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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 150 – 160

At the **COUNCIL** Meeting of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Tuesday, 8 September, 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
S. L. Davies	K. Morgan
E. M. Evans	J. S. Phillips
N. Evans	A. J. Rogers
R. E. Evans	W. E. Skinner
J. P. Hart	A. G. Stephens
O. Williams	

Absent: S. M. T. Ford, S. K. Nurse.

150. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A. Evans.

151. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 160(1), in her role as Community Transport Development Officer, she was involved in ongoing work with Hywel Dda and the Welsh Ambulance Service in relation to transport provision.

152. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation in the proceedings.

153. 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	14 July, 2026
Policy and Resources Committee	15 July, 2026
Planning and Liaison Committee	20 July, 2026
Recreation and Welfare Committee	21 July, 2026
Finance and General Purposes Committee	29 July, 2026
Leanning and Development Consultative Committee	30 July, 2026
Planning and Liaison Committee	10 August, 2026
Planning and Liaison Committee	1 September, 2026

**154. MATTERS ARISING
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (1990) – CAS-04815-
N4N9K4-PL/10040 – 6 LLANDAFEN ROAD, LLANELLI**

Further to Minute No. 149. Cllr. M. V. Davies queried the wording of the final resolution of the planning application and expressed confusion regarding its intent.

RESOLVED that the resolution would be reworded, stated clearly and the minutes uploaded.

**155. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – GOVERNING BODIES
FIVE ROADS SCHOOL**

Correspondence was received from the Principal School Governance Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council informing of a vacancy for one additional Community Governor on the Governing Body of Five Roads School and the council was therefore invited to nominate a representative, but the nominee did not need to be a councillor. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that Cllr. O. Williams be nominated as the council's representative to serve on the school governing body.

156. MATTERS REPORTED

RESOLVED that the schedule of matters reported be noted.

157. 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.

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**158. 1. STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS 2025/26 – ADMINISTRATION
AND BURIAL SERVICES
2. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2025-26 - CONSOLIDATED**

Further to Minute No. 90, members considered the adjusted statements of accounts during which the Deputy Clerk stated that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices, and it was

RESOLVED that the adjusted Statements of Accounts for Administration, Burial Services, and consolidated for the financial year 2025/26 be received, accepted and approved.

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>01/04/2025</u> £	<u>Contribution</u> <u>to reserve</u> £	<u>Contribution</u> <u>from reserve</u> £	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31/3/2026</u> £
<u>Llanelli Joint Burial Committee</u> <u>(Llanelli Rural Council share)</u>				
General Fund	135,538	130,415	(136,123)	179,831
Redevelopment	119,638	1,525		121,163
Infrastructure	15,130			15,130
Monument Repairs	1,854			1,854
Training/Consultancy	11,025		(7,125)	3,900
Share due to LTC	(141,592)	(65,970)	71,623	(135,938)
	<u>141,593</u>	<u>65,970</u>	<u>(71,624)</u>	<u>135,939</u>
<u>Other Earmarked Reserves</u>				
Furnace Hall Funds	0	44,311		44,311
Swiss Valley Hall Funds	53,721		(4,336)	49,385
Committed Grants	1,800	2,393		4,193
Dafen Pitch R & R	15,937	1,200		17,137
Parks & Play Areas	52,175		(1,513)	50,662
Vauxhall Buildings	6,700	2,000	(500)	8,200
Resources	0	3,300		3,300
Global	13,198	66,750	(9,298)	70,650
Council Earmarked Reserves	<u>143,531</u>	<u>119,954</u>	<u>(15,647)</u>	<u>247,838</u>
Training Department Earmarked Reserves	<u>16,200</u>		<u>(600)</u>	<u>15,600</u>
	<u>159,731</u>	<u>119,954</u>	<u>(16,247)</u>	<u>263,438</u>
TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES (Consolidated)	<u>301,324</u>	<u>185,924</u>	<u>(87,871)</u>	<u>399,377</u>

**159. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS
TRAINING PREMISES CARMARTHEN**

Correspondence was received from Berry Smith Lawyers, enclosing the Deed of Variation document received from Geoffrey Alan Latham, Stephen Philip Latham and Roger John Berry, for engrossment by the council.

