

26 March, 2008.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 488 – 497

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 26 March, 2008, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

D. J. Davies	S. N. Lewis
M. L. Evans	A. G. Morgan
M. Howells	C. A. Rees
T. J. Jones	G. H. Wooldridge

488. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising), R. E. Evans and A. S. Peters (Cllr. A. G. Morgan deputising).

489. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. A. G. Morgan and R. G. Thorne declared an interest in Minute No. 493 (10) as they were Trustees of Llanelli Citizens Advice Bureau.

490. INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED that the Internal Audit for the period ended 31 December, 2007, be noted.

491. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Committee Reports of the Administration and Training Departments for February 2008, be noted;
- (2) Officers of the Training Department discuss funding issues with other training providers and report to Members in due course;
- (3) a working group be established to monitor the funding process of the Training Department by DCELLS, following the local elections in May 2008.

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492. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedule of Payments for February 2008, for the Administration and Training Departments (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £137,860.30 and £73,797.88, respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

493. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Cllrs. A. G. Morgan and R. G. Thorne declared an interest in item (10) as they were Trustees of Llanelli Citizens Advice Bureau and did not speak or vote on the matter.

Consideration was given to applications received for financial assistance and, it was

RESOLVED as follows:-

- (1) Dyfed-Powys Police – ‘Bobby Busters’ – that a contribution of £300 be made from the 2008/09 budget;
- (2) Dyfed-Powys Crime Prevention Trust – ‘Bobby Van’ – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (3) Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre Wales – that the application be noted;
- (4) Macmillan Cancer Support – that the application be re-considered in September 2008;
- (5) Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru – Cardiff and District – that the application be re-considered in September 2008;
- (6) Children with Leukaemia – that the application be noted;
- (7) Llanelli Ramblers Festival of Walks – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (8) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Conwy – that the application be noted;
- (9) Llanelli Disabled Drivers Association – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (10) Llanelli Citizens Advice Bureau – that the application be re-considered in September 2008;
- (11) Ammanford & District Citizens Advice Bureau – that the application be noted;
- (12) Breathe Easy Support Group – Llanelli – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (13) Cruse Bereavement Care – that the application be re-considered in September 2008;
- (14) 1st Llanelli Scout Group- that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (15) Llanelli & District Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers – that the application be re-considered in September 2008;
- (16) Llanelli Air Raise – that the application be re-considered in September 2008;
- (17) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (18) Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – that a contribution of £75 be made;
- (19) Mr. J. Edwards – ‘Tinopolis – Aspects of Llanelli’s Tinsplate Trade’ – that the application be re-considered in September 2008;
- (20) South Wales Junior Cricket League – that the application be noted;
- (21) Miss C. Reed – Girl Guides – International Camp in Scotland – that the application be referred to Local Ward Members;
- (22) Mencap Cymru – that the application be noted.

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494. 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.

495. TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to Minute No. 346, 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.

496. HUMAN RESOURCES (PERSONNEL) AND HEALTH & SAFETY SUPPORT ADVISORY SERVICES

Further to Minute No. 486, it was

RESOLVED that the following Recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 19 March, 2008, be accepted:-

“RECOMMENDED to accept the quotation submitted by Peninsula Business Services Ltd., Riverside, New Bailey Street, Manchester, for human resource and health and safety advisory services for the sum of £11,088 per annum on a five year contract period; a net cost of £9,018 to the Council following a recharge to Llanelli Joint Burial Authority.”

497. WHITE LION DEPOT – PORTAKABIN

A report was received from the Technical Services Officer informing of the following quotations received for the purchase of a portakabin which would provide welfare accommodation at the White Lion depot:-

- (1) 16’ x 10’ £4,962
- (2) 16’ x 10’ £4,101 (with mesh guards £750)
- 13’ x 10’ £1,560 (second-hand)
- (3) 13’ x 8’ £3,275
- 13’ x 10’ £3,395

RESOLVED that the quotation received for a new build portakabin with wire mesh guards received from Parker Plant Hire Ltd., Halfway, Llanelli, in the sum of £4,851 plus VAT, be accepted as being the most appropriate structure.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.20 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 April, 2008, adopted by the Council.