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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 67 – 72

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, 17 June, 2026 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. A. J. Rogers (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	S. N. Lewis
D. M. Cundy	J. Lovell
T. M. Donoghue	A. G. Stephens
N. Evans	W. E. Skinner

Absent: S. M. T. Ford, J. P. Hart.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. E. Evans (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising) and O. Williams.

68. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

69. HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE PHARMACY SERVICES

Members considered a consultation document from Hywel Dda University Health Board on the future of pharmacy services in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

People across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire were being invited to share their views on community pharmacy services to help shape how they were delivered in the future.

Since October 2021, health boards in Wales had been required by Welsh Government to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). This assessment explained which pharmacy services already had, any that were missing, and what services may be needed in the future to meet the needs of local communities.

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The assessment must be updated every five years and helped inform decisions about how services were developed and improved.

Hywel Dda University Health Board had prepared an updated draft PNA. This draft was supported by recent engagement with community pharmacy contractors and members of the public that took place in February this year. The health board was now inviting feedback on the draft before publishing a final version later in October 2026.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the consultation document be circulated to all members for their consideration. Members were encouraged to submit their individual responses directly to Hywel Dda University Health Board by Friday, 17 July, 2026.

70. YSGOL HEOL GOFFA

Members received a consultation document from Carmarthenshire County Council on the proposal to relocate Ysgol Heol Goffa to a new site and increase its capacity to 150 pupils.

Ysgol Heol Goffa was a special school located in Llanelli and was maintained by Carmarthenshire County Council. The school catered for pupils between the ages of 3-19 years old who have severe learning difficulties (SLD) or profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD).

All pupils had a Local Authority maintained Individual Development Plan (IDP). Ysgol Heol Goffa was the only special school within Carmarthenshire and it served learners from across the entire county. The school was supported by the physiotherapy, occupational therapy service and the speech and language therapy service.

The school facilities included a purpose built PMLD classroom, sensory rooms, a soft play area, outdoor sensory gardens, rebound therapy facilities, an adventure play area and outdoor learning areas. The rationale for change was that Ysgol Heol Goffa was currently over-subscribed and this trend was likely to continue for the foreseeable future. There was increased demand for places which were putting significant pressure on the Local Authority to place pupils.

The current capacity of Ysgol Heol Goffa was 118 with 132 pupils on roll as at January 2026 PLASC. As a result, the Local Authority was currently developing a scheme to increase the capacity of Ysgol Heol Goffa to 150 places for pupils aged 3-19 who have severe learning difficulties (SLD) or profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD) by providing a new school with facilities fit for the 21st Century on a new site which could be shared with the community.

The proposed new site was located next to the recently completed Ysgol Pen Rhos which was approximately 3 miles from the current school site. The site was within the ownership of Carmarthenshire County Council. The current site and layout of Ysgol Heol Goffa was poor, this was highlighted by the overcrowded minibus collection and drop off at the start and end of each school day and the lack of sufficient car parking at the front of the school.

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A more recent Estyn inspection completed in November 2025 reported accommodation shortcomings at the current school due to the growing pupil population. The report noted that several areas were no longer fit for purpose such as classrooms being too small which restricted pupils' movement particularly for wheelchair users, outdated facilities and the absence of dedicated rebound spaces and therapeutic provision.

The proposed new school building would overcome these difficulties noted by Estyn by providing 21st Century facilities to meet the needs of children with more complex needs and profound additional learning needs. The proposed development would provide additional space and better provision for teaching post 16 pupils with life skills and vocational skills as well as more space and better play provision on the proposed new school site.

The proposed investment would be funded through a 75% grant contribution from Welsh Government subject to full business case approval with the Local Authority contributing the remaining 25%.

Following a lengthy discussion, members expressed concern that the proposed school would have a capacity of only 150 pupils, despite evidence within the report indicating a clear need for more than 200 places. Members referred to option 4 under the alternative options and agreed that a new-build school with a capacity of 250 pupils, providing a modern 21st-century learning environment, was required. Members further considered that this option should not have been discounted solely on the grounds of budget constraints.

RESOLVED that the Clerk responds to the consultation document by completing the accompanying questionnaire highlighting members views and observations.

71. 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.

72. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that the report referenced 06:2026 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.20 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 14 July, 2026, adopted by the Council.