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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 147 – 155

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, 28 July, 2010, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

L. J. Butler	A. G. Morgan
T. Devichand	B. C. M. Reynolds
T. J. Jones	A. C. Thomas
G.H. Wooldridge	

147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, S. L. Davies and M. V. Davies (Cllr. A. C. Thomas deputising).

148. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman informed of the recent demise of Mr. D. H. Hopkins, who had served as Chairman of this Authority in 1984/85. Members and Staff thereupon stood in silent tribute.

149. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

150. ANNUAL REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2009/10

Pursuant to Minute No. 109, a report by the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed of the need to produce an Annual Report on the principal activities and financial procedures in accordance with the FRSSE accounting regulations, as requested by the external auditors, Mazars LLP.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report be accepted and that the Chairman of Council be authorised to sign same.

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151. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

152. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration Department and the Training Department for June 2010 respectively, (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £99,392.85 and £70,588.04, respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

**153. MATTERS ARISING –
PARC Y SCARLETS**

Arising out of the preceding Minute, Cllr. T. J. Jones referred to events at the above venue to which there had been no invitation to the Chairman of Council.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Jones provided further information to enact upon and that the findings be reported to Committee.

154. 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.

155. VAUXHALL BUILDINGS – RENT REVIEW

Further to Minute No. 115, Members considered a letter received from Lambert Smith Hampton, which informed that, given the parties different views on the level of rent, it appeared that the matter must be determined by a third party. It was also stated that the Landlord had appointed an Arbitrator.

Following a request from the Arbitrator, an enquiry was made as to whether the Council wished Mr. W. Hunt, Surveyor, to act in the capacity of Expert Witness, whose duty would be to the Arbitrator rather than this Authority.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the appointment of Mr. W. Hunt, Surveyor, Lambert Smith Hampton, be confirmed and thereby the original contract between Lambert Smith Hampton would cease and a new contract entered into; and that

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(2) delegated powers be given to the Chairman of Committee, Chairman of Council, Leader and Officers, to proceed in the matter as appropriate.

Cllr. T. Devichand abstained from voting.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.05 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 14 September, 2010, adopted by the Council.