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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 129 – 134

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, 17 July, 2019, at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

S. L. Davies	H. J. Evans
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
P. M. Edwards	J. S. Phillips
I. G. Wooldridge	

Absent: C. A. Rees, E. Simmons

129. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. P. Hart and A. J. Rogers.

130. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in Minute No. 132, as she worked for the NHS.

131. COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Members received a request from Cllr. A. G. Morgan for councillors' attendance at meetings to be published on the Council's website.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the request be agreed to and Officers shall create a draft attendance chart for due consideration at the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

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**132. HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD
(1) DEVELOPING TRAUMA SERVICES**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following items as she worked for the NHS.

Correspondence was received from the Hywel Dda University Health Board informing of the proposal to designate Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen as an interim Trauma Unit in the years leading up to the building of its new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital in support of work by the national Major Trauma Network to locate a Major Trauma Centre for South Wales at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff.

Members were informed all current acute and emergency services would remain at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth and Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest and which would continue to deal with less severe traumatic injury.

It was proposed to designate Glangwili Hospital as the Trauma Unit in the years leading up to the building of the new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital because it met more of the national trauma standards and guidelines than the other hospitals; on-call services were provided on-site 24/7 in surgical specialities; there was an Emergency Medicine Consultant on call and able to attend the Emergency Department 24/7; there was a dedicated Trauma and Orthopaedic Theatre most days of the week.

During discussion, Members flagged up the importance of having appropriate transport arrangements in place both with the Ambulance Service and the Wales Air Ambulance charity helicopter and felt that the Wales Air Ambulance should be funded by the Welsh Government and not through charitable donations. The importance of having local and accessible Rehabilitation Centres was also mentioned.

RESOLVED that:

1. Members positive observations about designating Glangwili Hospital as Hywel Dda's Trauma Unit be forwarded to the Health Board.
2. A letter be sent to the Welsh Government calling for it to fund the Wales Air Ambulance service going forward instead of the service relying on charitable donations.

**(2) A HEALTHIER MID AND WEST WALES
OUR FUTURE GENERATION LIVING WALES**

Members received correspondence from the Hywel Dda University Health Board (H DUHB) stating it had approved a Healthier Mid and West Wales strategy to guide health and care through the next 20 years so that future generations could live well.

As part of H DUHB's aspirations it would like everyone to live healthy lives, full of joy, purpose and that people felt like they had a sense of belonging. To this end, H DUHB would like people and the communities they live in to be:

- Connected – able to live and work together;
- Supportive – able to help each other;
- Adaptive – able to change as they need to;

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- Resilient – able to bounce back when they face challenges;
- Resourceful – able to find ways to overcome issues.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

133. 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.

134. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report referenced 07:2019 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.55 p.m.

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