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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 186 – 191

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, 21 September, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. V. Davies (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

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

186. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Cllr. S. M. Donoghue.

187. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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189	M. L. Davies	Governor at Ysgol Gymunedol Ffwrnes
189	G. H. Wooldridge	Member of the Executive Board Committee, Education & Children's Services, Carmarthenshire County Council

188. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES 2011

Members considered correspondence from the Electoral Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council giving notice of its intention to review polling districts and places.

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, required Local Authorities to keep their polling stations under review. The review would cover polling districts and places/stations within Carmarthenshire and would not cover any changes to parliamentary constituencies, County Council electoral divisions, community council or community wards.

The review process would seek to ensure that all electors had such reasonable facilities for voting as were practicable in the circumstances, seek to ensure that so far as was reasonable

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and practicable the polling places were accessible to those who were disabled and have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

Members were presented with a list of polling places and polling stations currently used within the Council's administrative area and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the current list be confirmed as acceptable but Member requests for additional mobile units to be provided as polling stations at Pemberton Park, Llwynhendy, and Maengwynne/Brynmefys, Furnace to enable electors to have more local and easier access to polling stations at those areas be forwarded to the Electoral Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council.

189. YSGOL GYMUNEDOL FFWRNES

Cllrs M. L. Davies and G. H. Wooldridge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced. Cllr. Davies was a governor whereas Cllr. Wooldridge was on the Executive Board Committee for the Education & Children's Services.

Members considered consultation documents from the Director of Education & Children's Services, Carmarthenshire County Council inviting the Council to comment upon the following proposals:-

- (1) increase of the school's pupil capacity;
- (2) increase of the school's age range from 4 – 11 to 3 – 11.

The County Council proposed to introduce a 30 full time equivalent pupil Welsh medium nursery at the existing school from 1 September, 2012. To increase the capacity of the school to a 420 primary school and 60 full time equivalent pupil nursery to be located on the new site for the school at Denham Avenue, Llanelli as from the beginning of the Spring Term 2015 or as soon as possible thereafter following completion of the building works. The Authority proposed the change to meet the ever increasing parental demand for Welsh medium education in the Llanelli area which could not be met by the existing provision.

There had been an increase in pupil numbers over the recent years and between 2000 and 2006 the school doubled its pupil population. In 2004 the linguistic medium of the school was changed to the above definition of the local education authority of a Welsh Medium School.

The new Ysgol Ffwrnes would meet the increasing parental demand for Welsh medium education in the Llanelli area which cannot be met by the existing provision as identified by the Authority's Task and Finish Group established to review the provision of Welsh medium education in the Llanelli area. The Task and Finish group's recommendations provided a strategic linguistic framework for the future shape and pattern of Welsh medium education provision in the Llanelli area.

The County Council had recognised the importance of making a stepped change in meeting parental demand for Welsh Medium provision in Llanelli and through the consultative process and the work of the Task and Finish Group the option of developing Ffwrnes had been agreed as the best way forward.

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RESOLVED that the consultation document be supported.

Cllrs M. L. Davies and G. H. Wooldridge returned to the meeting.

190. 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.

191. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.25 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 11 October, 2011, adopted by the Council.