

**30 January, 2014.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 393 – 398**

At a Meeting of the **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 30 January, 2014 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. C. A. Rees (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

F. Akhtar                      M. V. Davies  
D. M. Cundy                  R. E. Evans  
A. G. Morgan

**393.                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue and T. J. Jones (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

**394.                      MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**395.                      YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRESSION FRAMEWORK –  
TIMELINE AND EXECUTIVE GUIDANCE**

Members received the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework Implementation Plan from the Welsh Government. This included the pre-engagement initiative that may become funded from April 2014.

The pre-engagement initiative targeted young people who were not ready to progress on to a 21 hours per week scheme. The pre-engagement scheme would not incur added cost as it would mean learners attending scheduled activities already in place.

The Training Manager indicated that there could be an opportunity to become a provider of the pre-engagement scheme across the county with the opportunity to also offer the programme in Carmarthen.

It was

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted for the time being and to await further developments with the initiative.

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**396. COMMUNITIES FIRST-TIME CREDITS IN CARMARTHENSHIRE**

Members considered the Communities First-Time Credits scheme received from Spice, an organisation working with Carmarthenshire Communities First to promote time credits within the county.

The Training Manager explained that participants volunteer to earn time credits that can then be spent in the county. The Training Department already offered various activities and courses for which participants could spend time credits. It was also hoping to devise ways in which time credits could be earned on voluntary activities.

Cllr. D. M. Cundy expressed his support for the scheme having received a similar presentation from Spice earlier in the day.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**397. OCR QUALIFICATION – SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOLS**

Members received information about the OCR qualification, Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools. The Deputy Clerk (Training) explained that this qualification would be delivered in schools targeting teaching assistants.

Interest had already been expressed by schools following a presentation delivered by the Training Department. In the coming months further presentations would be delivered to more schools in the local area.

In response to a question as to whether the presentations could be delivered in Welsh to Welsh medium schools, the Deputy Clerk (Training) confirmed she would make enquiries to ascertain whether the qualification was available in Welsh.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**398. EVENTS**

Members were informed about the following external events attended or due to be attended by Training Department staff:

- (1) Communities First event “Have a Go” on 30 January, 2014. Attendees were provided with a taster of different occupations and to visit trade stands offering training and employment information.
- (2) Skills Cymru exhibition - 22-23 October 2014.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.15 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.