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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 209 – 214

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, 21 October, 2026 at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cllrs.

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

Absent: D. M. Cundy, S. M. T. Ford, J. P. Hart, O. Williams

209. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Members and officers stood for a minute's silence to mark the 60th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster.

210. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

211. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

212. DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU – DRAFT ANNUAL REMUNERATION REPORT 2027-28

Members were circulated with the draft Annual Report 2027/2028 received from the Senior Democratic Health Policy Manager, Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru. In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the draft annual report set out proposals for member allowances which would take effect for the financial year 2027.

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Members' attention was drawn to Determination 14/2027 of the report advising that the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru had recommended that councils continue to make mandatory payments for extra costs of working from home and payments of office consumables.

Attention was drawn to the report table which set out the level of payments to community and town councils. Determination 14/2027 advised all councils must pay their members £156 a year towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) for working from home (equivalent to £3 a week).

Determination 14/2027 also proposed that councils must either pay members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

Town and community councils could opt to pay financial loss compensation to their members, where such loss had occurred for attending approved duties. Members were informed that the changes the Commission had made to this year's proposals was the increase to the rates by CPIH, 3% as at May 2026, as follows:

- Up to £69.47 for each period not exceeding 4 hours;
- Up to £138.95 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.

Members were informed the council was categorised in group 1 of the table because its electorate was over 14,000. Moreover, there were no planned changes to the type and level of payments.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the draft annual report determinations be noted for budget preparation purposes for the forthcoming financial year and in anticipation of receiving the final annual report in February 2027.

213. 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.

214. STAFFING MATTERS

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

RESOLVED that:
(1) The report referenced 10:2026 be accepted.
(2) An advertisement be issued for the recruitment of a new Direct Labour Operative in accordance with the agreed recommendations.

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The meeting concluded at 4.53 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 November, 2026, adopted by the Council.