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RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign and affix the Council's seal to the Deed of Variation relating to an amendment to substitute the New Break Date for the Existing Break Date on the lease for Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 6, Ground Floor, Crown Building, Ty Myrddin, Old Station Road, Carmarthen.

**160. HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD
(1) WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICES UNIVERSITY NHS TRUST**

Cllr. S. L. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter, because she was the Community Transport Development Officer and left the meeting before discussion commenced.

Further to Minute No. 99(2), members received correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust (WAST) informing them of the ambulance capacity and transport implications arising from Hywel Dda University Health Board's Clinical Services Plan.

WAST confirmed that it was an active partner in Hywel Dda UHB's Clinical Services Plan and the wider A Healthier Mid and West Wales transformation programme. Its role was to ensure that the impact of proposed service changes on emergency ambulances, non-emergency patient transport, workforce, fleet and overall capacity was identified and properly modelled as plans developed.

WAST representatives were involved in the relevant programme and project groups and contributed to the stroke services consultation, including the Llanelli event held on 15 June 2026. Initial work included high-level population and travel-time modelling.

The detailed modelling had not yet been completed. WAST was therefore unable to provide definitive answers on the full ambulance and patient transport implications of the proposals. Further modelling and scenario planning were expected to consider journey times, transfers, emergency and non-emergency demand, workforce, fleet requirements and any additional capacity needed.

WAST suggested that a meeting with the Council would be more beneficial at a later stage, once this work had produced a more robust evidence-based position.

Specific areas assessed were;

- Ambulance capacity and resilience: Modelling was to examine the effect on emergency and non-emergency provision, including inter-hospital transfers, specialist transfers and patient discharge. Any additional resource requirements were to be discussed with the Health Board and Joint Commissioning Committee.
- Stroke services: WAST will model the proposed acute stroke "treat and transfer" arrangements, including journey times, transfer activity and operational capacity. Existing thrombectomy pathways to Cardiff and Bristol are separately funded and are not currently expected to change.
- Patient transport and accessibility: WAST acknowledged concerns regarding longer travel distances and was to assess the resulting impact on non-emergency patient transport demand, vehicle utilisation and overall capacity.

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- Implementation assurance: WAST stated that operational readiness, risks, dependencies and mitigations would be assessed jointly with Hywel Dda UHB before any service changes were implemented.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the correspondence was noted. Members expressed their disappointment and requested that the Clerk compose a letter to that effect, with the letter to be shared across various media platforms.

(2) ADULT MENTAL HEALTH PLACE OF SAFETY

Members received a consultation document from the Hywel Dda University Health Board seeking view on the future location of its adult section 136 Place of Safety service.

Section 136 of the Mental Health Act enables police officers to take a person experiencing a mental health crisis in a public place to a designated place of safety for assessment and appropriate support. Members were advised that Hywel Dda University Health Board has a statutory responsibility to provide this service and that, following a multi-agency options appraisal, the Health Board's preferred option was a dedicated Section 136 suite at Cwm Seren, St David's Park, Carmarthen.

Members were advised that five possible models had been assessed and that the preferred option had been selected as the appraisal concluded it would provide the safest, most clinically effective and sustainable model of care. The Health Board further advised that the proposed model would offer immediate access to specialist mental health support, improve the management of acute risk, enhance access to physical healthcare services where required, and provide a dedicated facility designed to address environmental and staffing challenges at existing sites.

Members were advised that the review had involved a range of partners, including Dyfed-Powys Police, local authorities, West Wales Action for Mental Health, and Llais.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the consultation was noted. Members expressed their disappointment at yet another consultation with no resulting action and requested that the Clerk compose a letter to that effect, with the letter to be shared across various media platforms.

Cllr. M. V. Davies left the meeting during the above discussion.

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The Meeting concluded at 6.46 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 13 October, 2026 adopted by the Council.