

**19 February, 2014.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 436 – 441**

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, 19 February, 2014 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

T. Bowen	M. L. Evans
D. M. Cundy	R. E. Evans
H. J. Evans	A. G. Morgan
A. J. Rogers	

**436. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. A. Beer, T. Devichand, S. M. Donoghue (Cllr. T. Bowen deputising) and Cllr. T. J. Jones (R. E. Evans deputising).

**437. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**438. STATEMENT OF PUBIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE WELSH NATIONAL MARINE PLAN**

Members considered the draft consultation document from the Welsh Government Marine Planning Team, Welsh Government.

The Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Welsh Government, had recently announced through the publication of the Welsh Government Marine and Fisheries Strategic Action Plan, the start of Marine Planning for Wales.

The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MCAA) set out the statutory basis for a new planned system for marine activities throughout the UK. The key purpose of the Statement of Public Participation was to explain how and when the Welsh Government would engage with the public and stakeholders throughout the marine planning process in Wales and to seek views on its content.

The seas around Wales were becoming increasingly crowded. This resulted in competing demands for space and use of our natural resources. The future potential of the sea was important and it needed to be managed in a more joined up and planned way. This would

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mean doing things differently, encouraging greater integration between different uses and introducing a forward looking, proactive and spatial approach to the management of the marine area, its resources and the activities and interactions that take place within it. Sustainable development would be considered at all stages and would be documented through the Sustainable Appraisal.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk shall complete the accompanying questionnaire indicating the Council’s support for the Statement of Public Participation.

**439. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES  
ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

Further to Minute No. 257, Members were circulated with the Annual Report 2014/15 received from the Chairman, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales stating the Panel’s Annual Report dated February 2014 to be implemented in the financial year 2014/15 had now been published.

Members’ attention was drawn to section 10 of the report wherein it stated the payments to members of community and town councils. There were no changes to the previous determinations introduced on 1 April, 2013.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**440. 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.

**441. STAFFING MATTERS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report referenced 02:2014 be accepted.

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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 11 March, 2014, adopted by the Council.