

**24 September, 2014.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 201 – 209**

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 24 September, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** R. E. Evans (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

D. M. Cundy                      S. L. Davies  
M. V. Davies                      S. N. Lewis  
A. G. Morgan

**201.                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, L. J. Butler, T. Devichand (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising), T. J. Jones and A. J. Rogers (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising).

**202.                      MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 207(1) as he was a Governor, Bryngwyn School and he withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.

**203.                      STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (AMENDED) 2013/2014**

Members were circulated with the amended Statement of Accounts (Consolidated) for the year ended 31 March, 2014.

**RESOLVED** that the revised Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2013/14 be received and adopted.

**204.                      AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/14**

Members were circulated with the Audit Completion Report for the year ending 31 March, 2014 received from the external auditors, Mazars, which gave an opinion on the accuracy and fairness of the accounting statement and related notes.

A letter of representation to be signed by the Responsible Financial Officer (Deputy Clerk (Administration)) was also circulated for approval.

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**RESOLVED** that the

1. Audit Completion Report be accepted with guidance from Mazars on internal control being reported to a future meeting.
2. Deputy Clerk (Administration) be authorised to sign the letter of representation.

**205. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**RESOLVED** that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 31 August 2014, be noted.

**206. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS**

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for June, July and August 2014, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £59,085.08, £117,060.61, £181,705.83 and £107,114.41, £111,472.42 and £108,065.23 respectively.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

Arising out of discussion of the Schedules of Payments for the Administration Department, Members raised concern regarding the criteria required to obtain a pitch on the National Eisteddfod for Wales, Carmarthenshire site, it was

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Members comments be forwarded to the Deputy Organiser, National Eisteddfod for Wales.

**207. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

*Cllr. A. G. Morgan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item (1) below because he was a Governor, Bryngwyn School and he withdrew from the meeting before discussion commenced.*

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) and applications received for financial assistance and, it was

**RESOLVED** as follows:-

- (1) Bryngwyn School – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (2) Cariad – that a contribution of £500 be made;
- (3) Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs – that the application be noted;
- (4) Disabled Drivers Association – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (5) Guide Dogs Cymru – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (6) Hafan Dementia Care – that the application be noted;
- (7) Llanelli Air Raise – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (8) Llanelli Amateur Athletics Club – that a contribution of £50 be made;

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- (9) Llanelli Deaf Centre – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (10) Llanelli Historical Society – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (11) Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution Carmarthenshire – that the application be noted;
- (12) SA15 Stage School – that the application be noted;
- (13) Shelter Cymru – that the application be noted;
- (14) Alun Thomas – that the application be noted;
- (15) Traws Link Cymru – that the application be noted but a letter of support from the Council be sent;
- (16) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – that a contribution of £50 be made.

*Cllr. S. L. Davies left the meeting.*

**208. 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.

**209. WHITE LION DEPOT**

Further to Minute No. 409 (10 February, 2014), Members received the report of the Technical Services Officer which detailed repair costings to the White Lion depot building and a comparative new build cost.

Members were informed that a structural engineer reported that the structure of the depot building was sound but the roof and wall cladding were in a poor condition and required replacement.

The repair works required had a bearing on the Council's obligation under the full repairing lease which would expire in March 2023. The building must be in a tenable condition for immediate let at the end of the lease.

The repair work required to make good damaged areas was estimated at £25,000. The cost of a new building at the site would be approximately £60,000; this option would require the landlord's consent.

The lease could be re-negotiated in March 2023, if agreed by the landlord and the Council for a new term.

Enquiries had also been made to re-located the depot building to an alternative site. At present there were no suitable sites available.

Following discussion, it was

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**RESOLVED** that a budget be included for the 2015/16 financial year for repair works to the roof and wall cladding be carried out to damaged areas of the White Lion depot building.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.40 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 15 October, 2014, adopted by the Council.