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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 91 – 99

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, 20 June, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. L. Davies	J. P. Hart
T. Devichand	S. N. Lewis
P. M. Edwards	E. Simmons
H. J. Evans	I. G. Wooldridge

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, A. G. Morgan, C. A. Rees and A. J. Rogers (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising).

92. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in Minute No, 95, as she worked for the NHS.

93. WHOLE PLACE PLAN REVIEW

Further to Minute No. 479 (21 March, 2018), Members received the progress report of the Community Development Officer.

Members were informed that public review sessions had been held at the end of April and the beginning of May. The information collected from the Bynea and Pwll sessions were the most noteworthy due to the better public turnout.

The consultation period would be open until the end of July to gather as many views as possible. Focus would now switch to achieve maximum participation in surveys and offering the opportunity to meet with local groups.

In order to increase awareness of the Whole Place Plan whilst raising its profile and encouraging participation, survey entrants would be entered into a prize draw.

A working group would shortly be arranged to analyse the impact of the review and the Whole Place Plan to date. The work considered by the working group would help set future work priorities that would benefit the communities the Council serves.

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Following discussion, Members felt the public did not understand what the Whole Place Plan was all about and suggested a number of ideas to make it more relevant and appealing so that more people took part in the review. It was suggested that the review process should tag on to other external community events and that posters and the like be produced to simplify how the plan would impact upon general wellbeing. Further bespoke meetings in places where attendance was low at previous engagement events should also be considered and it was

RESOLVED that the suggestions be noted and enacted.

**94. CYBER ESSENTIAL STANDARD
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

Members received correspondence from the Managing Director, Management Standards, enclosing the Certificate of Compliance that had been received following an assessment that had been undertaken against Cyber Essentials Plus Standard by ID Cyber Solutions. The Council had met the requirements of the scheme.

RESOLVED that the Certificate of Compliance, Cyber Essential Plus Standard be noted.

Cllr. S. L. Davies left the meeting.

**95. HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD
OUR BIG NHS CHANGE**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following matter as she worked for the NHS but had left the meeting to attend another engagement before the item was discussed.

Members received a consultation document from the Hywel Dda University Health Board on proposed changes to the way health services were organised by outlining proposals for community care and three proposals for hospitals.

The three main proposals were as follows:

Proposal A

two main hospitals:

1. a major new urgent and planned care hospital centrally located somewhere between Narberth and St. Clears, with all planned and specialist care centralised on a single site.
 2. Bronglais District General Hospital would continue to provide services for Mid Wales.
- Three community hospitals – Glangwili, Prince Philip and Withybush.
Ten community hubs

Proposal B

Three main hospitals:

1. A major new urgent and planned care hospital centrally located somewhere between Narberth and St. Clears with all planned and specialist care centralised on a single site.
 2. Bronglais District General Hospital would continue to provide services for Mid Wales.
 3. A general hospital on the existing site at Prince Philip.
- Two community hospitals – Glangwili and Withybush

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Proposal C

Four main hospitals

1. A new urgent care hospital centrally located somewhere between Narberth and St. Clears.
2. Bronglais District General Hospital would continue to provide services for Mid Wales.
3. A general hospital on the existing site at Prince Philip, Llanelli.
4. A planned care hospital at the existing Glangwili Site, Carmarthen

One community hospital – Withybush, Haverfordwest

Ten community hubs

The location of the main hospitals was challenging as this could significantly change where some patients access care and treatment. This was particularly an issue with the east of Carmarthenshire where patients who would currently be admitted to Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) for medical care would potentially go to Morrison Hospital in the future due to travel times.

The increase travel for individual patients and families also had an impact on the demand for services in neighbouring Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) Health Board. By splitting planned and urgent care on different sites (as proposed in C), the Health Board was also potentially increasing travel between sites for the doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

One of the considerations informing the final decision on which proposal to take forward was the potential affordability of the proposal. Ensuring that the proposal helped the health board stabilise its financial position would allow the health board to make best use of the money it had available to provide healthcare that was the highest quality with excellent outcomes for patients.

Following a lengthy discussion, Members felt that none of the options were viable and the proposals were discriminating against the lower income families. There was a concern that lower income families would not be able to travel further afield to attend a hospital. Also a concern was raised about transport arrangements and how long would it take a person to travel to visit a person at hospital. Members queried if the neighbouring Morrison hospital had also been consulted.

RESOLVED that the Clerk completes the accompanying questionnaire highlighted Members views and opinions.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. P. M. Edwards left the meeting.

96. 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.

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97. ISO AUDIT – ISO9001:2015

Members received the ISO Audit from SGS certifying the Council’s new accreditation to ISO Standard 9001:2015.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**98. ASSESSMENT REPORT
INVESTORS IN PEOPLE**

Members received the assessment report from Investors in People informing of the Council’s successful assessment for accreditation against the Investors in People Developed Standard.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

99. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report referenced 06:2018 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 6.05 p.m.

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