

**16 November, 2011.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 276 – 285**

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 November, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:**

**Cllrs.**

T. D. Bowen	A. G. Morgan
M. L. Davies	B. C. M. Reynolds
H. J. Evans	A. C. Thomas
S. N. Lewis	G. H. Wooldridge

**276. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. A. G. Morgan be appointed Chairman Pro-tempore.

**277. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of Ms Joan Pugsley, Mother-in-law of Mr W. Lloyd. Members and Officers thereupon stood in silent tribute.

**278. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D. J. Davies (Cllr. T. D. Bowen deputising), M. V. Davies, S. M. Donoghue, T. Rh. Ifan and C. A. Rees.

**279. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**280. GRANTS TO SPORTING ORGANISATIONS**

Further to Minute No. 231, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which referred to the following recommendation of a meeting of the Recreation and Welfare Committee held on 18 October, 2011.

“RECOMMENDED that the Policy and Resources Committee be requested to generally review the Council's grants allocation policy to sporting organisations”.

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The report detailed the level of grants made annually to the individual clubs as detailed below;

Dafen Cricket and Football Clubs	-	£600 each
Pwll Cricket and Football Clubs	-	£600 each
Trallwm Football Club	-	£600
Dafen Crusaders and Welfare Bowls Clubs	-	£300 each

The Chairman of Council officially presenting the grant when attending events hosted by the recipients.

**RESOLVED** that the policy of allocating grants to sporting organisations continue with the proviso that copy invoices for ground fees be submitted with applications in future.

**281. JOINT WORKING – WINTER PREPAREDNESS**

Correspondence was received from the Head of Street Scene, Carmarthenshire County Council, asking for potential help with labour resources in dealing with severe weather.

As a result of the difficult conditions experienced over the last three winters, the writer was asking all town and community councils in Carmarthenshire with a view to putting in place appropriate contingency measures in preparation for the coming winter should we experience another period of severe weather.

The writer was enquiring if the Council had a directly employed labour resource and whether it was prepared to make that resource available to the County Council on request, free of charge, at times of emergencies such as the snow event experienced last January.

**RESOLVED** that the correspondence be noted.

**282. INDUSTRIAL ACTION**

Members considered a letter from the Regional Secretary, Unison informing of the notice to the employer of an official industrial ballot. Unison despatched ballot papers on 11 October, 2011, to its members regarding balloting in relation to a trade dispute over changes to Local Government pensions. If successful, industrial action would take place on Wednesday, 30 November, 2011.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**283. 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.

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**284. STAFFING MATTERS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report be accepted.

**285. TRAINING VEHICLE**

Members considered the report of the Training Manager informing of the requirements to purchase a new training vehicle for the LGV Class 2 training that was undertaken 'in house'.

**RESOLVED** that the Class 2 Training vehicle be purchased from the Welcome School of Motoring for the sum of £4,500.

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The meeting concluded at 5.15 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 13 December, 2011, adopted by the Council.