

26 January, 2011.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 383 – 389

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 26 January, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. H. J. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	S. L. Davies
S. M. Caiach	A. G. Morgan
M. V. Davies	B. C. M. Reynolds
G. H. Wooldridge	

383. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand, T. J. Jones and V. R. Thomas.

384. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

385. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments for December 2010, be noted.

386. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration Department and the Training Department for December 2010 respectively, (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £198,187.31 and £82,195.27, respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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387. SYSTEM SUPPORT AND PROVISION

Further to Minute No. 308(6) and previous discussions relating to the I.T. support contract, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which detailed costs incurred for systems support and provision of equipment from Pisys.Net.

The proposal for the system support of the Council's I.T. from Pisys.Net was accepted in June 2005, following a tendering exercise and analysis of the system configuration. Due to the increase in numbers of staff and learners the network system had grown since that time, Pisys.Net also provided the business software, broadband, anti-virus and e-mail protection required for the equipment at a competitive rate.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

388. 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.

**389. VAUXHALL BUILDINGS
(1) RATING ASSESSMENT**

Pursuant to Minute No. 360, Members considered correspondence received from the Director, Lambert Smith Hampton, informing of discussions with the Valuation Office Agency which had resulted in the Rateable Value of Vauxhall Buildings being reduced.

The various reductions produced revenue savings of £12,289.13 for the Council over the life of the 2005 Rating List from 1 April, 2005 to 31 March, 2010. With effect from 1 April, 2010, the merger and reduction of the Rating Assessments would give the Council a saving for the first year of £3,783.25 with an equivalent amount (plus inflation) for the subsequent four rate years up to 31 March, 2015.

The fee to be charged by Lambert Smith Hampton would be 10% of the reduction in the Rateable Value with a further £925 for the merger and reduction for the 2010 list.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(2) RENT REVIEW

Further to Minute No. 155, the Director of Lambert Smith Hampton, reported that the arbitrator had determined that the rental value of Vauxhall Buildings was £34,000 effective from 26 April, 2011, and referred to the Landlord's response thereto.

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RESOLVED that the information be noted and to await further developments in respect of (2) above.

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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 8 February, 2011, adopted by the Council.