

**18 June, 2008.**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 109 - 113**

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, 18 June, 2008, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. G. H. Wooldridge (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

T. D. Bowen	H. J. Evans
D. J. Davies	T. Rh. Ifan
S. M. Donoghue	C. A. Rees
B. C. M. Reynolds	

**109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. L. J. Butler (Cllr. B. C. M. Reynolds deputising), S. M. Caiach, M. V. Davies, T. Devichand and T. J. Jones (Cllr. S. M. Donoghue deputising).

**110. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. D. J. Davies declared an interest in Minute No. 111 as he was a member of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

**111. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY –  
DRAFT RISK REDUCTION ACTION PLAN 2009/2010 –  
CONSULTATION**

Cllr. D. J. Davies declared an interest in the following item as he was a member of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority. Cllr. Davies spoke but did not vote on the matter.

Pursuant to Minute No. 141 (18 July, 2007), correspondence, together with a draft Risk Reduction Action Plan for 2009/2010, was received from the Chairman, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

It was stated that in April 2007, the Authority began to implement its 2007/10 Risk Reduction Plan which set out key objectives to improve its services and assist in making Mid and West Wales safer over the following three years and beyond. The Draft Risk Reduction Action Plan for 2009/2010 reported on the significant achievements and progress on those objectives. The document also reported specifically on projects consulted upon last year and

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what was wanted to be achieved in 2009/10. A major process of public consultation had been undertaken over the last two years and views were now being sought on the last draft action plan for the reporting period; a questionnaire was included for Members' comments.

The main focus area was staff deployment. The Authority wanted to provide the right people at the right place at the right time and would look at how shift crewed, day crewed and retained staff interacted with each other throughout the Service.

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which comments were made upon the rise of the population and the amount of new housing being developed, particularly within the Llanelli area. Concerns were raised regarding the continuing erosion of vital public services and that it was critical that fire stations and staff were not reduced.

Members expressed reservations regarding commenting upon the draft document as it lacked detailed information.

**RESOLVED** that Members' observations and comments be forwarded to the Chairman, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

**112. 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.

**113. STAFFING MATTERS**

Members were circulated with the reports of the Training Manager and Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of staffing matters.

**RESOLVED** that the reports of the Training Manager and the Deputy Clerk (Administration) be received and adopted.

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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 8 July, 2008, adopted by the Council.