

20 September, 2006.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 166 - 171

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Conference Room, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 20 September, 2006, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. P. Jones (Vice Chairman in the Chair)

Cllrs.

T. D. Bowen	M. Howells
T. Devichand	M. B. Hughes
R. E. Evans	A. G. Morgan
G. H. Wooldridge	

Apologies: Cllrs. C. Edwards, T. J. Jones (Cllr. A. G. Morgan deputising), A. S. Peters (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising).

166. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the under-mentioned matters:-

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167,168, 169	T. Devichand	Vice Chairman, Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care and Well-Being Committee Member, Community Health Council
167,168, 169	G. H. Wooldridge	Member, Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care and Well-Being Committee

167. COMMISSIONER FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN WALES - DRAFT REGULATIONS

Cllrs. T. Devichand and G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in the following item as Cllr. Devichand was Vice Chairman and Cllr. Wooldridge a member of the Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care and Well-Being Committee. Cllr. Devichand was also a member of the Community Health Council. Neither Member spoke or voted on the matter.

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Pursuant to Minute No. 415 (20 April, 2005), the above draft regulations were received from the Older People and Long Term Care Policy Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government, and circulated to Members. It also informed that the first ever Commissioner for Older People in Wales was to be appointed during 2007.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**168. NUTRITION STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE
IN CARMARTHENSHIRE**

Cllrs. T. Devichand and G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in the following item as Cllr. Devichand was Vice Chairman and Cllr. Wooldridge a member of the Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care and Well-Being Committee. Cllr. Devichand was also a member of the Community Health Council. Neither Member voted on the matter.

The above draft document was received from the Senior Direct Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council. It was stated that the document was a result of a multi-agency partnership comprising of representation from Carmarthenshire County Council, specifically Education and Children's Services, Social Care and Housing, Carmarthenshire Local Health Board, National Public Health Service for Wales and Carmarthenshire NHS Trust.

During a lengthy discussion, Members fully supported the aims of the strategy and endorsed the charter for improvement and the points contained therein. However, it was recognised that the strategy was aimed at care and residential homes in Carmarthenshire. Members commented that elderly people living on their own could be at a disadvantage when it came to making an informed choice between purchasing nutritious provisions and paying winter fuel bills.

RESOLVED that Members' comments be forwarded to the Senior Direct Services Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council.

Cllr. R. E. Evans withdrew from the Meeting.

**169. A STRATEGY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN WALES
OVER THE NEXT DECADE**

Cllrs. T. Devichand and G. H. Wooldridge declared an interest in the following item as Cllr. Devichand was Vice Chairman and Cllr. Wooldridge a member of the Carmarthenshire Health, Social Care and Well-Being Committee. Cllr. Devichand was also a member of the Community Health Council. Neither Member voted on the matter.

The above entitled draft consultation document was received from the Deputy Director for Older People and Long Term Care Policy, Welsh Assembly Government. The document set out the important Social Services' role played in the wide range of work involving vulnerable people and the proposed vision for the next ten years of how social services and social care would contribute to a better Wales.

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A consultation questionnaire was included for Members' completion. During discussion, Members conveyed the need to keep front line services local and that the issue of finance be a priority.

RESOLVED that the completed questionnaire be forwarded to Social Services Directions, Welsh Assembly Government.

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

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was

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.

171. STAFFING MATTERS

RESOLVED that the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) be received and adopted.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.50 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 10 October, 2006, adopted by the Council.