

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Owain Jones (Chair)
Councillor Dylan Rees (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Lewis Davies, R Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, Glyn Haynes, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws, A M Jones, Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, G O Jones, R LI Jones, Alun W Mummery, Bryan Owen, R G Parry OBE, Shaun James Redmond, Dafydd Roberts, J A Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Nicola Roberts, P S Rogers, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Ieuan Williams and Robin Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive,
Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Business Process Transformation),
Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service Improvement),
Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,
Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,
Committee Officer (MEH).

ALSO PRESENT: None

APOLOGIES: Councillor R.Meirion Jones

Councillor R. Meirion Jones wished it to be recorded that he was representing the County Council in his role as Portfolio Holder for Education at another meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OR THE HEAD OF THE PAID SERVICE

The Chair made the following announcements :-

- Congratulations was extended to Mr. Albert Owen on his re-election as Member of Parliament for Anglesey.
- Congratulations to all those who were successful in the Urdd Eisteddfod recently.
- Congratulations was extended to Mrs. Audrey Jones from Llangefni on receiving the MBE on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday

honours list. Mrs. Jones received the honour for her services to the Women's Institute and the community.

- Congratulations to those who competed at the Island Games in Gotland last week. The Anglesey Team attained 1 gold medal, 4 silver medals and 4 bronze medals.
- Congratulations was extended to the former elected member, Mr. Philip Fowlie as he has been appointed the Director of the Pigs and Goats section at the Royal Welsh Show.

The Chair extended his deepest sympathy to the family of the former Managing Director, Mr. Derrick Jones. Mr. Jones was the Managing Director of the Council from 2006 to 2009. He was also the former Chief Executive of the Ceredigion Health Board.

Condolences were extended to any Member of the Council or staff who had suffered bereavement. Members and Officers stood in silent tribute as a mark of their respect and sympathy.

2. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The report of the Head of Resources (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer with an amendment to section 2.7.2 of the Council's Constitution was presented to the Council by the Portfolio Holder (Corporate).

The Portfolio Holder (Corporate) reported that the Executive at its meeting held on 12th June, 2017 upon consideration of the above had resolved to recommend to the full Council that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make and publish the following amendments to the Council's Constitution :-

- To amend section 2.7.2 of the Constitution to read as follows :-

'The Executive will consist of the Leader together with at least 2, but no more than 9 other Councillors, to include the Deputy Leader; all of whom shall be appointed to the Executive by the Leader'

- To agree that the number of Executive posts eligible to receive a senior salary shall be increased, with immediate effect from 7 to 8;
- To agree in principle, that the Council apply to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) for permission to extend the number of Members of the Isle of Anglesey County Council eligible to receive a senior salary, from the current cap of 15, up to a maximum of 16;
- Subject to the Council approving the final application, and the IRPW's permission being given, to authorise the appointment of a further Member of the Executive (making a total of 9), who will be eligible for a senior salary;
- To acknowledge that the appointment of two further Executive Members shall be cost neutral on the basis they be funded from savings achieved by

the Deputy Leader, and one Chairperson both of whom will continue to refuse receipt of the senior salaries for which their posts are eligible.

The Leader of the Opposition Group was dissatisfied and concerned that the intention was to increase the membership of the Executive from 7 to 9 Members. He expressed that he was under the impression that the former Executive of 7 Members had worked well. He also had concern regarding the intention to increase the membership of the Executive by the ruling group that at a time when the Council will be looking for savings by each service.

The Leader of the Council referred to the increase in pressure and challenges within the portfolios of some of the Portfolio Members. She referred to the pressure in the Children's Services within the Council and the Wylfa Newydd project.

Members of the Opposition Group considered that the matter needed to be deferred and referred to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee for discussion and scrutiny.

In accordance with paragraph 4.1.18.4 of the Constitution the required number of members requested that a recorded vote be taken on the recommendations as noted above.

The recorded vote was as follows :-

That the item be referred to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee for discussion:-

Councillors Glyn Haynes, K.P. Hughes, Aled M. Jones, Eric Jones, R.LI. Jones, Bryan Owen, J. Arwel Roberts, Peter S. Rogers, Shaun Redmond.

Total 9

Against the motion : -

Councillors Lewis Davies, Richard A. Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, T.LI. Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos M. Huws, Carwyn Jones, Gwilym O. Jones, R.O. Jones, Alun Mummery, Bob Parry OBE FRAGS, Dylan Rees, Dafydd Roberts, Margaret M. Roberts, Dafydd R. Thomas, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams.

