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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 316 – 325

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 11 December, 2018, at 6.00 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

F. Akhtar	P. M. Edwards
M. V. Davies	H. J. Evans
S. L. Davies	J. S. Phillips
T. Devichand	E. Simmons
S. M. Donoghue	W. V. Thomas
I. G. Wooldridge	

Absent: J. S. Randall

316. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. M. Donoghue, J. P. Hart, T. J. Jones, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan, R. L. Najmi, C. A. Rees and A. J. Rogers.

317. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared an interest in the following matters:

<i>Minute No.</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Interest</i>
321	F. Akhtar	Personal – was the author of the matter for discussion
321	S. M. Caiach	Personal – was the author of the matter for discussion

**318. OUR BIG CHANGE
HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**

Further to Minute No. 276(2), the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Dr. Robin Ghosal, Consultant Respiratory Physician and Hospital Director of Prince Philip Hospital and Ms Rebecca Hill, Project Manager, Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) to discuss the HDUHB strategy in regard to the transformation of health services across the region and invited them to address Members.

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Dr. Ghosal thanked Members for the invitation to attend the Council meeting and proceeded to address Members via the aid of presentation slides. Dr. Ghosal took Members through the presentation of Transforming Clinical Services Health and Care Strategy which the HDUHB established in April 2017.

Members were informed a public consultation took place from 19 April to 12 July, 2018, and that led to 11 clinical recommendations to the Health Board. The recommendations represented the collective view of the clinicians and reflected the following:

- A recognition of the need to respond to the case for change.
- A response to what the HDUHB had heard in the public engagement and consultation.
- The views expressed by clinicians, staff and stakeholders in conscientious consideration of the consultation feedback sessions.
- The outcome of a debate in a session with clinicians on 6 September and finalised and agreed in a follow-up session on 10 September, 2018.

The recommendations were further developed into the health strategy which was considered and then approved at the public Health Board meeting on 29 November, 2018.

The next step would be to transform the whole-system for it to work better for the people and communities. The strategy would now be designed and translated into a suite of versions to meet the needs of the public and key groups, supported by communications products in a range of formats to aid public understanding of what the strategy would mean to them and how they could get involved in designing local and health board wide services. The system needed to be safe, sustainable, accessible and kind.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman invited questions from the floor.

Members responded with a number of points and questions and commented the issue with transport was clearly a key issue linked to accessibility of services especially when discussing where the new hospital would be built somewhere in West Wales. Also, how was the Health Board going to recruit good consultants further West when there was already a problem in trying to recruit staff in the West Wales area.

Members also raised key considerations in respect of:

- Complex illnesses and the Health Board not having enough specialised units to cater for these patients. Often patients need to travel to Morriston;
- The length of time associated with the transformation programme and the importance of recognising the population will continue to get older during the interim period leading up to the planned build time of the new hospital (estimated to be seven years).

Members were keen to impress upon the two Health Board representatives the need for effective scrutiny and accountability especially given the length of time of the proposed transformation programme. To this end, the Council's previous role of sitting on the former project board leading the Front of House adaptations at Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) and the contribution it made by acting as a strong local voice for the general community was

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highlighted. The Council played an important and significant role in that programme of work with it looking to safeguard local services. Members felt that because PPH was located in the Council's administrative area that the Health Board should give serious consideration to adopting a similar arrangement in respect of the current and planned programme of work by allowing the Council to serve on the project board should such a board be created to oversee the various phases of the transformation strategy, especially given the success of the previous arrangements where the Council was seen as a critical friend when contributing to the work of the project board.

The Health Board representatives acknowledged Members views and commented that the Council's representations shall be reported back to the Health Board for appropriate consideration.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Ghosal and Ms Hill for attending the meeting and for taking the Council's views and comments on board.

During discussion of the above, Cllrs. H. J. Evans and J. S. Phillips left the meeting.

Cllrs. M. V. Davies and P. M. Edwards left the meeting.

319. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following Minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings:

Council	13 November, 2018
Recreation and Welfare Committee	20 November, 2018
Policy and Resources Committee	21 November, 2018
Finance and General Purposes Committee	28 November, 2018
Planning and Liaison Committee	3 December, 2018

**320. MATTERS ARISING
(1) SOSPPAN AND HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH
BOARD MATTERS
REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Further to Minute No. 276(2), Members confirmed that an invitation be extended to the Community Health Council to attend the Council meeting scheduled for 8 January, 2019.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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**(2) FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS
FELINFOEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LTD**

Further to Minute No. 294, Cllr. W. V. Thomas stated that he was not a member of the Felinfoel Executive Committee Ltd, he attended meetings purely in his capacity as a local Councillor and had no voting rights.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

321. STAND UP TO RACISM LLANELLI

Cllrs. F. Akhtar and S. M. Caiach declared a personal interest in the following matter as they were the authors of the subject of discussion.

Members considered correspondence requesting the Council to be an Honorary Patron of Stand Up to Racism Llanelli.

During discussion Members denounced all forms of discrimination and were generally supportive of the initiative and felt a broader discussion of the issue would be best served by the matter being further considered by the Policy and Resources Committee, and it was

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.

**322. COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS
COUNTY LIAISON FORUM – BUDGET SETTING**

Correspondence was received from the Policy and Partnership Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of the Community and Town Councils County Liaison Forum meeting to be held on Tuesday, 11 December, 2018 at County Hall, Carmarthen.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**323. LLANELLI JOINT BURIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(1) MINUTES**

Members received the following Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 12 September, 2018:

“At the Meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held at Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 12 September 2018 at 4:00 pm.

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

Cllrs.

D. L. Darkin

P. M. Edwards

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T. Devichand E. Simmons
J. S. Edmunds J. Williams

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. B. A. L. Roberts, H. J. Evans and Mr D. G. Jones (Town Clerk).

12. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the following minutes (copies of which had been previously circulated) be confirmed and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Annual Meeting - 13 June 2018

14. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RECOMMENDED that the Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2017/2018 be noted.

15. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RECOMMENDED that the income and expenditure reports to 31 July 2018 be noted.

16. 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.

17. CHILDREN'S BURIAL FEES

Further to Minute No. 10, Members were reminded of the national agreement to waive burial fees for children up to the age of 18 and as introduced recently by the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by Welsh Government, the Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales.

The Cemetery Manager informed Members he had received a request from a family whose child was interred in the cemetery 15 years ago. The family wanted to place a headstone on

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the grave and would like members to consider waiving the permit fee, which was outside the remit of the MOU scheme. After a brief discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) The request to waive the fee be refused;
- (2) Future similar requests for retrospective claims falling outside the date and scope of the Memorandum of Understanding agreement shall not be permitted.

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 The meeting concluded at 4.20pm

RESOLVED the Minutes and the recommendations contained therein be received and accepted.

(2) CREMATORIA MANAGEMENT LTD

Further to the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 November, 2018, it was

RESOLVED that the following recommendation made by the committee be accepted:
That the rent for the ensuing year be confirmed as £32,824 and that Crematoria Management Ltd be notified accordingly.

324. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

325. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letters of appreciation for the Council’s assistance received from the following, be noted with pleasure:

- (1) Llanelli Ramblers – Festival of Walks 2019;
- (2) Pwll Action Committee;
- (3) Sandy Water Park Residents Association.

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 The Meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.

The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 8 January, 2019, adopted by the Council.