

**15 January, 2025**

**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 295 – 299**

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, 15 January, 2025 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

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

**Absent:** S. M. T .Ford, M. V. Davies, J. P. Hart

**295. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**296. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**297. APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE SENEDD CYMRU (MEMBERS AND ELECTIONS) ACT 2024**

Members received correspondence from the Secretary, Llanelli and District Civic Society raising concerns about the proposed changes to the Senedd constituency boundaries and names recommended in the recent review performed by the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (the Commission).

The clerk informed members that on 18 July, 2024, the Commission announced the start of the 2026 review of Senedd constituencies in accordance with the provisions of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024.

The Commission published its initial proposals on 3 September, 2024. The launch of the initial proposals represented the start of a four week consultation period during which the public were invited to submit any representations in writing.

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The Commission had subsequently published revised proposals for further public consultation. However, the consultation period ran over the Christmas holiday period from 17 December, 2024 to 13 January, 2025 and so was now closed.

The Commission intended to submit its final report to the Welsh Minister in March 2025.

The clerk stated the general provisions of The Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024, prevented the opportunity to formulate a new Senedd constituency predicated on the Llanelli Parliamentary constituency combining with part of another Parliamentary constituency as advocated by the Llanelli and District Civic Society.

In regard to the make-up and distribution of constituencies, the Act stipulated that there was to be a fixed number of 16 constituencies for the whole of Wales. The Act also stated for the 2026 review, the Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales should combine the 32 UK Parliamentary constituencies in contiguous pairs in order to create the 16 Senedd constituencies.

Following discussion and given the legislative parameters and constraints impacting upon the review, it was

**RESOLVED** that the correspondence received from the Secretary of the Civic Society be duly noted and that a copy of the Democracy and Boundary Commission’s latest consultation document shall be provided to the organisation for general information.

**298. 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.

**299. STAFFING MATTERS**

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of staffing matters.

**RESOLVED** that the report referenced 01:2025 be accepted and thanks be extended to the Driver on his service to the council.

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The meeting concluded at 5.10 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 11 February, 2025, adopted by the Council.