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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 339 – 347

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 Thursday, 20 December, 2007, at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. R. G. Thorne (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

D. J. Davies	M. Howells
T. Devichand	T. J. Jones
M. L. Evans	G. H. Wooldridge

339. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. E. Evans.

340. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

341. TRAINING DEPARTMENT

(1) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2006/07

Members were circulated with the Statement of Accounts Audit of Financial Statements for 2006/07, it was

RESOLVED that the Training Department's Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2006/07 be received and adopted subject to text amendments.

(2) VAT PARTIAL EXEMPTION

Members considered a report from Accounting Solutions from DCK Beavers Ltd. The writer stated that the Training Department were currently being denied the benefit of reclaiming VAT on expenses incurred in performing all the government financed training it undertakes. The work the Training Department delivered was classified as Exempt for VAT purposes and were restricted in terms of claiming VAT in respect of Exempt activities.

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The writer informed that there was a case to have the work re-classified for VAT purposes since it was performed for government and/or government agencies and quoted fees the taking up the matter with HM Revenue Customs on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED that the terms of the fee be negotiated with DCK Beavers as set out in option 2 on the specific understanding that the fee would on a no win - no fee basis.

342. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Committee Reports of the Administration and Training Departments for November 2007, be noted.

343. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedule of Payments for November 2007, for the Administration and Training Departments (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £132,530.83 and £61,156.12, respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

344. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Further to Minute No. 305(2), consideration having been given to a request from Cylch Meithrin Moriah for financial assistance, it was

RESOLVED that a contribution of £25 be made to Cylch Meithrin Moriah.

345. 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.

346. TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to Minute No. 213, Members received the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) which gave an update on the financial position of the Training Department.

RESOLVED that the report be received and adopted.

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347. SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Chairman wished Members and Staff a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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The Meeting concluded at 2.25 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 January, 2008, adopted by the Council.