

**16 June, 2021**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 96 – 100**

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 16 June, 2021, at 4.45 p.m.

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

**Cllrs.**

C. P. Beer	H. J. Evans
S. L. Davies	J. P. Hart
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
P. M. Edwards	J. S. Phillips

**96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. I. G. Wooldridge.

**97. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in Minute No. 99, as she was an employee of the NHS.

**98. COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

Further to Minute No. 194, (18 September, 2019, refers), members received a copy report from the Clerk together with the subsequent committee minutes and accompanying attendance record charts compiled for two municipal year periods. The first period covered January 2020 to the end of September 2020 inclusive and the second period covered October 2020 to April 2021 inclusive. Members were informed that the 2019/2020 municipal year had been extended because of the coronavirus pandemic. As a result of this, the new municipal year for 2020/2021 commenced in October 2020, following the council holding its deferred annual meeting which would be normally held in May. A new attendance record chart would be compiled for the current municipal year 2021/2022 commencing from May 2021 and would cover a full 12 month conventional time period.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the attendance record charts for the two municipal years covering January 2020 to April 2021 inclusive be accepted and published on the council's website.

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**99. PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2021  
HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**

*Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal interest in the following item and she was an employee of the NHS.*

Members received a consultation document and an accompanying questionnaire from Hywel Dda University Health Board.

The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2020 came into force on 1 October, 2020, and included a requirement for health boards to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1 October, 2021. This would be the first PNA published by Welsh health boards. The Regulations required a PNA must be undertaken at least every 5 years.

Hywel Dda University Health Board had drafted its first PNA to assess whether pharmacy services provided within its area met the pharmaceutical needs of the population in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. The PNA would help the health board to manage and make decisions on requests for new pharmacies, relocation of existing pharmacies and the range of services required. It assessed where pharmacies were located and how far patients would have to travel, what services pharmacies offered and if the current services met the needs of the communities they serve.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk responds to the consultation document by completing the accompanying questionnaire, highlighting members' views and observations.

**100. ELECTION AND POLLING STATIONS – MAY 2022**

Email correspondence was received from the Electoral Services and Civil Registration Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council requesting information on where best to locate polling stations to better serve the needs of the electorate as part of the general preparations for the next cycle of ordinary local government elections to take place in May 2022.

Due to the high electorates assigned to a number of polling stations, the County Council was contemplating providing for additional polling places that were more central and convenient to the electorate.

During discussion, email correspondence from Cllr Bill Thomas was referred to the meeting for comment and possible support for new voting arrangements for the Felinfoel Ward and following this other suggestions were then proposed by committee members for the council's other remaining electoral wards and it was

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk responds to the email request highlighting members' views and observations in regard to additional polling places being provided in the council's administrative area.

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The meeting concluded at 5.02 p.m.

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