

25 March, 2015.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 447 – 455

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 Wednesday, 25 March, 2015, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	S. N. Lewis
M. L. Evans	W. V. Thomas

Absent: T. Devichand

447. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, L. J. Butler, D. M. Cundy, M. V. Davies (Cllr. M. L. Evans deputising), T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees and A. J. Rogers (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising).

448. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

449. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 28 February, 2015, be noted.

450. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for January and February 2015, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £131,088.95 and £163,197.86 and £119,586.54 and £111,943.10 respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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451. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (WALES) REGULATIONS 2014

Members received correspondence from the Local Government Finance and Performance, Welsh Government, informing that The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 replaced the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (“the 2005 Regulations”) along with other related amending Regulations.

The 2014 Regulations had provided an opportunity to review, update and consolidate the regulatory regime underpinning local government bodies’ financial reporting and accounting. The changes made included consolidation of all previous amendments, definition of smaller and larger relevant bodies to improve clarity of the requirements for smaller and larger relevant bodies. The threshold for defining a smaller relevant body had been increased to £2.5 million. The Regulations would come into force on 31 March, 2015 and would apply to the current financial year as well as to subsequent ones.

Consequently, the Council would be defined as a “smaller relevant body” under the Regulations as its gross income or expenditure was not more than £2.5 million in the year of account or in either of the two preceding years; the gross income for 2013/14 was £2.25 million.

The main changes to the accounting policies under the 2014 Regulations were:

An Annual Return would be made to the external auditors in lieu of an inspection of the accounts;
the accounting statement would be presented to Council and not to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

452. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to applications received for financial assistance and it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Children’s Therapy Centre Wales – that a contribution of £95 be made;
- (2) Cruse Bereavement Care - that a contribution of £250 be made;
- (3) Home Start - that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (4) Ll. A. S. B. A. H. - that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (5) Llanelli Rambler Festival of Walks 2015 - that a contribution of £95 be made;
- (6) LlanelliTown - that a contribution of £95.00 be made;
- (7) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod - that a contribution of £95 be made;
- (8) National Eisteddfod - that a contribution of £95 be made;
- (9) South Wales Junior Cricket League – that a contribution of £95 be made;
- (10) Teenage Cancer Trust - that a contribution of £500 be made;
- (11) Urdd Gobaith Cymru - that a contribution of £95 be made.

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453. 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.

**454. BARCLAYS
E-PAYMENTS PLAN**

Members received correspondence from the Business Manager, Barclays, confirming that the Council’s account had changed to the e-Payments Plan with effect from 6 March, 2016. The account change would result in a considerable reduction in bank charges.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**455. TRAINING DEPARTMENT
LICENCE AGREEMENT**

Members considered licence agreements received from the Centre for Business and Social Action Ltd (CBSA) from 1 April, 2015, to 31 March, 2016, for the following facilities:-

1. Unit 8, The Foothold Enterprise Village;
2. ‘The Cottage’, Stebonheath Business Centre;
3. Room 702G, Stebonheath Business Centre;
4. Room 712, Stebonheath Business Centre’

There was no licence fee to be charged for facility 1 with no increase in the licence fees for facilities 2 – 4.

RESOLVED that the Licence Agreements be accepted.

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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 14 April, 2015, adopted by the Council.