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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 190 – 192

At a **SPECIAL COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on 30 September, 2015, at 6.05 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Vice Chairman in the (Chair))

Cllrs.

L. A. Beer	H. J. Evans
S. M. Caiach	R. E. Evans
D. M. Cundy	A. G. Morgan
S. L. Davies	J. S. Phillips
T. Devichand	A. J. Rogers
W. V. Thomas	

Absent: T. Bowen, L. J. Butler

190. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, M. V. Davies, M. L. Evans, T. J. Jones, S. N. Lewis, C. A. Rees and G. H. Wooldridge.

191. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

192. WHOLE PLACE PLAN

Further to Minute No. 66, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Chris Ashman, Associate, "The Means Ltd", to discuss and consider the final version of the Whole Place Plan and invited him to address Members. Mr Ashman began by reminding Members of the timeline and key milestones in formulating the plan.

In January 2015 "The Means Ltd" were appointed to undertake the necessary research and consultations with the community and other bodies to develop a Whole Place Plan. A Member sub group was created to oversee this project and provide any advice to The Means. The work involved collecting all the available data on the area – employment, education, health, housing etc and identifying key issues in terms of comparative performance with the wider county area and averages for Wales as a whole.

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These issues were then used as a basis for discussion at a series of community workshops held in March and April 2015 where local issues and priorities were also identified. The workshops were supplemented by interviews with businesses and an on-line and street based survey, again designed to identify local issues and priorities. Over 120 local people attended nine workshops held across the area and over 250 people completed surveys on local priorities. This feedback, along with the data issues, was then shared with the main public sector service delivery organisations so that an understanding of any existing response to local issues could be established to help prevent any duplication of effort in the plan and help better target existing resources.

The result of these discussions was a set of cross cutting “interventions” which form the basis of the plan. These interventions were intended to be developed to benefit the whole of the Council’s administrative area but being targeted proportionately where the data indicates a need. The plan and the interventions had been presented in such a way to reflect the contribution by the Council, and other partners, to the well-being goals set out in the Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

In addition to the Whole Area interventions the plan also set out the ward based priorities identified in the local workshops/surveys, some of which would be addressed by whole area actions (e.g. Keep Llanelli Tidy & Community shops network) while others were very specific to the local area.

Mr Ashman referred Members to the headline three year action plan as set out in Appendix B of the plan. The draft plan was submitted to the Council for comment in June 2015 and was also circulated for wider partner and community comment, with resulting amendments then being incorporated.

Members were informed that the Council’s Community Development Officer would be responsible for working with Members, other officers, partner organisations and the various communities to further develop and implement the actions set out in the Whole Place Plan and crucially keep all stakeholders informed on its progress.

The Whole Place Plan proposed liaison with the likes of the Llanelli Community Partnership, or possibly other similar groups of agencies and community members, with the objective of promoting community well-being. Furthermore, possible collaboration with the Llanelli Town Council around the development and implementation of some the proposed interventions should also be considered.

Mr Ashman stated that in developing the interventions it was the intention that the resourcing of actions would be secured from a combination of existing but redirected partner, mainstream resources or the sourcing of additional third party funding around the relevant area of interest. In some cases the plan proposed the establishment of arms-length bodies to better enable access to external funding and ensure actions were financially sustainable. Where the Council was required to be an active partner in these organisations separate, more detailed reports would be submitted to the Council, prior to their establishment.

Crucially in Appendix C of the plan and as required by the Well Being of Future Generations Act, the plan sets out the linkages between the Whole Place interventions, the Council’s Strategic Plan, its Annual Service Plans and the national Well-Being goals. This would also

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feed into the individual objectives of Council staff. This ensured that the Council's contribution to community identified priorities and national goals was very clear.

Mr Ashman recommended the Council received six monthly reports on progress with implementation of the Whole Place Plan together with a substantive review in conjunction with the community every 12 months.

Mr Ashman thereupon called upon the Council's Community Development Officer (CDO) to provide Members with a update on progress in developing early priority interventions. The CDO stated the community response to the draft Whole Place Plan between 12 May and 30 June from the returned consultation forms and the "Did We Hear You Right" feedback session had helped shape and finalise the Whole Place Plan document. Feedback also recommended focus on three key interventions over the first 12 months. The three interventions identified were Llanelli Works, Keep Llanelli Tidy and Llanelli Open and Green Spaces Development Trust. Also, in parallel to this, action was needed to develop the potential Time Credits Expansion across the whole rural area as a means to engage with new volunteers in their community and further engagement in the Whole Place Plan delivery. Progress had been made on these four key interventions to date:

(1) Llanelli Works

- Action plan developed;
- Project Brief developed;
- Meetings held with LRC Training and Coleg Sir Gar;
- Further discussions needed with the stakeholders identified at the Coleg Sir Gar meeting.

(2) Keep Llanelli Tidy

- Action plan developed;
- Project Brief developed;
- Meeting held with Keep Wales Tidy, Carmarthenshire County Council Environmental team and Carmarthenshire County Council Housing Officer. All supported the proposal and were willing to collaborate on the basis that the CDO was the main coordinator.

(3) Llanelli Open and Green Spaces Development Trust

- Action plan developed;
- CDO would be attending The Future Of Parks And Their Positive Impact On Wellbeing seminar on 6 October held by Wales Audit Office with sessions being run by Nesta and Good Practice Wales;
- Case study site visit planned for Arnos Vale Cemetery in Bristol – date to be confirmed.

(4) Time Credits Expansion

- Action plan developed;
- Two meetings held with the Spice time banking senior project manager for South West Wales to discuss rolling out the programme in the Llanelli rural area;
- Spice had produced a partnership proposal document which set out the cost and support package on offer to the Council;

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- Grant funding identified to cover the majority of the costs.

A lengthy discussion ensued whereby Members highlighted the importance of community partnership and engagement.

During discussion of the above, Cllrs T. Devichand and A. J. Rogers left the meeting.

Having considered Members views and feedback it was

RESOLVED that the Whole Place Plan be adopted and the early progress on the priority interventions be noted with thanks.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.55 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 October, 2015, adopted by the Council.