

**20 March, 2024**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 419 – 422**

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, 20 March, 2024 at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

S. R. Bowen	J. P. Hart
D. M. Cundy	J. S. Phillips
T. M. Donoghue	W. E. Skinner
N. Evans	A. G. Stephens

**Absent:** A. Evans, S. M. T. Ford

**419. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. N. Lewis (Cllr. T. M. Donoghue deputising) and B. M. Williams.

**420. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**421. COMMUNITY REVIEW OF ALL TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS, CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AREA**

Further to Minute No. 238, correspondence was received from the Electoral Services and Civil Registration Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the next stage of the consultation process taking place requesting any further recommendations or comments regarding the community review.

Carmarthenshire County Council had proposed that the properties numbered 1 and 3 Erwau'r Garn currently located in the Glyn Ward within the Llanelli Rural Council boundary be reassigned within the Llangydeyrn Community Council boundary. The effect of this would provide for all properties within the housing estate being located within the Llangydeyrn Community.

Following discussion, it was

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**RESOLVED** that the proposal be supported in the interests of delivering effective and convenient local government.

**422. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW)  
ANNUAL REPORT**

Further to Minute No. 237, members were circulated with the Annual Report 2024/25 received from the Chairman, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) stating the Panel’s Annual Report final recommendations dated February 2024 in regard to the councillors’ remuneration framework should be implemented in the financial year 2024/25.

Members’ attention was then drawn to the report section confirming the contribution to costs and expenses of members of community and town councils. Members were informed that the council was categorised as a group 1 council under the IRPW’s revised categorisation arrangements for the local council sector because its electorate was in excess of 14,000 electors. The Clerk led members through the range of payment options available to group 1 councils confirming both the mandatory and optional payments adopted by the council and to which Minute No. 237 referred.

During the ensuing discussion members were reminded that the council had decided in November 2023, to discontinue the mandatory set payment of £52 for consumables in preference of members being entitled to claim full reimbursement for the costs of their office consumables on production of paid receipts as prescribed within the remuneration framework.

The IRPW confirmed in regard to Determination 6 of the remuneration framework that all councils must pay their members £156 a year (equivalent to £3.00 per week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

It was a matter for every member to decide whether they wished to forego any or all the payments adopted by the council and available to them, by notifying the council’s Finance Manager on an individual basis.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the final annual report recommendations in regard to the Panel’s remuneration framework in relation to the community and town council sector be noted and accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.06 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 9 April, 2024, adopted by the Council.