

26 February, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 456 – 462

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 26 February, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: F. Akhtar (Chairman)

Cllrs

S. M. Caiach	H. J. Evans
S. L. Davies	M. L. Evans
S. M. Donoghue	R. E. Evans
G. N. R. Edwards	A. G. Morgan
W. V. Thomas	

456. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absences were received from Cllrs. T. Bowen (Cllr. M. L. Evans deputising), T. Devichand (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising) and S. N. Lewis (Cllr. H. J. Evans deputising).

457. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

458. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the committee reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 31 January, 2014, be noted.

459. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for January 2014, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £66,760.87 and £106,149.24 respectively.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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460. 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 to be exercised.

**461. CONTRACT VALUES AND RESOURCES
TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

Members considered the report of the Training Manager which detailed the Training Department's financial position in relation to contract values and resources.

Members received a break down on the Training Department's current contract for the academic year 2013/14. It was further anticipated that the department would be able to deliver in excess of its allocated Traineeship contract. There may be small negative adjustments to be made to the Work Ready and Apprenticeship programmes which would take place at the bi-monthly contract meetings with Skills Academy Wales (SAW).

The Welsh Government (WG) had decided to re-align the Work-Based Learning Contract in the financial year as from 1 April, 2015. A pro rata contract extension was expected to cover the period August 2014 – March 2015 for Traineeship and Apprenticeship programmes.

On-going contract values for Traineeship and Apprenticeship programmes would be dependent on the following: current contract performance, SAW performance in comparison with other Work-Based Learning providers and SAW partner performance. On-going contract values for Adult programmes would depend on the outcome of a separate tender process which would take place later in the year. The future interventions for unemployed adult learner had not been finalised.

The Training Manager then went on to say the impact of changing programmes and the contract values made it difficult to predict accurately which resources would be required and what quantity to meet provision and contract values.

The Training Manager informed Members that a further increase in the demand for the department's Youth programme had necessitated the hire of additional rooms at Stebonheath, CBSA. From the 1 February, 2014, the 'Cottage' had been acquired which included three separate rooms which would be used for a variety of activities including basic skills delivery, 'one to one' interviews and pre-engagement training.

The department was involved with the Carmarthenshire Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) Action Group. In order to be considered for future developments there would be a benefit from having a presence in Carmarthen town. The department would then be able to offer provision training in the three major towns within the county. It was proposed that suitable accommodation be sought in Carmarthen and identified as from April 2014 with a view to occupy in the summer to enable delivery of the programme.

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RESOLVED that the information be noted and a future report on accommodation costs in Carmarthen be presented to Members once more information was available.

462. LLANELLI YOUTH THEATRE

Further to Minute No. 384 (2), Members considered a letter dated 19 February, 2014, from the Administrator, Llanelli Youth Theatre (LYT).

LYT celebrated its 30th birthday this year. To celebrate, it was performing on the main stage at Y Ffwrnes. The cost of putting on a performance at Y Ffwrnes would cost in the region of £30,000 with estimated audiences of 2,500 over five to six performances.

RESOLVED that a contribution of £500 be made for sponsorship.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.45 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 March, 2014, adopted by the Council.