

21 December, 2015.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 336 – 343

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Monday, 21 December, 2015, at 4.55 p.m.

Present: Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	S. L. Davies
D. M. Cundy	T. Devichand
M. V. Davies	J. S. Phillips
W. V. Thomas	

Absent: L. A. Beer, T. Bowen and T. J. Jones

336. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. J. Rogers (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising) and C. A. Rees (Cllr. J. S. Phillips deputising).

337. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

338. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 30 November, 2015, be noted.

339. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for November 2015, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £156,308.50 and £145,317.07 respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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340. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters 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.

**341. TRAINING DEPARTMENT
PRINCE'S TRUST TEAM PROGRAMME**

Members considered the report of the Training Manager seeking agreement for the Training Department to deliver the Prince's Trust Team Programme from April 2016.

The Prince's Trust Team Programme was well established in Wales. The programme was directly funded in Carmarthenshire through a direct Work Based Learning (WBL) contract up until 2014. The funding was not renewed as a result of the most recent WBL tender. The Prince's Trust had received financial support from the Queens' Trust which would remain in place until 2019.

Up to 15 candidates would undertake a structured programme delivered over a period of 12 weeks and it was anticipated that three programmes would be run per year. The training department would receive funding in addition to the normal Work Based Learning funding for the candidates. For 2016/17 the funding would be in the region of £850 per candidate, each programme therefore could generate £12,750 of additional funding directly from the Prince's Trust.

In order to run the programme, the training department would have to own or have access to a minibus and this cost would have to be borne by the department. There was a possibility of a £3,000 start-up grant which could reduce the outlay.

The Prince's Trust Team had an excellent reputation within the community. Offering the programme as part of the training department's Youth Training Provision would enhance the training department's portfolio. With delivery being offered throughout Carmarthenshire the department would be able to build additional value into the existing Work Based Learning contract.

Following discussion, whereby Members considered options regarding the acquisition methods for sourcing a minibus, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. Agreement be given to the Training Department to deliver the Prince's Trust Team Programme in 2016/17.
2. A further report be presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on options for sourcing the minibus.

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342. DAMAGE TO VEHICLE

Members received correspondence from SNL reporting vehicle damage sustained when a weatherboard had detached itself from Dafen Community Hall during the recent high winds. A quotation was obtained for the repair work and SNL enquired whether the Council would consider paying for the necessary repairs.

Members were informed that advice had been sought from the Council's insurers and although not covered by the Council's insurance policy because the amount claimed was less than the amount of excess included on the insurance policy; the advice suggested the Council might wish to offer some sort of financial compensation given the circumstances and the nature of the event and it was

RESOLVED that as a gesture of goodwill the cost of the repairs priced at £175 be met by Llanelli Rural Council.

343. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.20 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 12 January, 2016, adopted by the Council.