

**28 September, 2022**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 164 – 168**

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 28 September, 2022, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. R. Bowen	J. P. Hart
S. L. Davies	S. N. Lewis
E. M. Evans	A. G. Morgan
N. Evans	J. S. Phillips
S. M. T. Ford	B. M. Williams

**Absent:** A. Evans

**164. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. D. M. Cundy (Cllr. E. M. Evans deputising).

**165. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**166. THE SECTION 6 BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCE DUTY**

Members considered correspondence from the Minister for Climate Change, Welsh Government informing of the need to reverse the decline in biodiversity.

The need to tackle the nature crisis had been recognised in the Welsh Government's Programme for Government commitment to embed biodiversity in everything society did. A key initiative to encourage this integration was the section 6 biodiversity duty. This was introduced under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and required public authorities to maintain and enhance biodiversity and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems throughout all their functions.

The duty included a three yearly requirement that all public authorities must publish a report detailing the actions taken to help maintain and enhance biodiversity. The second round of reports were due at the end of this year.

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The Clerk informed members that the council had already published its second triennial report on the council’s website. Moreover and henceforth, the council had elected to publish the actions taken to help maintain and enhance biodiversity annually, with specific reference made in the council’s composite annual report. The council had opted to do this in preference to publishing a report once every three years. The annual report was published on the council website in May 2022.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that both the correspondence and the Clerk’s observations be noted.

**167. 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.

**168. STAFFING MATTERS**

Members considered the report of the Technical and General Operations Manager informing of staffing matters.

**RESOLVED** that the report referenced 09:2022 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 4.55 p.m.

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