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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 12 – 20

At the **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 13 May, 2025, at 6.20 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. N. Lewis (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	S. M. T. Ford
D. M. Cundy	J. Lovell
M. V. Davies	A. G. Morgan
T. M. Donoghue	K. Morgan
A. Evans	J. S. Phillips
E. M. Evans	A. J. Rogers
N. Evans	W. E. Skinner
R. E. Evans	A. G. Stephens

Absent: S. K. Nurse

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. L. Davies, J. P. Hart and O. Williams.

13. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

15. 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	8 April, 2025
Recreation and Welfare Committee	15 April, 2025
Policy and Resources Committee	16 April, 2025
Planning and Liaison Committee	23 April, 2025
Finance and General Purposes Committee	30 April, 2025
Planning and Liaison Committee	12 May, 2025

**16. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (CONSOLIDATED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2024**

Members considered an amendment to the statement of accounts (consolidated) which had been prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices together with the Auditor General's report following the conclusion of the external audit of the accounts, and it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The amended statement of accounts (consolidated) for the financial year 31 March, 2024 be accepted.
- (2) The Auditor General's report confirming an unqualified audit opinion in regard to the statement of accounts be noted.

**17. HYWEL DDA ENGAGEMENT
PRINCE PHILIP HOSPITAL MINOR INJURY UNIT**

Further to Minute No. 376 (11 March, 2025, refers), members received correspondence from the Interim Executive Medical Director, Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) informing of a public consultation for the future of the Minor Injury Unit (MIU) at Prince Philip Hospital (PPH), Llanelli that was launched on 28 April, 2025.

The 12 weeks consultation period would run from 28 April to 22 July, 2025 with events being held in the community and online. A consultation questionnaire was circulated for members' consideration in the document bundle circulated with the agenda.

The HDUHB was consulting with staff, the local community and stakeholders on the four options for the future of the MIU care facility at PPH.

The four options were:

- Option 1 – Doctor – led 12 hours (current temporary model)
- Option 2 – Doctor – led 14 hours
- Option 3 – Doctor – led phased (initially 12 hours, increasing to 14 hours, then 24 hours as staffing allows)
- Option 4 – Urgent care centre – same day urgent care type model – 14 hours

The Clerk then referred to an online engagement event, specifically organised by the Health Board for county, town and community councillors but which clashed with this evening's council meeting. Accordingly, the Clerk had contacted the Health Board to convey the council's general apologies for non-attendance, explaining the event clashed with the council's annual meeting arrangements and that members were unable to attend, given their duty to attend the annual meeting. However, the Health Board was informed the council

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viewed the matter as important and would be actively participating in the consultation exercise.

Members were informed that in light of the Clerk's communication, the Health Board's Head of Engagement, Nicola Couceiro responded that the Health Board was sorry to hear about the meeting clash and understood the position of council members. In view of the clash, she confirmed that they would be happy to arrange an alternate date to speak with the council, if the council had any queries following the launch of the consultation.

The Clerk sought guidance on how members wished to proceed with the consultation and whether they wanted to address any points at this stage, should they wish to take up the Health Board's kind offer of having a separate discussion, and it was

RESOLVED that:

1. Representatives from Hywel Dda University Health Board be invited to attend a future meeting of council to discuss the proposals set out in the consultation document.
2. In anticipation of the meeting discussion, any initial comments or observations about the four options shall be held in abeyance and that members study the consultation bundle circulated with this evening's council agenda more fully to aid general preparations.

18. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Members received a letter from Carmarthenshire County Council, inviting Town and Community Council representatives to attend the Code of Conduct Training session to be held on 10 July, 2025 at 2.00 pm, remotely via Zoom.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk, Chairman of Council and Cllrs. K. Morgan and J. Lovell (both having been recently elected) participate in the webinar and that any other interested members also wishing to participate should contact the office with their contact details so they can be shared with Carmarthenshire County Council. As an aside an enquiry be made with the county council about why the option to participate in the event on a face-to-face basis was no longer available.

19. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

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20. LETTER OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that a letter of appreciation for the council's assistance, received from the following organisation be noted:

(1) Pwll W. I.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.30 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 11 June, 2025 adopted by the Council.