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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 192 – 197

At a Meeting of the **PLANNING AND LIAISON COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Monday, 26 September, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. J. Jones (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler S. L. Davies
S. M. Caiach S. N. Lewis

192. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. L. Davies, T. Devichand and V. R. Thomas.

193. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest were made.

**194. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
TOWN AND COUNTRY GENERAL
DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 1995**

Consideration having been given to planning applications received, it was

RESOLVED as follows:-

Application No./ Development	Applicant/Location	Recommendation
S/25096 Dwelling	Mr A Rodgers Plot Adjacent to 15 Glynderwen Road Llanelli	Information noted

Application withdrawn - consent was required for a new two storey dwelling

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Application No./ Development	Applicant/Location	Recommendation
S/25337 Workshop	Mr B Liles Coleg Sir Gar Unit 5 Temple Works Furnace Llanelli	NO OBJECTION
S/25349 Extension	Mr W D Pitt 18 Heol Y Graig Llanelli	NO OBJECTION

Consent was required for change of use from B1/B2 to D1. The change of use was requested to establish a training workshop for the delivery of pre-apprenticeship and general building craft training.

Consent was required for extension to existing garage

**195. CARMARTHEN BAY AND ESTUARIES
EUROPEAN MARINE SITE**

Members considered a draft consultation document from the Chairman, Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries EMS Relevant Authorities Group.

The Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries European Marine Site (EMS) was part of a complex of conservation areas extending across Europe, the Natura 2000 Network designated under the European Union Habitats and Birds Directives. This designation brought about statutory responsibilities for public bodies to safeguard the nature conservation interests of the site and for the UK Government to ensure that the requirements of the Directives were met and that suitable site management was delivered.

The vision for the Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries European Marine Site was one of a quality marine environment, where the habitats and species of the site were in a condition as good as or better than when the site was selected, where human activities co-exist in harmony with the site's habitats and species and where use of the marine development within the EMS was undertaken sustainably.

The Council supported the general principles contained in the draft but wished to record its concerns over water quality in the Burry Inlet.

Members referred to the conservation objectives referred to in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the consultation draft. In particular paragraph 38 states ...

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“To ensure that the Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries EMS is not at risk of eutrophication through elevated nutrient levels to achieve the long-term objective that the Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries EMS will be in mesotrophic status in line with the sites conservation objectives”.

The sewerage infrastructure in Llanelli was not meeting the current demands required of it and needed major investment to increase its general capacity. It was well documented that this had resulted in Welsh Water being in direct breach of the ‘Urban Waste Water Directive’ given the total amount of untreated and unauthorised sewage spills into the estuary, which it was responsible for.

The spills were frequent and widespread and far exceeded current recommended guidelines and allowances. The spills contained nutrients such as phosphates and these elevated nutrient levels were already having an impact on the Loughor estuary whereby studies had shown that it was already eutrophic in large parts.

Clearly this was a direct contravention of the conservation aims set out in the draft management scheme. The eutrophication was adversely affecting the local ecosystem which was supposedly afforded protection under the Carmarthen Bay and Estuary Special Area of Conservation (2004) under the six Habitats Directives.

Members felt the management scheme must address this issue as a matter of urgency to prevent any further long term harm to the environment as it was a very serious matter of concern.

RESOLVED that Members views and observations be forwarded to the Chairman, Carmarthen Bay & Estuaries EMS Relevant Authorities Group.

196. PROPOSAL TO DIVERT REGISTERED PUBLIC FOOTPATH 36/66 – SANDY WATER PARK

Members received correspondence from the Public Rights of Way Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council stating that the County Council had received an application to divert the registered public footpath 36/66.

The proposal would move the southern end of the footpath 36/66, from the present alignment across the main Fishguard to London railway line at Sandy Water Park, eastwards along an existing pathway which crossed over an existing railway tunnel to access the beach via existing steps.

Members welcomed the proposal but enquired whether the new section of footpath was wide enough for canoeists to transport their canoes to the beach. The existing path was regularly used by canoeists to gain access to the beach over the railway line route.

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the proposal and the point made about access for local canoeists along the new stretch of the footpath to the beach be forwarded to the Public Rights of Way Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council.

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**197. EXPERIMENTAL PROHIBITION OF DRIVING
EXCEPT FOR ACCESS – REAR LANE OF
MAESCANNER ROAD, DAFEN**

Correspondence was received from the Head of Administration and Law, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the County Council’s proposal to make an Experimental Prohibition of Driving Except for Access at the rear lane of Maescanner Road, Dafen in accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order would contain exemptions for police, ambulance or fire brigade purposes for the performance of statutory powers or duties, for the carrying out of building operations and other works and for the conveyance of persons, goods or merchandise to and from any premises situated on or adjacent to the said length of road.

The local ward Members raised concerns about the impact the Order might have on local traffic conditions and access arrangements generally. They felt the Order would cause further traffic congestion as the lane alleviated traffic flow on Maescanner Road. Members were of the opinion that a better solution would be to make the lane into a one way system rather than for access only.

RESOLVED that Members views and observations be forwarded to Head of Administration and Law, Carmarthenshire County Council.

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The Meeting concluded at 4.55 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 October, 2011, adopted by the Council.