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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 140 – 147

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, 27 July, 2011, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. D. Bowen (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	M. L. Evans
S. L. Davies	M. J. Lewis
T. Devichand	S. N. Lewis

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler, A. G. Morgan and V. R. Thomas.

141. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

142. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments for June 2011, be noted.

143. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for June 2011, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £203,526.71 and £76,517.51, respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

**144. VAUXHALL BUILDINGS
(1) REPLACEMENT OF BOILER**

Members were circulated with a report from the Technical Services Officer informing that a new central heating boiler was required for Vauxhall Buildings.

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Engineers had previously attended the site to undertake a routine gas safety check and to service the central heating boiler. Due to the poor condition of the boiler the engineers issued a prohibition notice and terminated the gas supply to prevent the boiler from being fired.

Due to the age of the central heating boiler, the engineers advised that they were unable to obtain replacement parts. The boiler had effectively reached its end of life and a new boiler needed to be installed.

The Technical Services Officer informed Members that no provision had been included in the budget for this financial year to do the work, which was estimated to be in the region of £10,000 - £15,000. Designs and prices would be sought from three contractors with installation of a new boiler to be carried out in early September 2011.

RESOLVED that the Technical Services Officer's report be accepted and in order to expedite the installation of the new central heating boiler by September 2011, delegated powers be granted to Officers in consultation with the Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council and Leader to accept the most suitable tender.

(2) ADAPTATION WORKS

Members considered the report of the Technical Services Officer informing of adaptation works required to the ground floor training room to provide accommodation to deliver basic skills which was being re-located from Machynys.

The funding would be met from the Training Department's budget and construction would start during the first week of August with a view to it being completed by the third week of August in preparation for the delivery of the new training contract.

RESOLVED that the proposals set out in the report for altering the internal room space be accepted.

145. 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.

146. NATWEST ONECARD - TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Members having consider the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration), it was

RESOLVED that the overall limit of the Natwest Onecard be increased to £5,000 per month.

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147. WHITE LION DEPOT – RENT REVIEW

Members were circulated with a letter from the Director, Lambert Smith Hampton informing of a proposed rent increase at the White Lion Depot (to take effect from 25 March, 2011) and Members were asked whether they would wish to contest the proposed increase in light of the current economic climate and it was

RESOLVED that Lambert Smith Hampton be engaged to negotiate the rent review of the premises on behalf of the Council.

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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 13 September, 2011, adopted by the Council.