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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 233 – 241

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 October, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

233. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A. G. Morgan and G. H. Wooldridge.

234. APPOINTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that a Sub-Committee, comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council, Leader and Cllr. C. A. Rees, be appointed.

235. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

236. SERVICE PLANS 2011/12

Members considered the half yearly report on the Council's Service Plans for 2011/12 which reviewed the key objectives and targets of the wide ranging services provided.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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237. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Further to Minute No. 205, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which referred to the following recommendation of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 28 September, 2011.

“RECOMMEND that the Policy and Resources Committee review the banding structure of the financial assistance budget”.

The report detailed the current banding structure and the process for considering applications.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the

1. annual budget of £3,000 be retained;
2. banding categories from 1 April, 2012, be:
 - four donations of £250;
 - ten donations of £100;
 - £700 for minor donations with a minimum contribution of £50;
 - £300 grant to the Bobby Busters Schools competition.
3. applications would continue to be considered annually in the September meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. If a balance remained after that meeting, applications would be presented in the following March. Applications which identified the need for a grant before the months of September and March would be placed to the next meeting for consideration.

238. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Further to Minute No. 211, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which referred to the following recommendation of the meeting of the Community Development Grants Panel held on 29 September, 2011:-

“RECOMMENDED that the Policy and Resources Committee be requested to consider the following:-

1. that the Community Development Grants Panel meet and allocate grants annually from 1 April, 2012, and that the month be determined;
2. that grants allocated should only be for projects which support community cohesion”.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which the objective of the Community Development Fund was re-affirmed, and it was

RESOLVED that

1. that each application be:
 - considered on its own merits and within the fund’s guidance notes;
 - focused on community activity and delivery of public benefit;
 - for amateur and not professional artists/groups;

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- 2. wages and expenses would be eligible for funding within supported applications;
- 3. that applications be accepted from the management committees of the Council's community facilities if eligible for funding under the Fund;
- 4. applications be considered annually in October by the Community Grants Panel from 1 April, 2012.

**239. NATIONAL STRESS AWARENESS DAY -
HEALTH CHALLENGE WALES**

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of participation in the National Stress Awareness Day as promoted by Health Challenge Wales.

The Council had previously declared its support for the Welsh Government's Health Challenge Wales initiative. The ultimate aim of which was a healthier and fairer Wales. Staff had been eager to participate in Health Challenge Wales for sometime and a sub-committee had organised an event to support National Stress Awareness Day to be held on 2 November, 2011.

A timetable for the event had been drawn up with details of the activities which would take place on that day and invitations to attend the event were being circulated to associated organisations such as other local authorities, job centres etc.

The Chairman of Council would launch the event and both the Chairman and Leader have given their full support to the event prior to its organisation being commenced.

RESOLVED that the event be supported.

240. 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.

241. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 6.00 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 8 November, 2011, adopted by the Council.