

**26 February, 2020**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 439 – 446**

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, 26 February, 2020 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. W. V. Thomas (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. M. Caiach                      T. Devichand  
S. L. Davies                      P.M. Edwards  
S. N. Lewis

**Absent:** J. S. Randall

**439. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, S. M. Donoghue (Cllr. P. M. Edwards deputising), J. S. Phillips and C. A. Rees.

**440. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
446(2)	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – associated with a member of Bynea and Llwynhendy History Society
446(12)	W. V. Thomas	Personal interest – partner was a Trustee of the Board

**441. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**RESOLVED** that the committee reports for the Administration Department, Burial Services and Training Department to 31 January, 2020, be noted.

**442. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS**

Consideration was given to the schedules of payments for the Administration Department, Burial Services and Training Department for January 2020 (copies of which had been previously circulated) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £135,458.60; £21,545.77; and £211,424.25 respectively.

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**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

**443. TRAINING PROGRAMMES - CONTRACT VALUES  
2019/20**

**RESOLVED** that the updated contract values report covering period three for the period 1 August, 2019 to 31 July, 2020, be noted.

**444. EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT IN WALES**

Further to Minute No. 406(2), correspondence was received in the form of a Written Statement from the Minister for Economy and Transport, Welsh Government informing of Employability Support in Wales.

The statement referred to the planned new Job Support Wales programme aimed to amalgamate the five Welsh Government Employability initiatives into a single tailored offer with delivery planned from April 2020.

Following technical issues with a recent procurement exercise, including particular issues around the moderation process leading to final tender scores, the Welsh Government had to revise their approach and the Job Support Wales Programme would not go ahead as originally planned. The existing programmes would all remain in operation until alternatives could be put in place. However, a further statement on progress would be released sometime in March 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**445. TRAINING DEPARTMENT  
TRAINEES INCENTIVE PAYMENTS**

Members received a report from the Training Manager requesting that incentive bonuses were re-introduced as one of a series of actions designed to improve progression rates in traineeship programmes.

An incentive bonus on receipt of a completed Destination Form had been used effectively in the past to encourage learners to accept progression opportunities and to return a completed form. It was proposed that the incentive was introduced for all progressions from youth programmes.

Following discussion, members suggested that enquiries be made with The Princes Trust regarding their funding availability and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The report be accepted.
2. Enquiries be made with The Princes Trust to establish if they have any funding available.

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**446. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

*Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in item (2) as she was associated with a member of the Bynea and Llwynhendy History Society. Cllr. W. V. Thomas declared a personal interest in item (12) as his partner was a Trustee of the Board.*

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

**RESOLVED** that:

- (1) Age Cymru Sir Gar – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (2) Bynea & Llwynhendy History Society – that the matter be referred to Local Ward Members;
- (3) Cancer Information & Support Services – that the application be noted;
- (4) Côt Glannau'r Gwendraeth, Pontiets – that the matter be referred to Local Ward Members;
- (5) Llinos Gilmore Jones – Mencap – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (6) Hidden Carmarthenshire – that the application be noted;
- (7) Llanelli Pride – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (8) Llanelli Ramblers – Festival of Walks 2020 – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (9) Llanelli Veterans Association – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (10) Llanelli Woman Against State Pension Injustice – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (11) Mr Steffan Parry – Meningitis Research Foundation – that the application be noted;
- (12) Prince Philip Hospital Breast Care Unit Fund – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (13) Royal British Legion Band of Wales – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (14) SOS Cefn Sidan – that the application be noted;
- (15) Urdd – that that application be noted;
- (16) Wales Air Ambulance – that the application be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.45 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 10 March, 2020, adopted by the Council.