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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 51 – 59

At the **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 9 June, 2026 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

Cllrs.

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

Absent: A. Evans, J. P. Hart, S. K. Nurse, O. Williams.

51. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Clerk, Mr Matthew Thomas, to the meeting and wished him well in his new role.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. S. L. Davies.

52. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

53. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

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54. 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:

Annual Meeting	12 May, 2026
Council	12 May, 2026
Planning and Liaison Committee	18 May, 2026
Recreation and Welfare Committee	19 May, 2026
Policy and Resources Committee	20 May, 2026
Finance and General Purposes Committee	27 May, 2026
Planning and Liaison Committee	8 June, 2026

**55. MATTERS ARISING
HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD
CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN (CSP) CONSULTATION**

Further to Minute No. 17. the Deputy Clerk, updated members stating that in accordance with the minute resolution a letter had been sent to the Welsh Government stating the council was dissatisfied and disappointed with the previous administration's response, asking the new Cabinet Secretary to look at the matter again.

The council had received an acknowledgement and confirmation that a substantive reply would be received by no later than 16 June, 2026, which would then be reported to the next ordinary council meeting.

The Deputy Clerk also informed members that contact had been made with the Chief Executive Officer, Hywel Dda University Health Board stating that the council still wished to hold a meeting with the health board officials over key elements of the Clinical Services Plan, especially transport and travel and the council would make contact once the council had considered the Welsh Government's response.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**56. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (CONSOLIDATED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2025**

Members considered the amended statement of accounts (consolidated) which had been prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices together with the Auditors General's report, it was

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The Statement of Accounts (consolidated) for the financial year ending the 31 March, 2025 be accepted.
- (2) Further to Minute No. 11, the Auditor General's report and audit opinion in regard to the statement of accounts stating the accounts had been signed off with an unqualified opinion be retrospectively noted.

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**57. HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD
(1) CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN (CSP) CONSULTATION**

Further to Minute No. 69, members received correspondence from the Executive Medical Director, Hywel Dda University Health Board informing of the launch of the phase 2 consultation exercise on the future of stroke services.

The stroke service was currently spread across four hospital sites and the health board did not have specialist cover seven days a week. This could lead to patient outcomes that were not as good as they could be.

For stroke services, the health board considered the options that it had consulted on and two alternative ideas that were put forward during the initial consultation process. A preferred option had been developed by bringing together two alternative ideas proposed by the communities:

- A 24 hour acute stroke and rehabilitation unit at Glangwili hospital
- A stroke rehabilitation unit at Bronglais Hospital, and
- Treat and transfer for stroke provided from Bronglais, Prince Philip and Withybush hospitals. Following initial treatment patients would be transferred to Glangwili Hospital or directly to a Thrombectomy Centre (in Cardiff or Bristol as was currently the case) if this was the most appropriate treatment.

The second phase of consultation asked people whether they supported the preferred option and why. If people did not support the preferred option, it asked for views on previously considered options.

The secondary consultation opportunity was open until 26 July, 2026, and further public engagement drop in events had been scheduled. However, a specific online event had been organised for town and community councils. This was being held on Thursday, 11 June, 2026 at 6.30 pm.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that interested members register to participate in the stroke services, phase 2 consultation event on Thursday, 11 June, 2026 at 6.30 pm by forwarding their email details directly to the health board.

**(2) 'A HEALTHIER MID AND WEST WALES – HEALTHIER LIVES
WELL LIVED'**

Members received a consultation document from the Executive Medical Director, Hywel Dda University Health Board informing of the refreshed long-term strategy for 'A Healthier Mid and West Wales – Healthier Lives, Well Lived'.

The refreshed strategy was approved by the Health Board in January 2026 and was shaped by engagement with nearly 3,000 people. This included patients, carers, staff, community groups and partner organisations across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

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It provided an update to the health board's 2018 strategy, reflecting changes in people's needs, developments in technology and wider changes within the health and care system. The writer informed that the strategy set out a clear mission to support healthier lives, well lived, by placing greater emphasis on prevention, earlier support and care that was easier to access. It focused on supporting people to stay well and live independently within their communities. When care was needed, support was offered earlier and provided the right care at the right time.

It was built around four strategic objectives that guided how services would develop up to 2040:

- Thriving Teams - recognised that when staff felt supported and valued, they were better able to care for others.
- Healthier Communities - focused on prevention and strengthening primary and community care.
- Great Care - was about enabling people to access safe, high-quality care, delivered in a timely way, when needed.
- Positive Futures - looked ahead to supporting future generations to start life well, live and age well, and receive dignified care at the end of life.

The strategy was not a static document, and the health board would continue to engage with its communities, colleagues and partners as the strategy moved forward, recognising that ongoing dialogue would be central to shaping how it was delivered over the next 14 years.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the consultation document be noted and moreover members be encouraged to respond directly to Hywel Dda University Health Board regarding its refreshed long-term strategy for health care provision, should they wish.

58. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

59. LETTER OF APPRECIATION

RESOLVED that a letter of appreciation for the council's assistance, received from Gospel Hall, Bynea be noted.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.53 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 14 July, 2026 adopted by the Council.