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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 190 – 197

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, 19 September, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. M. Caiach	P. M. Edwards
M. V. Davies	H. J. Evans
T. Devichand	J. P. Hart
A. G. Morgan	

190. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies, C. A. Rees (Cllr. M. V. Davies deputising), A. J. Rogers, E. Simmons and I. G. Wooldridge.

191. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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

(1) PRESS RELEASE

Members received a press release from Hywel Dda University Health Board stating that communities in Mid and West Wales had made their voices heard following a 12 week consultation into the future of NHS health and care services.

The Health Board had received an independent consultation report, detailing the extent and scope of views received during the consultation and had chosen to publish the report before it was formally received by the Health Board at an extraordinary meeting due to be held and webcast from Carmarthenshire County Council Chambers on Wednesday, 26 September, 2018, where a future service model would be discussed.

RESOLVED that the content of the press release be noted.

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(2) COMMUNITIES VOICE ON HEALTH AND CARE

Further to Minute No. 95, correspondence was received from the Director of Partnerships and Corporate Services, Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) together with the independent report produced by Opinion Research Services. Members were guided through the report and following discussion, Members reaffirmed their preference for proposal B given that proposals A and C were considered detrimental to Prince Philip Hospital's future status.

Proposal B would provide for three main hospitals (Bronglais District General Hospital, Prince Philip Local General Hospital and a new urgent and planned care hospital somewhere between Narberth and St. Clears). Glangwili and Withybush hospitals would be reconfigured into community hospitals.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The report be noted and to await the outcome of the Health Board's extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday, 26 September, 2018 at Carmarthenshire County Council Chambers, County Hall, Carmarthen;
2. Depending on the outcome of the meeting being held on 26 September, 2018, a Special Council meeting be convened if proposal B was not supported by the Health Board as the preferred option going forward.

193. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHESHIRE DRAFT PROPOSALS

Members received draft proposals from the Chief Executive, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales on the review of electoral arrangements for the county of Carmarthenshire.

Members considered the draft proposals and welcomed the proposal to change the existing Bynea electoral ward from a single member to a two member electoral ward. The proposals also suggested amalgamating the Dafen and Felinfoel county electoral wards into a single ward represented by two members. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

194. INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES - AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Members received the August newsletter from the Welsh Government's Independent Review Panel informing of the review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales that had taken place.

The Panel had been set up to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils.

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The review had taken 12 months to complete and explored the potential role of local government below Principal Authority Councils, drawing on best practice and defined the most appropriate model structure to deliver the role.

The Review Panel considered how these models and structures should be applied across Wales including consideration of any situations in which they would not necessarily be appropriate as part of a number of report recommendations for further consideration by Welsh Government.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the content of the newsletter be welcomed and noted and to await the outcome of Welsh Government legislation and policy developments in terms of how the report recommendations might be taken forward.

During discussion of the above, Cllr. M. V. Davies left the meeting.

195. 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.

196. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

Members received the notes of meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee Working Group held on 20 August and 4 September, 2018.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

197. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report referenced 09:2018 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 6.00 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 October, 2018, adopted by the Council.