

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2008 AT
THE MADRAS SCHOOL, PENLEY AT 7.30PM.

Present: Chairman Mrs W Sime, Councillors Mr J Blanchard, Mr P Jones, Mrs H Allen, Mrs A Moser, Mrs B Wynn and Mrs G Wilson Butterworth and clerk Miss H Morgan.

- 1) Apologies: Mr K Owen (on holiday), Mr K Muir (wife unwell).
- 2) Proposals to change the structure of the NHS in Wales. It was generally felt that there were some questions that Councillors were unqualified to answer. However, the following comments were made and will be passed on to the Welsh Assembly.
 - Q1) There should be one Special Health Authority responsible for (or advising on) funding and planning services for LHBs and NHS Trusts. It should have a maximum of 20 members, plus advisors as and when required. Funding should be allocated according to population levels.
 - Q2) The number of LHBs should be reduced from 22 to eight. It is hoped that a reduction in bureaucracy, and economies of scale, would reduce costs and allow more to be spent on healthcare.
 - Q3) LHBs and NHS Trusts should have the same boundaries.
 - Q4) Enlarged LHBs need to operate at a more locally based level. There should be a move to smaller units of engagement, at sub-local authority level, but without any increase in bureaucracy. Each local authority area could have one representative who would consult with Community Councils, health groups etc.
 - Q5) No comments, as not qualified to answer.
 - Q6) NHS Trust Boards should have the minimum number of members needed to produce the maximum output, and they should have a close working relationship.
 - Q7) Support services should be drawn together into a single shared services body for the NHS in Wales.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.