

**17 April, 2013.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 507 – 513**

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, 17 April, 2013 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. D. M. Cundy (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

L. A. Beer	H. J. Evans
M. V. Davies	R. E. Evans
S. M. Donoghue	S. N. Lewis
G. N. R. Edwards	W. V. Thomas

**507. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman referred to the recent demise of the Chairman of Council's mother. Members and Officers stood in silent tribute.

**508. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand, T. J. Jones (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising) and A. G. Morgan.

**509. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**510. HOUSING SERVICES – CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(1) BEDROOM TAX**

Further to Minute No. 464, correspondence was received from the Housing Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council. The writer provided a breakdown of the impact of the 'bedroom tax' by ward on council tenants under the Government's Welfare Reforms to be imposed from April 2013.

Members referred to the hardship which would be experienced by tenants affected by the reforms and the lack of alternative accommodation for those requiring homes with fewer bedrooms.

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**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**(2) CARMARTHENSHIRE'S HEALTH IMPACT STUDY  
ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

Members received correspondence from the Housing Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council enclosing the second annual progress report on Carmarthenshire's Health Impact Study.

The Carmarthenshire Home Standard was investing £200 million in improving Council homes by 2015 and in conjunction with Cardiff and Swansea Universities, it intended tracking the health benefits to the tenants through the work being carried out.

Over 67% of homes had been improved. The Annual Report summarised improvements to date in tenants perceptions of housing quality and satisfaction, physical and mental health and thermal comfort and fuel poverty.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**511.            **PROTOCOL FOR WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS AND LOCAL COUNTY  
COUNCILLORS****

Members received correspondence from the Deputy Monitoring Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

The document was intended to set a framework for encouraging positive and productive working relationships between councillors of town and community councils and the local county councillor for the electoral division coterminous with the area of the community council.

The document compared the powers and duties of Carmarthenshire County Council with those of community councils. It explained the role of the local county councillors and looked at the importance of good communications between community councillors and local county councillors.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**512.            **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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**513. STAFFING MATTERS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report referenced 4:2013 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.10 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 16 May, 2013, adopted by the Council.