

**18 January, 2012.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 347 – 355**

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, 18 January, 2012, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

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

**347. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. D. J. Davies (Cllr. T. D. Bowen deputising).

**348. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**349. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL  
FOR WALES – FINAL ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2012/13**

Members received correspondence from the Chairman, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, stating the Panel's Annual Report dated December 2011, which sets the payment to elected members for the financial year 2012/13 had now been published (excerpts of which had been previously circulated to Members).

Members attention was drawn to section 6 of the report which stated therein that it would require a considerable investment of time and effort on the Panel's part to devise a remuneration framework which could be seen to be both fair and equitable, and which would give proper regard to the number and variety of community and town councils in Wales. Therefore the Panel intended to undertake evidence gathering next year which was likely to require written submissions from community and town councils and might include visits to a broadly representative selection of councils.

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The Panel anticipated that proposals for a national remuneration framework for community and town councils in Wales would be ready for consultation in summer 2012 and for implementation in 2013/2014. Until then allowances for members of community and town councils would continue to be payable under the Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of Community Council)(Wales) Regulations 2003.

**RESOLVED** that the correspondence be noted.

**350. THE POST OFFICE NETWORK  
- FELINFOEL AREA**

Members received correspondence from the Chief Executive, Carmarthenshire County Council enclosing a copy letter from the Field Change Advisor, Post Office Ltd. The letter advised of forthcoming public consultation on some proposed changes to the Post Office network in the Felinfoel area and that a further letter would be sent out in due course, outlining proposals.

Cllr. H. J. Evans informed Members of the new post office opening on 6 February, 2012, in Chalky's Newsagents and Store in Felinfoel.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**351. 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.

**352. STAFFING MATTERS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report be accepted.

**353. HUMAN RESOURCE SUB COMMITTEE**

Members considered the Minutes of the Human Resource Sub Committee held on 10 January, 2012.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes be accepted.

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**354. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Members considered the amendments to the Employee Handbook compiled by the Council's Consultants, Peninsula Business Services.

**RESOLVED** that the amendments to the Employee Handbook be accepted.

**355. TRAINING VEHICLES**

Members considered the report of the Training Manager recommending the purchase of two new training vehicles to replace the two fleet vehicles currently on contract hire, the agreements for which were due to expire on 31 January, 2012.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Fiat Punto and Florino Cargo be purchased on a three year hire purchase deal.

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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 14 February, 2012, adopted by the Council.