

15 February, 2012.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 395 – 401

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 February, 2012, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

M. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	B. C. M. Reynolds
H. J. Evans	A. C. Thomas
T. Rh. Ifan	G. H. Wooldridge

395. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. G. Morgan and C. A. Rees.

396. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

397. PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE DATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN WALES

Members received correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Communities, Welsh Government seeking Members views on the proposal to move the date of the local government elections in Wales by one year from May 2016 to May 2017.

The Fixed Term Parliament Act received Royal Assent on 15 September, 2011. The 2011 Act provided for parliamentary general elections to be held on fixed days every five years. The next parliamentary general election would be on the first Thursday in May 2015.

The Fixed Term Parliament Act 2011 also provided for the date of elections to the National Assembly for Wales to be delayed by one year from May 2015 to May 2016. Delaying the National Assembly elections by one year would result in the elections coinciding with the date of local government elections in Wales in May 2016.

Welsh Ministers had the power, under section 87 of the Local Government Act 2000, to alter the year in which local government elections were to be held. The writer was considering using this power to delay elections to county and county borough councils and town and

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community councils by one year from May 2016 to May 2017. The cycle of elections after that date would be subject to a separate consultation.

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the proposal.

398. 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.

399. INVESTORS IN PEOPLE REVIEW

Members received correspondence from the Investors in People Assessor, confirming the Council's continued Recognition as an Investor in People.

The review was successful and confirmed the Council continued to operate to the principles of Investors in People. Maintaining recognition provided a benchmark for demonstrating ongoing business success through the Council's employees.

RESOLVED that the information be noted and congratulations be conveyed to the management team.

400. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

401. HUMAN RESOURCE SUB COMMITTEE

Members considered the Minutes of the Human Resource Sub Committee held on 18 and 27 January, 2012.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted and that Cllrs. H .J. Evans, T. Rh. Ifan and G. H. Wooldridge be appointed on the Human Resource Sub Committee Appeals Panel.

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The meeting concluded at 5.00 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 13 March, 2012, adopted by the Council.