6 February, 2017.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 404 – 408

At a Special Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Monday, 6 February, 2017, at 4.50 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

Absent:

T. Bowen

404. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. J. Jones and J. S. Phillips (Cllr. M. L. Evans deputising).

405. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

406. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – CONSULTATION ON CHANGING NAME

Members received a consultation document and questions from the Presiding Officer, National Assembly for Wales on changing the name of the National Assembly for Wales.

Subject to the passing of the Wales Bill currently before Parliament, the Assembly would have power over the majority of its own internal and practical arrangements, including the name by which the institution was known.

The Assembly debated this issue in July and it was agreed that the name of the Assembly should reflect its constitutional status as a national parliament. The Assembly was inviting views from across Wales. The initial assessment of the financial implications had indicated the potential costs ranged from approximately $\pounds 40,000$ to $\pounds 150,000$.

Following discussion, whereby Members strongly disagreed with the name change due to the high cost factor involved, it was

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RESOLVED that a response be sent to the Presiding Officer, National Assembly for Wales forwarding Members views and opinions.

407. 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.

408. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2017/18

Members were presented with a preliminary report on estimates of income and expenditure for the Committee for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The machinery and staffing requirements for 2017/18 be accepted;
- (2) The budget report be accepted; and
- (3) To await a Special Meeting of Council to discuss same.

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The meeting concluded at 5.05 p.m.

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