

**18 February, 2026**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 359 – 364**

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, 18 February, 2026 at 4.15 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. N. Evans (Vice – Chairman (in the Chair))

**Cllrs.**

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| S. R. Bowen | S. N. Lewis    |
| D. M. Cundy | J. Lovell      |
| R. E. Evans | A. G. Stephens |
| O. Williams |                |

**Absent:** S. M. T. Ford, J. P. Hart, W. E. Skinner

**359. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**360. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**361. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE**

Further to Minute No. 190, members considered correspondence from the Review Manager, Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru on the final recommendations for the Electoral Arrangements for the county of Carmarthenshire.

The Commission recommended a change to the arrangement of the electoral wards that should ensure that local government electoral wards continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government across the principal council area. The recommended change to the arrangements of electoral wards would achieve an improvement in the level of electoral parity across the county of Carmarthenshire.

The Commission recommended a council of 74 members, a decrease from the current size of 75. This would result in a proposed county average of 2,021 electors per member.

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During the draft stages of the review one of the council's concerns was that the proposed Welsh name for Dafen and Felinfoel and the existing Welsh name should remain the same. As part of the review, the Commission recommended that the existing electoral ward of Dafen and Felinfoel would be named Dafen Felin-foel.

The Commission also recommended to combine the two existing electoral wards of Bynea and Llwynhendy in order to address the levels of variance from the recommended county average in the existing ward of Llwynhendy. It was asserted this recommendation provided for significant improvements to electoral parity by combining two electoral wards that were part of the same community area. It reduced the overall number of councillors for the wards by one from four to three councillors. The Commission acknowledged the representations received in opposition to its draft proposals and did consider a four member ward for the area but felt it was not appropriate to create a new four member ward in the rural area. Members were disappointed with this decision.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the correspondence be noted.

**362. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN – DRAFT DELIVERY AGREEMENT**

Members considered correspondence from the Regional Principal Policy Planner, South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee on the delivery agreement.

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) was a regional government body established to improve economic well-being through enhanced collaboration and strategic planning across south west Wales. It brought together four Local Authorities and two National Park Authorities to address key regional priorities.

Members were informed that CJs were established following the implementation of Regulations by Welsh Government in April 2021. One of the statutory duties of CJs set out in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and the associated Strategic Development Plan Regulations was to prepare a Strategic Development Plan (SDP).

There were eight stages of the Strategic Development Plan (SDP). The first stage in the SDP process was for the CJC to prepare a Delivery Agreement for the SDP. This had two main parts to it:

Statement of Community Involvement which set out how the plan would be produced and who would be involved; and

how and a detailed timetable that set out how long it would take to prepare the plan, following all the stages set out in Welsh Government regulations and guidance.

Town and Community Councils would be formally consulted at every key stage of the SDP process ensuring that their input and feedback was considered. Local councils would be added to the SDP database, and all correspondence would be conducted via email facilitating efficient and timely communications.

The writer requested the council's engagement in the process.

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Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the council supports the formulation of the delivery agreement and that it subsequently engages in the preparation and development of the Corporate Joint Committee's Strategic Development Plan as the plan progresses through the prerequisite stages.

**363. 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.

**364. STAFFING MATTER**

Members considered the report of the Governance and Projects Manager informing of staffing matters.

**RESOLVED** that the report referenced 02:2026 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 4.50 p.m.

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The fore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 10 March, 2026, adopted by the Council.