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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 332 – 341

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, 19 December 2012, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. D. M. Cundy (Chairman)

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	S. L. Davies
L. A. Beer	G. N. R. Edwards
M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis

332. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler, T. Devichand (S. L. Davies deputising), S. M. Donoghue, T. J. Jones, A. G. Morgan and W. V. Thomas (Cllr F. Akhtar deputising).

333. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

334. YNNI DA

Further to Minute No. 239, the Chairman welcomed Mr. Aled Vaughan Owen, owner of Ynni Da to the meeting and invited him to address Members.

Mr Owen stated he had three different areas of business:

- (1) An energy consultant;
- (2) Providing educational programmes to create an action plan for a low carbon future;
- (3) A consultant to community and town councils on community engagement.

In referring to the community engagement aspect of the business, Mr Owen spoke of the benefits of consulting with the local community and the holding of a visionary day to gauge the opinions of local people on the services provided by the Council and the services they wished to receive.

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A report would then be produced based on the information collated and used as a working document to attract funding in such initiatives as the Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire.

Mr Owen also referred to the forthcoming sustainable development bill which could obligate community and town councils to become involved in issues such as renewable energy and offered his services in this matter.

Mr Owen responded to questions raised by Members on chargeable fees.

The Chairman thanked Mr Owen for attending the meeting who thereupon withdrew from the chamber.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED the information presented by Mr Owen be noted.

335. FOODBANK PROJECT

Further to Minute No. 284, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration). After meeting with the Co-ordinator of the Project at Myrtle House it had become apparent that they did not need direct Council involvement with the day to day running of the project but would like the Council's support in raising awareness of the scheme and a possible financial donation. After a short discussion it was

RESOLVED that Members continue to promote the existence of the foodbank in the community and distribute the information literature provided.

It was further

RECOMMENDED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee consider making a donation of £250 to the Foodbank Project towards ground rent and electricity costs.

336. CARMARTHENSHIRE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Members considered correspondence received from Cllr. T. J. Jones, Executive Board Member, Carmarthenshire County Council on a new scheme that had been launched to encourage communities to reduce their carbon footprint. After a short discussion it was

RESOLVED that a representative of the initiative be invited to a future Council meeting to explain the scheme in more detail.

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337. DRAFT POLICIES

- (1) SECURITY POLICY**
- (2) RECRUITMENT OF EX-OFFENDERS**

Members having considered the above draft policies and, it was

RESOLVED that the policies be adopted.

338. 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.

339. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report referenced 12/2012 be accepted.

340. CHILDCARE VOUCHERS WALES

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of a request from a member of staff to introduce the childcare voucher scheme. After a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that the scheme be adopted and be available to all staff.

341. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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The meeting concluded at 5:30 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 January, 2013, adopted by the Council.