Total 18

Abstained :- Councillor Nicola Roberts

RESOLVED that the motion was not carried.

The motion to approve the following recommendation :-

'In accordance with 4.1.27.1 in the Council's Procedure Rules, that Rule 4.1.17.1 be suspended for the second bullet point of the appended report'.

Councillors Lewis Davies, Richard A. Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, T.Ll. Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos M. Huws, Carwyn Jones, Gwilym O. Jones, R.O. Jones, Alun Mummery, Bob Parry OBE FRAgS, Dylan Rees, Dafydd Roberts, Margaret M. Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Dafydd R. Thomas, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams. **Total 19**

Against the motion :-

Councillors Glyn Haynes, K.P. Hughes, Aled M. Jones, Eric Jones, R.Ll. Jones, Bryan Owen, J. Arwel Roberts, Peter S. Rogers, Shaun Redmond.
Total 9

Abstained :- None

The motion to approve the following recommendation :-

‘That the Council approves the Executive Committee’s recommendation in the appended report.’

Councillors Lewis Davies, Richard A. Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, T.Ll. Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos M. Huws, Carwyn Jones, Gwilym O. Jones, R.O. Jones, Alun Mummery, Bob Parry OBE FRAgS, Dylan Rees, Dafydd Roberts, Margaret M. Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Dafydd R. Thomas, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams. **Total 19**

Against the motion : -

Councillors Glyn Haynes, K.P. Hughes, Aled M. Jones, Eric Jones, R.Ll. Jones, Bryan Owen, J. Arwel Roberts, Peter S. Rogers, Shaun Redmond.
Total 9

Abstained : None

It was RESOLVED to approve the amendment to section 2.7.2 of the Constitution as noted above.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed to discuss the following item in public.

4. THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO HORIZON'S PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION - STAGE 3

Submitted – the report of the Chief Executive incorporating the Authority’s response to Horizon Nuclear Power’s Third Stage Pre-application Consultation (PAC 3) regarding the Wylfa Newydd Project.

The Portfolio Holder (Major Developments and the Welsh Language) said that the proposed New Nuclear Build at Wylfa Newydd requires a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to be submitted in respect of the main power station and offsite integral developments. Horizon Nuclear Power anticipates submitting the DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in August 2017. The Portfolio further said that whilst the Council is supportive in principle to the development at Wylfa Newydd, there must be guarantees on key aspects to ensure that it brings significant community benefits to the Island.

He said that the County Council is of a view that PAC 3 does not follow on from PAC 2 due to the fundamental changes in the project. PAC 3 only consults on the changes following optimisation aimed to reduce capital costs, a more compact power station design, optimising construction and optimising the construction workers accommodation. The proposed changes would see a concentration of the project, and associated impacts during the construction period, in North Anglesey. The Portfolio Holder highlighted the following key areas in response the PAC 3 :-

- Lack of detail in the PAC 3 consultation documents;
- Concern that the percentage of local employment has decreased to 2,000;
- No clarity on how opportunities for local business will be maximised;
- No assessment of the impact of having a 4,000 bed temporary workers accommodation facility on site;
- No information on how construction workers will be controlled and managed;
- Lack of detail as regard to car sharing and on-site parking. More 'park and ride' facilities are required;
- More work required to ensure construction workers do not have adverse effects on the local communities, culture and the Welsh language.

Concerns were expressed in relation to some of the wording in the Chief Executive's response to PAC 3 and the need for the authority must to work with Horizon Nuclear Power and Welsh Government to afford opportunities for young people of the Island was noted. The Portfolio Holder responded by noting that the draft response would be revised before submission.

The Leader of the Council reiterated the support of the Council to the Wylfa Newydd project but noted that it will place added pressures and impacts on the north of Anglesey and its communities. It is vital that more details as regard to more details about key aspects of the project before Horizon submits its Development Consent Order later this year.

Following further deliberations it was **RESOLVED** :-

- **To approve the response to the Third Stage Pre-Application Consultation (PAC 3);**
- **That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to carry out any minor amendments, variations or corrections which are identified and reasonably necessary prior to the formal issue of the response to PAC 3.**

The meeting concluded at 4.00 pm

COUNCILLOR R.O. JONES
CHAIR