

**18 October, 2006.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 206 - 213**

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 October, 2006, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. M. P. Jones (Vice Chairman in the Chair)

**Cllrs.**

T. D. Bowen	M. Howells
D. V. Darby	M. B. Hughes
T. Devichand	C. A. Rees
G. H. Wooldridge	

**206. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Edwards, T. J. Jones (Cllr. C. A. Rees deputising), A. S. Peters.

**207. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members declared an interest in the under-mentioned matters:-

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211	T. D. Bowen	Member, Carmarthenshire County Council
211	T. Devichand	Member, Carmarthenshire County Council
211	G. H. Wooldridge	Member, Carmarthenshire County Council

**208. SERVICE PLANS 2006/07**

Members considered the half yearly report on the Council's Service Plans for 2006/07 which reviewed the key objectives and targets of the wide ranging services provided.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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**209. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 -  
DRAFT GUIDANCE**

The above draft document was received from the Head of Local Environmental Quality, Welsh Assembly Government. The consultation document also contained draft copies of regulations in respect of fixed penalty notices and dog control orders and comments were also invited on those.

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act received Royal assent on 7 April, 2005. A number of measures in the Act came into force on 7 June, 15 October, 2005 and 16 March, 2006. The Welsh Assembly Government was taking a staged approach in bringing into force the majority of the rest of the measures contained in the Act. The Act was the most significant change in local environmental quality legislation for a number of years and would be viewed as a coherent means of improving local environmental quality. The new powers would make it easier, more effective and more cost efficient to tackle issues that lead to poor local environmental quality. Views were welcomed on any part of the guidance or regulations but responses were required on the specific questions in each chapter.

During a lengthy discussion, Members fully supported the draft consultation document, and it was

**RESOLVED** that Members' comments be forwarded to the Head of Local Environmental Quality, Welsh Assembly Government.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mr Paul Morris, Environment Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council be invited to address Members on environmental issues at a future Council meeting.

**210. GARAGING FACILITY FOR COUNCIL CAR**

Members considered a letter from Mrs. R. Owen stating that as from 31 March, 2006, she was terminating the current arrangement for providing garaging facilities.

**RESOLVED** that the letter be noted and that enquiries be made for alternative garaging facilities.

**211. LLANELLI LEISURE CENTRE –  
CLOSURE OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES**

Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, T. Devichand and G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in the following item as they were Members' of Carmarthenshire County Council. The Members did not speak or vote on the matter.

Correspondence was received from Nia Griffith MP asking Members' for support in retaining the creche and after-school club at the Llanelli Leisure Centre.

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**RESOLVED** that a letter be forwarded to Carmarthenshire County Council expressing concern at the withdrawal of the facilities and requesting further information on issues raised which lead to the decision to close the childcare service at Llanelli Leisure Centre.

**212. 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.

**213. STAFFING MATTERS**

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) be received and adopted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.55 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 14 November, 2006, adopted by the Council.