

**20 December, 2006.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 314 - 322**

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, 20 December, 2006, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. C. Edwards (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. M. Caiach	M. P. Jones
D. V. Darby	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	A. S. Peters
M. B. Hughes	G. H. Wooldridge

**314. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, M. Howells and T. J. Jones (Cllr. A. G. Morgan deputising).

**315. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were made.

**316. REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES – CARMARTHENSHIRE**

Pursuant to Minute No. 247, Members considered the Clerk's report regarding electoral information on a ward basis, which included an analysis of the allocation of Councillors across wards and made reference to any electoral anomalies and future housing developments, in order that this Council could respond to the forthcoming community review.

A table based on existing electoral data and a summary of electoral patterns on a ward for ward basis, together with Members' responses to a letter requesting any comments or known anomalies, were included within the report.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

**RECOMMENDED** that

- (1) an increase of one member for the Pemberton Ward be proposed in view of the forecasted electorate number; and

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- (2) that electors at Brynteg, Five Roads be transferred from the Hengoed Ward to the GlynWard.

**317. COUNCIL BUDGET 2007/08 –  
CONSULTATION WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Correspondence was received from the Head of Financial Services, Carmarthenshire County Council, requesting Members' views and comments on the County Council's Budget Consultation Programme for 2007/08. A questionnaire was circulated for completion.

**RESOLVED** that

- (1) the Clerk forward the completed questionnaire to the Head of Financial Services, Carmarthenshire County Council;
- (2) the need for an earlier consultation in this matter be reiterated to Carmarthenshire County Council.

**318. CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY**

A Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy was circulated to Members on behalf of the Deputy Clerk (Training) who informed that the Policy was required for implementation in line with the Estyn inspectorate.

Following discussion, during which Cllr. S. M. Caiach withdrew from the meeting, Members complimented the document and, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy be accepted and adopted by the Council.

**319. AGE DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Members were circulated with the above Policy which followed the Equality and Employment (Age) Regulations 2006 which came into force on 1 October, 2006.

The regulations established new rights for individuals not to be discriminated against because of their age in employment and vocational training.

**RESOLVED** that the Age Discrimination Policy be accepted and adopted by the Council.

**320. 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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**321. STAFFING MATTERS**

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

**322. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.35 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 9 January, 2007, adopted by the Council.