

21 December, 2011.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 316 – 324

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 December, 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

316. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

317. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. D. J. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 319 and 320 as he was a Member of the Carmarthenshire County Council Licensing Committee.

**318. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYELAWS
(WALES) BILL**

Further to Minute No. 143 (21 July, 2010), Members received a consultation document on the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill from the Committee Chair, National Assembly for Wales.

As part of its Stage 1 consideration, the National Assembly for Wales' Communities, Equality and Local Government was calling for evidence on the general principles of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill.

Members having received the views of the Clerk and having previously provided a detailed response to the initial consultation process last year wherein the Council supported the general proposals, it was

RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted.

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**319. LICENSING ACT 2003
CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY
STATION ROAD**

Cllr. D. J. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a Member of the Carmarthenshire County Council Licensing Committee and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members considered a letter from the Principal Licensing Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the possibility of introducing a Cumulative Impact Policy in respect of Station Road, Llanelli.

The effect of adopting a cumulative impact policy was to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates or variations that were likely to add to the existing cumulative impact in the area specified, would normally be refused following relevant representations. However, if no relevant representations were made in respect of an application, the licensing authority would have to grant the application. Members were informed that if adopted a cumulative impact policy would form part of the Authority's Licensing Policy.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported.

**320. POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009
SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES**

Cllr. D. J. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as he was a Member of the Carmarthenshire County Council Licensing Committee and withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members considered a letter from the Principal Licensing Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council who was undertaking a consultation regarding the adoption of new powers which the Government had introduced which allowed Local Authorities to exercise greater controls over lap dancing clubs and similar premises.

The new legislation allowed Local Authorities to adopt provisions under schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to license a new category of premises called Sexual Entertainment Venues.

If adopted, the new provision would allow the authority to consider a wider range of matters than permitted under the four Licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported.

Cllr. D. J. Davies returned to the meeting.

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321. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters contained in Minute Nos. 322 and 323 below 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.

322. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

323. HUMAN RESOURCE SUB COMMITTEE

Members considered the Minutes of the Human Resource Sub Committee held on 22 November and 19 December, 2011.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

324. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The meeting concluded at 5.05 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 10 January, 2012, adopted by the Council.