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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 147 – 149

At a **SPECIAL COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 7 August, 2019, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. L. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

Absent: S. M. Caiach, S. M. Donoghue, T. M. Donoghue, R. L. Najmi, A. G. Morgan, J. S. Randall, C. A. Rees

147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. V. Davies, T. J. Jones, J. S. Phillips, A. J. Rogers and W. V. Thomas.

148. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

149. LLWYNHENDY COMMUNITY TB SCREENING EXERCISE

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Gareth Morgan, Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) and Dr. Brendan Mason, Public Health Wales (PHW) to the meeting and invited them to update Members regarding the impact of the recent Llwynhendy TB screening exercise and what would happen next.

Dr. Mason proceeded to give background information regarding the community tuberculosis (TB) screening exercise carried out in Llwynhendy in June. More than 1400 people were screened during the exercise in June 2019 and from this it had identified no new active cases of TB disease but 76 cases of latent TB. Latent TB was not infectious and cannot be passed to other people, and people who have a latent form of TB do not need urgent treatment.

53 individuals received inconclusive results and would be invited for retesting as part of the deferred screening. The 76 individuals identified through the screening exercise as having latent TB had been sent a written invitation to attend a dedicated TB clinic at Prince Philip

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Hospital (PPH) to discuss the results and treatment. The appointment times would start at 8.00 am until 7.30 pm, this giving individuals opportunity to attend. Dr. Morgan encouraged those individuals to attend an appointment and to seek treatment if required.

Screening had also been deferred for 1100 individuals, these would be screened during the first two weeks in September. These included 600 individuals that could not be screened in June; 350 individuals who only received partial screening and individuals that required repeat testing.

Dr. Morgan informed Members that the second screening was due to take place for a two week period starting 2 September, 2019, at PPH. A dedicated area in the staff car park at PPH would be used for the screening with staff being brought in for this procedure and therefore not interfering with the Phlebotomy department for out-patients at PPH, there would be no delay in routine service at PPH.

Dr. Morgan and Dr. Mason thanked the community for responding so positively to the call to come forward for screening. The screening exercise was carried out in an attempt to bring under control an ongoing outbreak of TB in Llwynhendy that Public Health Wales and Hywel Dda University Health Board had been monitoring and investigating for some time. The aim of the exercise was to identify active and latent TB cases in Llwynhendy population so that the affected individuals could proceed to treatment and the outbreak could be brought under control.

A lengthy discussion then followed and Members commented how well attended the screening exercise had been and fully supported the collaboration work of the HDUHB and PHW and also other departments within the health occupations. Lengthy hours were experienced by staff who helped undertake with the screening exercise.

As discussion neared conclusion, Dr. Morgan inquired if it would be possible for staff at PPH to use the car park at Dafen Park? The screening would take place at a cornered off area in the staff car park, this would not interfere with the day to day car parking arrangements for out-patients, visitors at PPH. The Chairman replied that the Dafen Welfare Committee would discuss and contact Dr. Morgan shortly and also referred to other possible parking areas in the village.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Morgan and Dr. Mason for attending the meeting, and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. The information be noted;
2. A press release be made available updating members of the public of the screening exercise and the next steps;
3. Dr. Morgan and Dr. Mason attend a future Council meeting to update members once the screening exercise had been completed.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.50 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 September, 2019, adopted by the Council.