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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 143 - 148

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, 23 July, 2008, at 4.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

D. J. Davies	T. Rh. Ifan
H. J. Evans	T. J. Jones
V. R. Thomas	

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. L. Davies, M. V. Davies and C. A. Rees.

144. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

145. REVIEWS OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Consultation correspondence was received from the Head of Local Government Democracy Team, Welsh Assembly Government, informing that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales ('the Commission') had a duty under Section 57 of the Local Government Act 1972, to conduct reviews of electoral arrangements in each of the 22 principal council areas in Wales.

The last set of reviews was conducted following the local government reorganisation as a result of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 and the reviews were undertaken between 1996 and 2001. The exercise had to be repeated within 10–15 years of the completion of the previous review. The Commission intended to commence this exercise as soon as was practicable after the local elections of 2008, with the aim of the final review being completed during 2011. It was intended that any changes should then take effect for the elections due in 2012.

Should the Commission decide that it wished to propose changes to the existing electoral arrangements, those proposals would have to be made to the Welsh Ministers.

During discussion, Members considered questions contained within the consultation however, as example data had not been provided, it had been difficult to formulate a response

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apart from the fact that the size of the electorate was deemed the main factor with regard to the level of Member representation.

RESOLVED that the Clerk formulate a reply to the Local Government Policy Division, Welsh Assembly Government.

**146. BT'S PROPOSAL TO REMOVE PAYPHONE PROVISION
WITHIN CARMARTHENSHIRE TIME SENSITIVE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Correspondence was received from the Head of Planning, Carmarthenshire County Council, which informed that a consultation exercise had been initiated following BT's proposal to remove public payphone kiosks throughout Carmarthenshire.

It was the responsibility of the Planning Division to collate and channel responses to BT on behalf of the community; any responses made directly to BT would not be classed as formal objections.

The telephone kiosk located at Yspitty Road, Bynea, was affected and Members voiced strong objections regarding its removal. It was felt that the retaining of the kiosk was essential for emergency use as a chemical works, an estuary, a main road and a public footpath were all located within a short distance. It was noted that mobile phone signals were poor in that area and Members also referred to the fact that some people did not have access to mobile phones.

RESOLVED that Members' concerns and objections to the proposal be forwarded to the Head of Planning, Carmarthenshire County Council.

147. 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.

148. STAFFING MATTERS

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

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

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The Meeting concluded at 4.25 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 9 September, 2008, adopted by the Council.