

**30 January, 2020**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 384 - 391**

At a Meeting of the **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Thursday, 30 January, 2020 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

H. J. Evans

S. N. Lewis

**384. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies, T. Devichand, S. M. Donoghue and J. S. Phillips.

**385. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**386. PRINCE'S TRUST  
(1) TEAM 12 REVIEW**

Members were informed that Yana Neumann had taken over the running of the project at short notice and had done really well with all thirteen learners completing it. A placement scheduled for Prince Philip Hospital had to be cancelled due to the closure of wards. Placements were then found at the 'Grow Patch' at Machynys which had proved successful. Members were informed that learners had been offered part-time jobs as a result of placements which was a really positive outcome.

Congratulations were then conveyed by councillors to the Training Department in respect of the subsequent Prince's Trust Awards Presentation at Machynys for Team 12 which was very positive and inspirational.

The Training Manager then commented that the programme was now in its fourth year and out of 152 young people starting the programme 129 (85%) had completed it. Members were informed that learners on the Prince's Trust programme tended to do better than most when they moved on to further training or employment opportunities.

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**(2) PROGRAMME FUNDING**

The Training Manager informed members that he was hoping to receive positive news about ongoing funding support for the programme but the matter was still being discussed at national level. It was hoped that a funding solution could be identified in order to continue with the programme.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and to await further developments.

**387. LEARNER OUTCOME ACTION PLAN**

Members considered the key scores recorded against the various national progression rates in connection with training programmes delivered by the department. Learner progression rates were excellent in five of the eleven programme areas assessed. There was, however, difficulty in trying to get the progression form signed and returned from individual learners. It was suggested that an incentive payment for learners be re-introduced as it had previously proved successful.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**388. PROVIDER ASSURANCE AND GOVERNANCE SERVICE (PAGS)  
AUDIT OF SKILLS ACADEMY WALES (SAW)**

The Administrative Supervisor informed members that the PAGS audit of SAW in November returned a zero percentage non-compliance which was a very good report. SAW self-monitored and had in depth corrective audit procedures in place. It was also noted that the finance was well within the guidelines. The department was congratulated on such a good report. It was suggested that contractors used by the council be asked if they could take-on learners on placement and where applicable to sponsor staff on an apprenticeship programme with the department.

Following discussion of the report, it was

**RESOLVED** that the audit results be noted.

**389. JOB SUPPORT WALES PROGRAMME**

Members were informed that there had been a delay, once again, to the start of the Job Support Wales Programme – which was now expected to commence on 1 August, 2020. Some issues arose around the moderation process leading to final tender scores. Until this was resolved, the programme delivery would continue in its current format.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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**390. 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.

**391. WORK BASED LEARNING - REVISED CONTRACT VALUES**

The Training Manager briefed members on the revised contract values available and on offer to the department. There would be an extra £139,000 for South East and South West Wales and an extra £125,000 for North Wales for logistics provision.

Following discussion and having welcomed the news, it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.11 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 11 February, 2020 adopted by the Council.