

26 October, 2016.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 259 – 266

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, 26 October, 2016, at 4.30 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	T. Devichand
D. M. Cundy	J. S. Phillips
M. V. Davies	C. A. Rees
S. L. Davies	A. J. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

259. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, L. J. Butler (Cllr. J. S. Phillips deputising) and S. M. Donoghue (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising).

260. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

261. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the committee reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 30 September, 2016, be noted.

262. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for September 2016, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £165,133.09 and £138,480.29 respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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**263. TRAINING PROGRAMMES - CONTRACT VALUES
2016/17**

RESOLVED that the contract values report covering the period 1 August, 2016 to 31 July, 2017 be noted.

264. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to an application received for financial assistance from Ysgol Y Strade. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that that a contribution of £50 be made.

265. 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.

266. CAPITAL WORKS 2016/17

Members considered the report of the Cemetery Manager informing Members of the outcome of the tendering process for the refurbishment of the White Lion Depot and the professional views on the options available. An appraisal on the phasing of roof works at Vauxhall Buildings and an update on the culmination of the lift project at Vauxhall Buildings was also given.

(1) REFURBISHMENT OF WHITE LION DEPOT

Further to Minute No. 398 (10 February, 2016), it was recommended to defer the refurbishment programme at the White Lion Depot and to consider and investigate all options available to the Council.

(2) ROOFING WORKS – VAUXHALL BUILDINGS

Further to Minute No. 153, the Cemetery Manager informed Members that the Architects had completed a measured survey and initial briefing meetings had taken place. Further engineer reports would be required to confirm the structural requirements of the building as well as the condition and suitability of the foundations to support the additional weight of the new roof structure. It would be prudent to complete the works on both pitched roof structures at the same time. Savings would be evident on economy of scale for material purchase and scaffolding costs.

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(3) LIFT INSTALLATION AND ACCESS RAMP PROJECT AT VAUXHALL BUILDINGS

Further to Minute No. 221, the Cemetery Manager updated Members with the lift installation and access ramp project at Vauxhall Buildings stating that the completion date for the programme had been extended by two weeks to 14 November, 2016, due to additional works and measuring calculations of the access ramp handrail.

RESOLVED that:

1. The re-cladding works to the White Lion Depot be deferred;
2. The terms of the lease of White Lion Depot be discussed with the landlord's agent with a view of breaking the lease at the next rent review. Also, to discuss the landlord's intention for the future of the site which could affect the Council's obligations;
3. The budget of £35,000 plus the balance of £1650 for architects fees be vired from White Lion Depot to the roofing project at Vauxhall Buildings;
4. The information on the lift installation and access ramp project at Vauxhall Buildings be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 4.55 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 November, 2016, adopted by the Council.