

**21 December, 2016.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 346 – 355**

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, 21 December, 2016 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

**Cllrs**

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

**346. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. G. Morgan (Cllr. M. L. Evans deputising) and A. J. Rogers.

**347. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declaration of interest were made.

**348. ELECTORAL REVIEWS: POLICY AND PRACTICE 2016**

Members received correspondence from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales in relation to the programmed electoral reviews of all 22 principal Council areas by 2022.

The current programme of electoral reviews would aim to submit recommendations for all 22 Principal Council areas in Welsh Government to be implemented with or without modification, in time for the 2022 local government elections.

The objective of the electoral review was to ensure that within each local authority area, electoral arrangements sought to achieve parity. Utilising the existing community structure within a local authority, an electoral review would take into account community identities, electoral equality and consultation feedback to ensure that the proposals uphold the interests of effective and convenient local government for the electorate within Wales.

Following discussion, it was  
**RESOLVED** that information be noted.

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**349. THE DRAFT ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (WALES)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2016**

Members received a consultation document from the Local Government Finance Policy Division, Welsh Government on The Draft Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

The consultation document outlined proposed amendments to the 2014 Regulations which would bring about changes to the timetable for preparing and publishing local government bodies' statement of account. The amendments also proposed changing the requirements around both the publication of pension statement and the display of public notices relating to statements of accounts.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Clerks be authorised to respond to The Draft Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 highlighting Members' views.

**350. PONTYATES POST OFFICE**

Correspondence was received from the Regional Network Manager, Post Office, informing of the movement of the current post office branch at Pontyates. The new branch would operate as one of the new local style Post Office branches from the Nisa Local, 13 Heol Y Meinciau, Pontyates.

The new branch would be in line with Post Office specifications, making sure there was sufficient space for the Post Office service to operate alongside the retail offer. The new branch would have level access with a wide door at the entrance and a pedestrian walkway across the garage forecourt to provide a clear route from the roadside and parking areas to the shop entrance. There would also be a designated disabled parking bay close to the shop entrance.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**351. 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.

**352. PURCHASE OF VEHICLE**

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Members considered the Cemetery Manager's report which set out quotations for the purchase of a new vehicle.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the report be accepted and the quotation received from Westover Nissan, 514 Wallisdown Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH11 8PT to purchase a Navara Double Cab Pick Up Acenta+ at the cost of £19,894.00 excluding VAT be accepted.

### **353. PURCHASE OF MACHINERY**

Members considered the report of the Cemetery Manager on tenders and quotations received for grounds care equipment.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that

1. the report be accepted for the following equipment which would be financed through budget provision in 2017/18 for outright purchase and finance options;
2. the quotation received from Powercut, Oaklands Mansion, Carmarthen to purchase the John Deere 1026 R Compact Tractor at the cost of £12,800 be accepted;
3. the quotation received from Powercut, Oaklands Mansion, Carmarthen to purchase the John Deere 220SL Pedestrian Cylinder Greens Mower at the cost of £6,700 be accepted;
4. the quotation received from Powercut, Oaklands Mansion, Carmarthen to purchase the Ferris FW35 pedestrian mower at the cost of £13,900 be accepted;
5. the quotation received from Powercut, Oaklands Mansion, Carmarthen to purchase the tractor mounted Weideman Deep Aerator terra spike at the cost of £37,950 be accepted;
6. the quotation received from Llanelli Trailer Company, Unit 3a Trostre Industrial Estate, Llanelli to purchase the GX126 3500kg braked plant trailer at the cost of £2,735 be accepted;
7. the quotation received from Powercut, Oaklands Mansion, Carmarthen to purchase the John Deere 5100 agricultural tractor at the cost of £59,500 be accepted.

### **354. STAFFING MATTERS REPORT OF THE CLERK**

Further to Minute No. 299(1), Members considered the Clerk's report regarding the interim review of the secondment of the Cemetery Manager in providing temporary cover to the Council for the vacant Technical Services Officer position.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the report be accepted.

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**355. SEASONAL GREETINGS**

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The meeting concluded at 6.00 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 January, 2017, adopted by the Council.