

20 July, 2016.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 138 – 144

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 20 July, 2016 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs

F. Akhtar	R. E. Evans
D. M. Cundy	J. S. Phillips
T. Devichand	C. A. Rees
S. M. Donoghue	A. J. Rogers

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Bowen, M. V. Davies and T. J. Jones.

139. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. A. Rees declared a personal interest in Minute No. 143 as her business had purchased a vehicle from the training department.

140. PARKING PERMITS

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 21 September, 2016.

141. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT WORKING GROUP

Further to Minute No. 453 (16 March, 2016), Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of the deliberations of the working group established to review the community development grant.

The working group initially met on 12 April, 2016, to discuss its remit in reviewing the community development grant as directed by the Policy and Resource Committee. Meetings of the working group were held on 12, 18 and 25 April, with the final meeting held on 13 May, 2016. The criteria and application form were discussed at length and amended as the process went along.

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Following discussion and consideration of the recommendations put forward by the working group, it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the revised application pack shall be adopted immediately;
- (2) the working group shall appraise the effectiveness of the revised process following the meeting of the Community Development Grants Panel to be held on 27 October, 2016, and shall make further recommendations if necessary;
- (3) a link be developed on the Council's website to enable electronic completion of the application form;
- (4) the recommendation to increase the budget for the community development grant from £20,000 to £30,000 for the financial year 2017/18 shall be endorsed and put forward for inclusion in next year's estimates of income and expenditure for appropriate consideration by the Council.

142. 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 be exercised.

143. RECONFIGURATION OF TRAINING SERVICES

Cllr. C. A. Rees declared a personal interest in the following matter as her business had purchased a vehicle from the training department.

Members received a progress report from the Clerk on the reconfiguration arrangements and which also recommended the creation of a small working party of a select number of Members to support officers in overseeing the transition arrangements leading up to the planned review in February, 2017, and it was unanimously

RESOLVED that:

1. The report be noted and a working party comprising the Chairman of Council, Leader of Council, Cllrs T. Devichand, M. V. Davies, A. G. Morgan and A. J. Rogers be appointed to help oversee the transition process.
2. Arrangements be co-ordinated for Members to meet the Training Department staff.

144. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that:

1. The report referenced 07:2016 be accepted.
2. The temporary support cover agreed for the Technical Services Officer's post shall be reviewed in the form of an interim report to be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in three months' time.

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The meeting concluded at 6.10 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 13 September, 2016, adopted by the Council.