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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 481 – 487

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, 15 April, 2015 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs

T. Devichand	S. N. Lewis
H. J. Evans	A. G. Morgan
M. L. Evans	J. S. Phillips

Absent: L. J. Butler

481. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, T. Bowen, C. A. Rees, A. J. Rogers (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising) and G. H. Wooldridge.

482. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 483 as she was the Executive Board Member for Housing, Carmarthenshire County Council.

**483. YOUR HOMES, YOUR FUTURE
GETTING IT RIGHT TOGETHER**

Cllr. T. Devichand declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item, as she was the Executive Board Member for Housing, Carmarthenshire County Council and she withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

Members considered a consultation document in the form of a questionnaire received from the Policy and Partnership Team, Carmarthenshire County Council about affordable homes.

The County Council believed that everyone deserved to live in a good quality affordable home that suited their needs. Access to affordable homes was determined by a number of factors including the supply of homes, employment and income levels, rental levels, house prices and the ability to get a mortgage and individual personal needs and circumstances. The County Council was keen to consult with the general public over the development of future policy.

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Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk shall respond to the consultation questionnaire articulating Members views and observations.

Cllr. T. Devichand re-joined the meeting.

484. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

Members considered a consultation document in the form of a questionnaire received from the Policy and Partnership Team, Carmarthenshire County Council about Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in relation to the control of dogs.

New powers were available to local authorities under the Anti-social, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to tackle irresponsible dog ownership. The powers were designed to give greater flexibility in tackling irresponsible dog owners and incidents involving dogs.

PSPOs would replace and allow for similar restrictions as the former Dog Control Orders. For example they could be used to exclude dogs from certain areas or require dogs to be kept on a lead. If members of the public ignored a PSPO it could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued and a fine of up to £1,000 in the magistrates court.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk shall respond to the consultation questionnaire articulating Members views and observations.

**485. FIVE ROADS POST OFFICE
TEMPORARY BRANCH CLOSURE**

Correspondence was received from the Field Change Advisor, Post Office. The Post Office service at Five Roads temporarily closed on 20 August, 2014, due to the Postmaster resigning and withdrawing the premises for Post Office use. Since the closure, the Field Change Advisor had been exploring options for restoring a Post Office local service in the area.

Unfortunately, to date the Post Office had been unsuccessful in finding suitable premises

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

486. 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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487. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report referenced 04:2015 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.15 p.m.

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