

**16 January, 2008.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 361 - 367**

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 16 January, 2008, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. A. G. Morgan (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. M. Caiach	M. P. Jones
D. V. Darby	T. J. Jones
M. L. Evans	R. G. Thorne

**361. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman referred to the Chairman of Council, Cllr. D. J. Davies' indisposition and Members conveyed their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

**362. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. D. Bowen, D. J. Davies, T. Devichand and C. Edwards.

**363. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**364. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

Pursuant to Minute No. 176, Members were circulated with the final report for the above from the Statutory Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council, which was approved by that Council in November 2007.

The areas highlighted by this Council were noted as follows:-

The use of mobile polling stations (portakabins) at the park at the top of Penllwynrhodyn Road, Penygraig, adjacent to Dafen and Halfway C. P. Schools and adjacent to Emmanuel Chapel to provide for residents of the Pemberton Park/Halfway area – that where practicable, alternative sites be found instead of using portakabins which were access unfriendly, produced generator fumes, were noisy and unreliable/broke down;

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The Church Hall, Ynyswen, Felinfoel as an alternative to the Community Education Centre, would be investigated.

Members conveyed their disappointment with the above and were unclear as to whether new polling places/stations would be established in time for the local elections to be held in May 2008.

During discussion it was requested that, should changes be created, the County Council consider placing signs and notices at the former polling places/stations informing electors on election day of the change. This being an addition to the information being included on poll cards, as it was felt that not every elector would be guaranteed to receive a poll card and, for those electors who did, many might not pick up details of new voting arrangements.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and that Members' comments and concerns be forwarded to the Statutory Service Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council.

**365. THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 – DOG CONTROL ORDERS GUIDANCE**

The above document was received from the Area Environmental Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, which informed of this Council's right to introduce Dog Control Orders to designated land.

Following discussion, the Clerk informed Members that this Council, classed as a Secondary Authority, did not have the required staffing resources to undertake such measures at the present time. However, should the Council's circumstances differ in the future, then the matter could be revisited if required.

**RESOLVED** that the document be noted.

**366. 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.

**367. STAFFING MATTERS**

Members were circulated with the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing on staffing matters.

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) be received and adopted.

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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 12 February, 2008, adopted by the Council.