

**28 July, 2022**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 134 – 140**

At a Meeting of the **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Thursday, 28 July, 2022 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. N. A. Stephens (Vice-Chairman (in the Chair))

**Cllrs.**

D. M. Cundy	S. N. Lewis
A. Evans	A. G. Morgan
E. M. Evans	J. S. Phillips
O. Williams	

**Absent:** T. M. Donoghue

**134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. N. Evans (Cllr. E. M. Evans deputising) and B. M. Williams (Cllr. D. M. Cundy deputising).

**135. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**136. SKILLS ACADEMY WALES – APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME COMMISSION 2022/23**

Members received the contract details for 2022/23 from the Training Manager outlining the conditions set by the Welsh Government. The Training Manager referred to Welsh Government's five key objectives for the programme commenting how the Training Department was meeting and delivering these and felt that the future for the Apprenticeship Programme looked positive. Skills Academy Wales had retained its funding allocation and subsequently, the Training Department's contract allocation had been secured.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the contract details for 2022/23 be noted.

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**137. LOGISTICS APPRENTICESHIP DELIVERY**

The Logistics Team updated members on the Logistics Apprenticeship Delivery. There were 120 apprentices on programme, mainly from the south Wales area, the majority of the apprenticeships were generated from employer referrals. Recent changes to UK driving licence requirements now enabled applicants to progress immediately on to articulated vehicle courses, whereas previously applicants had to drive rigid body vehicles before progressing to articulated vehicles. Comment was made about the added value provided by the team to learners.

Following discussion, the Logistics Team was thanked for the work achieved thus far and it was

**RESOLVED** the update be noted.

**138. ADMINISTRATION HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICE TESTIMONY**

Members received an update from the Senior Assessor with regards to correspondence received from an apprentice strongly recommending the apprenticeship scheme which the individual had undertaken bilingually. As a result the person had become an ambassador for the apprenticeship programme and the National Training Federation Wales (NFTW) was arranging a publicity video with the individual at the Carmarthen office training base to promote the programme. The Senior Assessor also updated members on the Business Administration programme with changes meaning that there was more flexibility to take on apprentices from 16-25 years of age also those who had been or were in employment.

Following discussion, the Senior Assessor and her team were thanked for the work achieved thus far and it was

**RESOLVED** the information be noted.

**139. JOBS GROWTH WALES + PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE**

Members were advised of the latest Welsh Government's marketing campaign for JGW+ by the Training Manager who explained that the new programme had been well received with a positive marketing campaign.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** the information be noted.

**140. JGW+ TRAINING PROGRAMME**

JGW+ Programme Leader gave a presentation on the training being delivered. Under a new government pilot scheme the Training Department could self-refer learners onto the programme which reflected in the 100% positive progression rate with support given to the learner at every stage of their progression.

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Currently there were 26 new learners and 37 displaced learners from the former programme undertaking training. Reference was made to the two primary contractors ITEC and ACT and the positive relationship that was being nurtured with them by the Training Department. The Programme Leader also referred to the three strands covered under the new programme, namely the Engagement Strand; the Advancement Strand and the Employment Strand (which was a new programme development) and concluded the presentation with reference to community projects completed by learners and learner testimonials received and marketed by the department. Social media channels such as Tik Tok were being utilised to reach out to young people.

Following discussion, the Programme Leader and her team were thanked for the work achieved thus far and it was

**RESOLVED** the presentation be accepted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.18 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 October, 2022 adopted by the Council.