services boards and community councils must follow in order to comply with their duties under the Act and to successfully implement the Act.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk responds to the consultation document highlighting Members views and observations and that the response reflects any learning points garnered by the Clerk from the workshop event being held in Swansea on 22 October.

218. DAFEN POST OFFICE

Further to Minute No. 201(4), Members received email correspondence from the Programme Correspondence Team, Post Office in reply to the Clerk's email dated 28 September, 2015.

The Programme Correspondence Team confirmed that the proposals for Dafen Post Office did include customer level access. This would improve access for customers that used wheelchairs and mothers with pushchairs. Members' comments regarding the possibility of designating car park bays for customer use in the nearby car park fronting Dyfed Steels, had been noted.

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Members were informed the consultation period ended on 30 September, 2015. The Post Office was now undertaking a final review of the correspondence that had been received. Once the final decision had been made, information posters would be erected in the branch.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

219. 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.

220. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 10:2015 be accepted.

During discussion of the above, Cllrs. D. M. Cundy, T. Devichand, H. J. Evans and A. J. Rogers left the meeting to attend another engagement.

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The meeting concluded at 6.00 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 10 November, 2015, adopted by the Council.