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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 215 – 222

At a **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 14 November, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. J. S. Phillips (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	S. N. Lewis
S. L. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. M. Donoghue	S. K. Nurse
A. Evans	A. J. Rogers
E. M. Evans	W. E. Skinner
N. Evans	A. G. Stephens
R. E. Evans	N. A. Stephens
J. P. Hart	B. M. Williams

Absent: S. M. T. Ford, O. Williams

215. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. D. M. Cundy and M. V. Davies.

216. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the following matters:

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218	R. E. Evans	Personal interest – member of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.
220	S. L. Davies	Personal interest – member of Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum, member of Our Llwynhendy and committee member of Pro-Vision Llwynhendy.
220	J. P. Hart	Personal interest - member of Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum and member of the steering group, Llwynhendy Hub and committee member of Pro-Vision Llwynhendy.

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220	S. K. Nurse	Personal interest – member of the Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum.
220	A. G. Stephens	Personal interest – Treasurer, Pro-Vision Llwynhendy.

217. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

218. DRAFT COMMUNITY RISK MANGEMENT PLAN 2040

Cllr. R. E. Evans declared a personal interest in the following matter as he was a member of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr A. Davies, Divisional Commander, Western Division, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service to discuss the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2040.

Mr Davies thanked members for the opportunity to address the council about the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2040. Mr Davies informed members that in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, the National Fire and Rescue Framework and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, all Welsh Fire Authorities were required to deliver and report against improvement objectives on an annual basis.

In previous years, the authority had produced two plans, a five year Strategic Plan outlining the service's long-term commitments and an Annual Business Improvement Plan outlining the service's improvements and well-being objectives. The communities the Fire and Rescue Service served were at the heart of everything it did and the service recognised the need to plan for the longer term and so revised its planning arrangements, the outcome of which was the introduction of a Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2040.

The CRMP highlighted how the Fire and Rescue Service intended to address the risks, threats and challenges facing communities and how the Fire and Rescue Service proposed to meet and reduce these risks and threats whilst ensuring its assets and resources were used successfully.

Mr Davies spoke about the visions and behaviours required to deliver the best possible Fire and Rescue Service for the communities of Mid and West Wales and the authority would be a positive role model, always demonstrating effective and resilient leadership by displaying the following behaviours:

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Ethical
- Respectful
- Impartiality

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Mr Davies stated achieving the priorities and objectives the authority had outlined in the Plan was dependent upon a range of enabling functions, each of which played a critical role in the day-to-day function of the organisation whilst ensuring the authority had the provision in place to support continuous and meaningful improvement.

The authority had identified eight improvement and well-being objectives which had been developed through a series of workshops with staff, elected members and representative bodies. The authority believed the objectives would enable improvements to deliver a more efficient service to the communities of Mid and West Wales.

The authority's eight improvements were:

- We will evolve our organisation culture to ensure we operate within the standards expected of a modern-day Fire and Rescue Service.
- We will make improvements to our On-Call Duty system to support the needs of the communities.
- We will review the risks within our communities.
- We will review and implement changes to the way in which we respond to emergencies to meet the changing demands of our community.
- We will continually review our Prevention (Community Safety) and Protection (Business Fire Safety) strategies to target and support the most vulnerable in our communities.
- We will engage and consult with our communities to understand their expectations of us.
- We will aim to become Net Zero by 2030.
- We will evolve our fleet and equipment requirements so we can effectively respond to emergencies.

There then followed a general question and answer session whereby members raised points about whether the CRMP might have a detrimental impact to the Llanelli station and crew, it needed to be retained as whole-time station and crew given the population base of Llanelli and the level of industry in the town; also the importance of having the correct vehicles and equipment in place and at the right time and location; followed by a general point about how the CRMP would align or adapt to future finance settlements.

Following the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chairman thanked Mr Davies for a very informative and productive discussion and he then withdrew from the meeting.

RESOLVED that the presentation provided by Mr Davies on the Fire and Rescue Service's Draft Community Risk Management Plan 2040 be noted and that members be encouraged to respond to the consultation document on an individual basis.

Cllr. S. L. Davies left the meeting prior to the end of the above presentation.

219. 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:

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Council	10 October, 2023
Recreation and Welfare Committee	17 October, 2023
Policy and Resources Committee	18 October, 2023
Finance and General Purposes Committee	25 October, 2023
Learning and Development Consultative Committee	26 October, 2023
Planning and Liaison Committee	30 October, 2023

**220. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS
GWILI FIELDS, LLWYNHENDY**

Cllr J. P. Hart declared a personal interest in the following matter being a member of Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum, member of the steering group, Llwynhendy Hub and committee member of Pro-Vision Llwynhendy. Cllr. S. K. Nurse declared a personal interest in the following matter being a member of Llwynhendy and Pemberton Forum. Cllr A. G. Stephens declared a personal interest in the following matter because he was the Treasurer of Pro-Vision Llwynhendy.

Correspondence was received from Evans Powell & Co Solicitors enclosing the Lease documents received from Carmarthenshire County Council, for engrossment by the council.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign and affix the council’s seal to the Lease for Gwili Fields, Llwynhendy, Llanelli.

221. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

222. LETTER OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that the letter of appreciation for the council’s assistance, received from the following organisation be noted with pleasure:

- (1) Macmillian.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.45 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 December, 2023 adopted by the Council.