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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 392 – 401**

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Tuesday, 12 February, 2019, at 6.00 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

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

**Absent:** F. Akhtar, T. J. Jones, J. S. Randall

**392. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue, T. M. Donoghue, S. N. Lewis, R. L. Najmi, J. S. Phillips, C. A. Rees, A. J. Rogers, E. Simmons and I. G. Wooldridge.

**393. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 394 as she worked for the NHS.

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

*Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following matter as she worked for the NHS and left the meeting before discussion commenced.*

Further to Minute No. 318, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ms H Williams, Deputy Chief Officer and Mr M. Bennett, Vice Chair, Hywel Dda Community Health Council (CHC) to discuss the Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) strategy for transformation of health services.

Ms Williams thanked Members for the opportunity to attend the meeting and explained the CHC's thoughts regarding the HDUHB's strategy for transformation of health services. At the start of the public consultation, the CHC agreed that the case for major change was strong. The view had come from the CHC's work over recent years, listening to the public who have used the NHS. It was also based on the scrutiny of NHS services, through

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meetings with the Health Board clinicians and managers as they had tried to improve services or deal with problems or crises as the NHS faces more challenges and risks.

Ms Williams explained that the CHC had come up with 18 recommendations in regard to the HDUHB's transformation of health services and was currently waiting for the publication of the HDUHB operational plan. Mr Bennett commented that the CHC would like to see the HDUHB run pilot schemes for initiatives such as the community hub services. This would show the public how hubs could run, what services could be accessed and what facilities the hub could offer.

The CHC felt that the public must have the opportunity to be involved in the transformation process through further engagement and consultation and that the HDUHB was obliged to facilitate this. Members felt that there was not enough promotion of what services would be available and not enough ongoing consultation with the public who were after all the service users. What services might be required in one area might not necessary be the same in another area.

A lengthy discussion then followed regarding the shortage of General Practitioners (GP's) and the closure of local surgeries.

Members then went on to query whether the CHC had discussions with Health Board Officials about its strategy for improving primary care services so that plans were put in place to place GP practices in a stronger long term place. Members also challenged the extent of consultations with neighbouring Health Board areas.

Members also discussed the next steps to be taken by the Health Board and in particular queried with CHC officials:

- The Health Board's intentions in terms of developing its strategy. Many people found its initial strategy very complex and detailed especially given the breadth of change and the language used when explaining the case for change.
- The timescale for change and people needing to know where to go to receive services. It would be difficult to proactively scrutinise change over a number of years.
- How would the CHC be able to risk assess the Health Board's plans objectively, particularly hospital locations and services, when there would be clear conflicts of interest within the CHC's locality committees.
- Members informed the CHC it had made a request to serve on the Health Board's project management board much in the same way as it did when the Health Board reconfigured front of house services at Prince Philip Hospital. To date no response had been received about the request.

Ms Williams noted the above points and reiterated the need to examine the Health Board's operational plan when published. Key actions could be developed and discussed once this was available and with this in mind Ms Williams suggested the CHC could then revisit the Council in six months time to update Members about how the issues were being led. Members welcomed this suggestion.

As discussion neared its conclusion, Members also highlighted that the HDUHB did not advertise its services well enough and an example of this was the Antioch Centre. The Antioch Centre was able to take people's blood samples etc. instead of needing to attend

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Prince Philip Hospital but only through word of mouth did people find out about this service. More needed to be done to promote the provision of services in local communities.

The Chairman thanked Ms H Williams and Mr M Bennett for attending the meeting and for taking the Council's views on board and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The offer of the CHC attending a future Council meeting in six months time be accepted with thanks.
2. In anticipation of the Health Board publishing its operational plan (as referred to by Ms Williams during the meeting); the Council shall invite senior Health Board officials to attend a future meeting to discuss the plan in more detail but in particular to discuss the strategy for developing primary care services such as GP services and the community hub initiative.

*Cllr. S. L. Davies re-joined the meeting.*

**395. 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	8 January, 2019
Recreation and Welfare Committee	15 January, 2019
Policy and Resources Committee	16 January, 2019
Civic and Ceremonial Committee	22 January, 2019
Planning and Liaison Committee	28 January, 2019
Special Council	30 January, 2019
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	31 January, 2019
Special Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee	6 February, 2019
Special Meeting of the Civic and Ceremonial Committee	7 February, 2019
Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee	7 February, 2019

**396. MATTERS ARISING  
THE URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD  
SIR GAERFYRDDIN 2021**

Further to Minute No. 337, Members enquired if the Director, Urdd National Eisteddfod had replied to the Clerk's letter requesting information regarding any potential support to be provided by the Council. The Clerk informed Members that no response had been received.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**397. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN ELECT AND  
VICE CHAIRMAN ELECT**

Pursuant to Minute No. 364, it was

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**RESOLVED** that the following recommendation of the Civic and Ceremonial Committee be accepted:-

- (1) Cllr. S. L. Davies be confirmed as the Chairman Elect of Council with her Consort being Mr P. Hunt Davies for the ensuing municipal year;
- (2) Cllr. T. Devichand be confirmed as the Vice-Chairman Elect of Council with her Consort being Cllr. J. P. Hart for the ensuing municipal year.

**398. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES  
GOVERNING BODIES  
(1) SWISS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
(2) YSGOL BRYN TEG**

Correspondence was received from the Principal School Governance Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council informing that there was one vacancy for a Minor Authority representative on the respective Governing Bodies of Swiss Valley and Ysgol Bryn Teg schools.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Cllr. M. V. Davies be appointed to represent the Council on the Governing Body for Swiss Valley Primary School; and
2. Cllr. J. P. Hart be appointed to represent the Council on the Governing Body for Ysgol Bryn Teg.

**399. MATTERS REPORTED**

**RESOLVED** that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

**400. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

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

- (1) Bynea District Forum;
- (2) Guide Dogs - Llanelli;
- (3) Wales Air Ambulance Charity.

**401. LLANELLI GREAT PLACE SCHEME**

Members received email correspondence from the Museums Development Manager, Department for Communities, Carmarthenshire County Council inviting the Council to nominate a representative to serve on the scheme.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. T. Devichand together with the Community Development Officer be nominated to represent the Council on the Llanelli Great Place Scheme.

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The Meeting concluded at 7.20 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 12 March, 2019, adopted by the Council.