

29 January, 2014.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 379 – 386

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, 29 January, 2014, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: F. Akhtar (Chairman)

Cllrs

T. Bowen R. E. Evans
G. N. R. Edwards A. G. Morgan
W. V. Thomas

379. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. T. Devichand.

380. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

381. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT (INTERIM) 2013/14

Members considered the Internal Audit Report (Second Interim) 2013/14 received from the Director, Auditing Solutions Ltd which concluded that the Council continued to have effective systems in place and consequently, there were no significant matters arising at present.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

382. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the committee reports for the Administration and Training Departments to 31 December, 2013, be noted.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Training Manager presents a report on contract values for the next Committee meeting.

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383. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration and Training Departments for December 2013, (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £82,320.19 and £128,383.32 respectively.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

Cllr. T. Bowen joined the meeting.

384. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to applications received for financial assistance and it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Jessica Dunning - that the application be noted;
- (2) Llanelli Youth Theatre – that a contribution of £100 be made and further information be obtained regarding sponsorship and presented at a future meeting.

385. 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 to be exercised.

386. SYSTEM SUPPORT AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Further to Minute No. 315, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which detailed costs incurred for systems support and provision of equipment from Pisis.Net.

The proposal for the system support of the Council's I.T. from Pisis.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. Pisis.Net also provided the business software, broadband, anti-virus and e-mail protection required for the equipment at a competitive rate.

The response to problems was excellent with telephone, email or online support being readily available. On-site support was also prompt as was the ever-changing need to extend the system for training department needs.

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Pisys.Net had advised that the Server Exchange 2003 software would come to the end of its life in July 2014 and had suggested that the exchange part (emails) was moved to Office 365 (cloud) which would extend the life of the server. The Server would become a Domain controller.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (1) the information be noted;
- (2) Officers together with Cllr. A. G. Morgan further discuss the software options to replace the Server Exchange 2003.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.30 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 February, 2014, adopted by the Council.