

16 March, 2011.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 485 – 489

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, 16 March, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. D. Bowen (Vice-Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	T. Rh. Ifan
H. J. Evans	A. G. Morgan
A. C. Thomas	

485. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. J. Davies, S. L. Davies, T. Devichand, T. J. Jones and V. R. Thomas.

486. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

487. YNNI'R FRO PROGRAMME

Members considered correspondence from the Assistant Programme Manager, Energy Saving Trust, inviting the Council to comment upon the Welsh Assembly Government's Ynni'r Fro Programme.

The programme aimed to promote and develop community scale renewable energy. The company would support social enterprises to develop their own installation that would then generate a sustainable, long term income. As a result of Ynni'r Fro there would be at least 22 community scale renewable energy projects being developed and built in Wales by 2014.

The writer stated it was important for community groups to engage with the local community from an early stage. The Energy Saving Trust wanted to ensure this was possible for all parties involved and Town and Community Councils could play an important role in aiding the engagement process. In terms of the support provided by the Trust, projects could expect to benefit from:

- Technical support through a network of Development Officers;
- Preparatory stage grants including funding for studies and other pre-planning costs up to £30,000; and

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- Capital grants/loans of up to £300,000 towards the cost of a project; and it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

488. 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.

489. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that report item 4 be the subject of a further report to committee in due course.

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The meeting concluded at 5.10 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 April, 2011, adopted by the Council.