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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 466 - 472

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 18 February, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. L. Davies	T. J. Jones
M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
T. Devichand	B. C. M. Reynolds
T. Rh. Ifan	V. R. Thomas

466. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen (Cllr. B. C. M. Reynolds deputising), D. J. Davies, H. J. Evans (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising) and C. A. Rees.

467. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

**468. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP SCHEME
ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08**

The above document was received from the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, Welsh Assembly Government.

Section 113 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 required the National Assembly for Wales to make a scheme setting out how it proposed, in the exercise of its functions, to sustain and promote local government in Wales. The Assembly was also required to prepare a report after each financial year of how its proposals in the scheme were implemented in that financial year.

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the document and referred to the fact that relationships between One Voice Wales and the Assembly Government continued to develop. The Assembly continued to provide core funding for One Voice Wales, which it recognised as the national representative body for community and town councils in Wales.

As there was an increasing emphasis on the role of community and town councils in Wales, the 'Local Vision' statutory guidance from the Assembly Government on developing and

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delivering community strategies, stated that local authorities should involve community and town councils in developing a community strategy. A modular induction/refresher course for community and town Councillors had been developed by One Voice Wales in 2007/08, with financial support from the Assembly Government, which was aimed at raising the skills and knowledge of Councillors, which in turn would help them to deal with the increased demands of their role.

Reference was made to the fact that the Assembly Government continued to seek legislative opportunities to implement those commitments arising from the Aberystwyth study that required changes to primary legislation, including extending the power of wellbeing to community and town councils.

Following a general discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the document be noted and to await developments.

469. COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS' AND SPORTING CLUBS' ASSOCIATION WITH THE COUNCIL

Pursuant to Minute No. 442 (1) and Cllr. M. J. Lewis (non-serving Committee Member) having requested that the item be included for discussion, Members felt it inappropriate to continue debate owing to Cllr. Lewis' absence.

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the next appropriate meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee for discussion.

470. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING CONFERENCES

Further to Minute No. 447, and Cllr. M. J. Lewis (non-serving Committee Member) having requested that the item be included for discussion and being absent, it was

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the next appropriate meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee for discussion.

471. 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.

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472. STAFFING MATTERS

Members were circulated with the report of the Clerk informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report of the Clerk be received and adopted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.50 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 March, 2009, adopted by the Council.