

27 January, 2010.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 413 – 422

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 Wednesday, 27 January, 2010, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. L. J. Butler (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies H. J. Evans
S. L. Davies T. Rh. Ifan
A. C. Thomas

413. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising), T. J. Jones, C. A. Rees and V. R. Thomas.

414. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

415. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments for December 2009, be noted.

416. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration Department and the Training Department for December 2009 respectively, (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £92,946.60 and £67,455.13, respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

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**417. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
LOCAL COUNCILS (THE PRACTITIONERS GUIDE)**

Members were circulated with correspondence received from the Wales Audit Office, confirming that, from 1 April, 2009, the CIPFA Statement of Recommended Practice (the SoRP) no longer applied to larger parish (community) and town councils, i.e. those with income or expenditure over £1million. In its place the 'proper practices' requirements governing these bodies' accounts would be contained in the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – A Practitioners' Guide (Wales), the (Practitioners Guide).

A copy of the guidance was received together with the Accounting Standard Board's Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE). By following the provisions of the FRSSE April 2008 and its successor publications, larger local councils would meet the statutory requirement to follow accepted proper practices.

The writer requested the Council to submit observations on the draft proper practices and suggest any improvements or additions to the proper practices.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) referred to contact made with the Council's accountants in this matter and, it was

RESOLVED that a response be made based on the future application of fixed assets, capital grants and related parties.

**418. LOCAL AUTHORITY CAPITAL FINANCE FRAMEWORK –
CONSULTATION**

Correspondence was received from Local Government Finance, Welsh Assembly Government, in respect of changes to the Capital Finance System in Wales.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) having referred to accounting methods and security of investments, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**419. CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL –
COUNCIL BUDGET 2010/11 TO 2012/13 –
CONSULTATION WITH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Members considered the above correspondence received from the Head of Financial Services, Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) informed that, following this Authority's previous requests for the consultation exercise to be presented in a more appropriate manner relevant to corporate bodies, the questionnaire received was of the same format.

Members reiterated their request for future appropriately simplified documents being forwarded for earlier consultation.

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RESOLVED that Members' comments be forwarded to the Head of Financial Services, Carmarthenshire County Council.

420. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration having been given to an application received for financial assistance from Dyfed-Powys Police for Bobby Busters 2010, it was

RESOLVED that a contribution of £300 be made from the 2010/11 budget.

421. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

422. VAUXHALL BUILDINGS – RENT REVIEW NOTICE

The Deputy Clerk (Administration) referred to a rent review notice under the Lease which had been received from the Landlord.

RESOLVED that the services of Lambert Smith Hampton be engaged to negotiate with the Landlord and to await further developments.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.00 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 February, 2010, adopted by the Council.