

**28 September, 2011.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 198 – 207**

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

**Present:** Cllr. T. D. Bowen (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

L. J. Butler	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
M. L. Evans	C. A. Rees

**198. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand, M. J. Lewis, C. A. Rees (Cllr. T. J. Jones deputising) and V. R. Thomas.

**199. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. L. J. Butler declared an interest in Minute No. 204 as her employer supported llanellitown.com.

**200. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (REVISED)  
(CONSOLIDATED) 2010/11**

Members were circulated with the revised Statement of Accounts (Consolidated) for the year ended 31 March, 2011.

**RESOLVED** that the revised Consolidated Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2010/11 be received and adopted.

**201. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/11**

Members were circulated with 'the report of those charged with governance' 2010/11 received from the external auditors, Mazars, which gave an opinion on the accuracy and fairness of the accounting statement and related notes. Reference was made to the grant received in conjunction with the Felinfoel Partnership from the Welsh Assembly Government having been treated as a taxable supply. The opinion was that it may be possible to reclaim the VAT declared by challenging the views previously expressed by HMRC. The services of

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Mazars' VAT Team were offered to pursue the matter with HMRC; a fee of £1,000 would be charged for attending a meeting with HMRC and associated work.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) referred to the advice previously received from the Council's accountants to disclose VAT on the grant following discussions with the Local Authorities' Unit of Expertise of HMRC. The accountants were also prepared to resurrect the issue with HMRC in an attempt to allow recovery of the VAT declared.

A letter of representation to be signed by the Responsible Financial Officer (Deputy Clerk (Administration)) was also circulated for approval.

**RESOLVED** that the

1. 'report to those charged with governance' be accepted;
2. VAT Team of Mazars be engaged to enter into dialogue with HMRC regarding the accounting for VAT on the grant received from the Welsh Government;
3. Deputy Clerk (Administration) be authorised to sign the letter of representation.

Cllr. S. L. Davies abstained from voting.

## **202. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**RESOLVED** that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 31 August 2011, be noted.

Cllr. S. L. Davies abstained from voting on the Committee Reports for the Administration Department.

## **203. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS**

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for July and August 2011, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £244,651.71, £305,610.69, £71,780.28 and £83,981.05, respectively.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

## **204. LLANELLITOWN.COM**

Cllr. L. J. Butler declared an interest in the following matter as her employer supported the website.

Members considered correspondence from the Director, Llanellitown.com requesting the Council to sponsor the site to help the website grow and promote Llanelli in a positive way

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together with the Directors Report from a recent Annual General Meeting highlighting the positive success of the website.

**RESOLVED** that further information be obtained on the cost of sponsorship and the benefit which could be derived therefrom.

**205. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) and applications received for financial assistance and, it was

**RESOLVED** as follows:-

- (1) Blood Bike Wales – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (2) Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (3) Carmarthen Shopmobility – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (4) Côr Curaid – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (5) Footloose Dance Kompany – that the application be noted;
- (6) Llanelli Air Raise – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (7) Llanelli & District Association for Spina-Bifida and Hydrocephalus – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (8) Lleisiau'r Llan – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (9) Marie Curie Cancer Care – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (10) NSPCC Wales – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (11) Parc Howard Association – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (12) SA15 Stage School – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (13) Shelter Cymru – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (14) Victim Support Cymru – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (15) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – that a contribution of £50 be made.

Arising out of discussion of the above, it was

**RECOMMENDED** that the Policy and Resources Committee review the banding structure of the financial assistance budget.

**206. 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.

**207. VAUXHALL BUILDINGS**

Further to Minute No. 144, Members were circulated with the report of the Technical Services Officer informing of the tenders received for a new boiler and associated works.

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**RESOLVED** that the tender submitted by Narbeths Mechanical Services Ltd, 49 Main Avenue, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 2AZ in the sum of £20,076.00 + VAT be accepted.

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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 11 October, 2011, adopted by the Council.