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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 136 – 141

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 18 July, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	H. J. Evans
S. L. Davies	E. Simmons
T. Devichand	I. G. Wooldridge

Absent: A. G. Morgan

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. P. M. Edwards, J. P. Hart, C. A. Rees and A. J. Rogers.

137. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in Minute No, 139, as she had commented on the matter in her capacity as a Carmarthenshire County Councillor.

**138. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Members considered a public consultation document received from the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue (MWWFR).

The consultation document informed Members that as a service the MWWFR had saved £9 million, nearly 20% of its budget since 2006. It had achieved this by changing the way some of the stations were crewed and by refining some of its business processes. To date, the MWWFR had been able to make savings without negatively impacting on the service it delivered.

The MWWFR would continue to play its part in future budget reductions by having an ongoing, open discussion with staff and the public about the service the MWWFR provided and how it could continue to make improvements and future savings.

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The MWWFR through the consultation document wanted to know whether the MWWFR provided good value for money.

Following discussion, Members were disappointed that there wasn't sufficient information included about the MWWFR in order to make informed choices in respect of the three very basic questions posed in the consultation questionnaire but felt there should be no more cuts to the MWWFR. Members believed that the MWWFR provided a valuable range of services for the community all of which carried equal importance.

RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards Members views and opinions to the MWWFR.

139. CARMARTHENSHIRE CCTV

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as she had commented on the matter in her capacity as a Carmarthenshire County Councillor.

Members received correspondence from the Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council informing that Dyfed Powys Police was in the process of introducing a new CCTV system across the force area.

Carmarthenshire would be the first county to have the new cameras installed and all should be in place by the end of August 2018. The new police system included 116 cameras across Dyfed Powys with 46 cameras to be located in Carmarthenshire. The location of the cameras had been determined by the police based on crime pattern analysis.

As a result of this new system, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) had decided to undertake a review of the remaining system to ascertain the cost and viability for future use of those cameras outside the new police system. In May 2015, CCC decided to cease live monitoring of the cameras with funding for the service withdrawn. Since then the cameras had remained on and recorded footage was available to review if required. There was no budget available for maintenance and therefore a number of the cameras did not work. The CCC system was almost 20 years old and the footage and capability of the system did not compare to what would be available through the new cameras being installed by the police.

Members were informed the CCC would like to engage with the Council over the next few weeks to discuss the police plans in more detail and to consider how CCC wished to deal with the cameras that were located in the Council's areas but not in the police system.

The cameras in question were located in the following wards:

- Llwynhendy
- Dafen
- Hengoed

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted and the Clerk makes enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the location of the cameras in the Council's

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wards and what Carmarthenshire County Council intended to do with them with the matter being reported back to Committee in due course.

140. 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.

141. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 07:2018 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.35 p.m.

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