

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES

At a Council Meeting hosted at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 8 October, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. R. Bowen, D. M. Cundy, M. V. Davies (Chairman), S. L. Davies, T. M. Donoghue, A. Evans, E. M. Evans, N. Evans, R. E. Evans, J. P. Hart, S. N. Lewis, A. G. Morgan, J. S. Phillips, A. J. Rogers, W. E. Skinner, A. G. Stephens, N. A. Stephens, and O. Williams.

ABSENT: Cllrs. S. M. T. Ford and S. K. Nurse.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. B. M. Williams.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business transacted.

None

3. Public Participation.

None

4. Minutes.

(1) The following Minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings:

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(2) The following matters arising from the Minutes were noted for information:

Further to Minute No. 137, the Clerk informed members that an invitation had been extended to Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce to attend a future council meeting to update members on the City Status Bid for Llanelli but unfortunately their meetings conflicted with council meetings.

It was agreed that the council meeting be moved to Wednesday, 13 November, 2024, at 6.00 pm, to enable representatives of Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce to attend.

5. Prince Philip Hospital –Temporary overnight closure of the Minor Injuries Unit, Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli – to receive and consider the following items of correspondence and business:

(1) MIU – Hywel Dda Health Board Final Press Release dated 20 September 2024.

Noted.

(2) Council invitation extended to Professor Philip Kloer, interim CEO Hywel Dda Health Board to attend a forthcoming council meeting to discuss the temporary closure and the subsequent holding reply received from the Health Board.

Noted.

A further invitation be extended to Professor Philip Kloer to attend a council meeting at Llanelli Rural Council and not a joint meeting as previously suggested in correspondence from the Communications and Engagement Director, Hywel Dda University Health Board.

(3) Hywel Dda Health Board report - proposed overnight closure of the MIU dated 26 September 2024.

Noted.

(4) Notice of motion received from Cllr S. L. Davies dated 23 September, 2024 – to discuss and determine the merits of the motion;

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion be accepted subject to it being amended as follows:

1. That Llanelli Rural Council call on the Welsh Government and the Welsh Health Secretary, Jeremy Miles, to intervene and stop Llanelli's urgent care provision from being further cut by Hywel Dda. The largest town in West Wales should have an A+E department but now we do not even have a full time Minor Injuries Unit.

Health is a devolved matter and it is only right that Welsh Government and Health Secretary step in and prevent further cuts to services in Llanelli.

2. Llanelli Rural Council reiterates its support for the SOSPPAN Campaign to maintain the MIU at Prince Philip Hospital as a 24/7 doctor led unit.

(5) To note for information correspondence sent by Lee Waters MS to Hywel Dda Health Board.

Noted.

(6) Carmarthenshire News online article – SOSPPAN Campaigners demand public meeting on MIU closure at Prince Philip Hospital.

Noted.

6. Minutes of a meeting of the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee held on 12 June, 2024.

The minutes were received and accepted.

7. Schedule of matters reported.

Noted.

8. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 – it was agreed to exclude members of the public during consideration of the following agenda items because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

9. Councillor Resignation – to note correspondence in regard to an impending resignation.

The matter was determined in private.

10. Estimates of Income and Expenditure 2024/25 – Training Department – to consider the report of the Finance Manager.

The matter was determined in private.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 p.m.