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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 204 – 211

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 21 September, 2016 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs

D. M. Cundy	S. M. Donoghue
S. L. Davies	R. E. Evans
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
J. S. Phillips	

Absent: T. Bowen, T. J. Jones

204. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar (Cllr. S. L. Davies deputising), C. A. Rees and A. J. Rogers.

205. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

206. PARKING PERMITS

Further to Minute No. 140, Cllr. M. V. Davies informed Members that under the current parking system whereby Members have a parking permit to park in Vauxhall car park from 4.15 pm in order to attend Council meetings, he was experiencing difficulty in parking in the allocated car park. Cllr. Davies enquired if the parking permit could be extended to the Hall Street car park across the road.

Cllr. Davies explained that he was unable to use the permit for today's meeting because all the spaces had been taken up at the allotted car park and that this was often the case. Cllr. Davies felt that given the inflexibility of not being able to use the permit in the Hall Street car park: the permit was a waste of money.

The Deputy Clerk informed Members that previous requests to Carmarthenshire County Council to use the permit elsewhere had been declined and the parking permit was only available for parking in Vauxhall car park. The Deputy Clerk had undertaken an exercise in

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calculating the cost for Members to pay for car parking and then reclaim the cost which was considerably more.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the situation be monitored over the next 12 months to allow a more accurate assessment to be made whereby the cost of purchasing the permits will be added to any additional costs incurred by Members in instances where they have to pay to use alternative car parks if there are no spaces available at Vauxhall car park. This figure will then be reconciled and compared against normal car parking charges being incurred by Members in lieu of receiving the car parking permit to determine the cheapest outcome.

**207. THE 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES
IN WALES**

Members received correspondence from the Secretary, Boundary Commission for Wales stating that the Commission had published its initial proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales.

On 24 March, 2016, the Commission announced the start of the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.

The Commission was an independent and impartial non-departmental public body which was responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in Wales. The Commission was now publishing its initial proposals for public consultation. The proposals took careful account of developments since the last general review, in particular the change to the legislation and application of the 2015 electoral statistics. The review was based on the UK electoral quota (UKEQ) and reduction in the total number of UK constituencies from 650 to 600 which would mean that the number of constituencies in Wales would be reduced from 40 to 29 reflecting the electoral data as at December 2015.

This new rule would mean that every constituency in Wales must have an electorate as at the review date that was no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507. Members then considered the proposals for the Llanelli constituency. The proposed constituency was to be known as Llanelli and Lliw. The constituency would have 76,751 electors which was 2.7% above the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency. The electorate would rise by an additional 19,549 electors and would be taken from part of the current Gower constituency.

Following a lengthy discussion, whereby Members raised concern that Wales would lose 25% of its Members of Parliament which was disproportionate compared to the rest of the UK, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk forward Members' concerns to the Boundary Commission for Wales.

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**208. PWLL POST OFFICE
BRANCH RE-OPENING**

Further to Minute No. 281 (18 November, 2015), Members received correspondence from the Field Change Advisor, Post Office stating that following the closure of Pwll Post Office in April 2015, a Hosted Outreach service would operate from The Public House at The Blue Anchor Inn, Pwll Road, Llanelli. The proposed opening times were Wednesday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm and Friday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**209. FURNACE POST OFFICE
TEMPORARY BRANCH CLOSURE**

Correspondence was received from the Field Change Advisor, Post Office informing Members that for operational reasons, Furnace Post Office had closed temporarily on 23 June, 2016. The Post Office was working to resume the Post Office service at Furnace and apologised for any inconvenience that the temporary closure might cause.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

210. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters 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.

211. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 09:2016 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.40 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, 2016, adopted by the Council.