

19 February, 2025

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 344 – 348

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, 19 February, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	N. Evans
D. M. Cundy	S. N. Lewis
M. V. Davies	W. E. Skinner
A. Evans	A. G. Stephens

Absent: S. M. T .Ford, J. P. Hart

344. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

345. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

**346. DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME (DRS)
FOOD AND DRINK FEDERATION CYMRU**

Members received correspondence from the Head of Food and Drink Federation Cymru informing of the impact on littering in Wales following the Welsh Government's decision to withdraw from the UK wide Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in November 2024.

DRS was an environmental policy where consumers pay a deposit when purchasing a drink in a container, such as a plastic bottle or metal can. The deposit was then fully refunded to the consumer when the container was returned to a collection point for recycling. The primary goal for DRS was to increase recycling rates, promote a circular economy and to reduce litter.

The writer stated that the Welsh Government decision to step away from DRS was a surprise and disappointing and the Federation and other stakeholders had communicated this to Welsh Government. The writer also remarked that the announcement to step away increased uncertainty for the scheme due to be implemented in 2027 and enquired whether the council had any views on the decision.

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Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted.

347. 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.

348. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 02:2025 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 4.53 p.m.

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