

## ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 28th October 2010

- PRESENT:** Councillor Selwyn Williams - Chair  
Councillor G.O Jones - Vice-Chair
- Councillors E.G.Davies; Lewis Davies; Jim Evans; K.Evans;  
Fflur M.Hughes; R.LI.Hughes; W.I.Hughes; W.T.Hughes;  
H.Eifion Jones; O.Glyn Jones; Raymond Jones; R.Dylan Jones;  
T.H.Jones; C.McGregor; Bryan Owen; J.V.Owen; R.L.Owen; Bob  
Parry OBE; G.O. Parry MBE; Eric Roberts; J. Arwel Roberts;  
P.S. Rogers; H.W.Thomas; Ieuan Williams; J.P. Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Interim Managing Director;  
Corporate Director (Finance);  
Corporate Director (Housing and Social Services)  
Head of Service (Policy);  
Director of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer  
Committee Services Manager.  
Communications Officer.
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors W.J.Chorlton, C.LI.Everett, D.R.Hughes, T.LI.Hughes,  
K.P.Hughes, Eric Jones, R.LI.Jones, Rhian Medi, G.W.Roberts,  
OBE, E Schofield

The meeting was opened with a Prayer by Councillor R.Dylan Jones

A warm welcome was extended to the representatives of the Recovery Board and to Mr. Alan Morris of the Wales Audit Office.

#### 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None to declare.

#### 2. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OR THE HEAD OF THE PAID SERVICES.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Ms Diane Hughes of Disco World Môn from Amlwch and some of her dancers who had achieved successes at the Urdd Eisteddfod at Aberystwyth and at the National Eisteddfod at Blaenau Gwent.

Following the recent Recognising Achievement Reception at Ruthin Castle, the Chairman congratulated Ms Sarah Pickard of Dwyran who had been presented with the Diversification Award for her work in supporting the Gay and Lesbian community in the media.

Congratulations were also extended to the Reverend Wynn Roberts of Menai Bridge on receiving an International Faith Award on his work in the Bangor area. He was currently the Chaplain for the Betsi Cadwaladr University Board

Congratulations also to George North from Bodedern upon his achievement of being chosen for the Welsh International Rugby Squad Autumn International. He was the leading Tri Scorer for the Magners Celtic Rugby Union League.

The Horizon Nuclear Power Team would be at preview session on the 1st November at 11.00am until 12:00pm at the Wylfa Sports and Social Club in Cemaes Bay and that public exhibitions would be on between the 1st November and the 12th November between 11:00a.m. and 12:00p.m., at the same venue.

The Chairman then went on to mention that Tyddyn Môn Recycling and Anglesey County Council Waste had achieved success with a Nicholas Cylch WAG Partnership Award in Cardiff recently. Tyddyn Môn recycling bins were situated throughout the Island and they have had 250 tons of recycled material donated to them.

On behalf of the Members and Officers best wishes were extended to Councillor Derlwyn Hughes for a full and speedy recovery.

The Chairman referred to the fact that the Island had been beset recently with tragic road traffic accidents.

On Sunday, the Reverend Robert Glyn Williams, aged 86 of Breeze Hill, Benllech was involved in a car accident at Benllech and he had died from his injuries

Another tragic road accident occurred at Marianglas, when Kevin Hughes of Bull Bay was tragically killed on his motorbike, and the elderly occupants of the car in the accident were taken to hospital. One of them was the sister in law to retired Anglesey County Council Leader W.J.Williams and the other occupant was Councillor Hefin Thomas' mother. Best wishes were extended for a full and speedy recovery.

The Chairman also extended his sympathy to any Member, or Officer who had suffered bereavement.

Members and Officers stood in silent tribute as a mark of their respect.

### **3. IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

(a) Reported- That the Executive at its meeting on 26 October, 2010 upon consideration of the above had resolved to recommend to the County Council as follows:-

*“That it approves the Improvement Plan 2010/11 (Performance Review 2009/10) and that authority be given to the Head of Service (Policy) in consultation with the Corporate Governance Portfolio Holder to finalise the plan for publication and to refer performance information to the relevant Scrutiny Committee for further analysis with particular reference to performance indicators in the bottom quartile”.*

**RESOLVED to endorse the above recommendations of the Executive.**

### **4.WALES AUDIT OFFICE - PRELIMINARY CORPORATE ASSESSMENT.**

Submitted- a presentation by Mr. Alan Morris, Wales Audit Office on the above

Reported - That the Auditor General was required to undertake an annual improvement assessment for each improvement Authority in Wales. In order to undertake this requirement, the Wales Audit Office would undertake a Corporate Assessment of arrangements to secure continuous improvement and a Performance assessment of planned improvements. This report set out the findings of the Corporate assessment only and was designed to answer whether the Council's arrangements were likely to secure continuous improvement.

WAO would continue to build on this report by monitoring progress in coming months to provide an update to be issued in November as part of the Annual Improvement Report. The report as it stood concluded that the Council had responded positively to Ministerial intervention but that much work remained to implement plans and then embed the modernisation of its corporate arrangements and to assure the sustainability of improvement. (These conclusions were explained in detail in Parts 1 and 2 of the report)

The conclusions ascertained that many of the foundations were in place to address longstanding weaknesses but the sustainability of improvement remained in doubt. Decisive leadership was beginning to improve governance but much work remained to implement plans and then embed the modernisation of the Council's corporate arrangements.

(b) Submitted- The response of the Interim Managing Director to the WAO report setting out progress to date in respect of the key areas in the Recovery Programme. He drew the Council's attention to the work being done in respect of the following 6 key areas:-

- Strengthen Governance.
- Member and Officer Joint Working.
- Leadership and Engagement.
- Make the Council more Business Like.
- Improving Performance and Performance Management.
- Enhance Reputation Management.

**RESOLVED to refer the Wales Audit Office assessment to the Audit Committee and the Corporate Scrutiny Committee for consideration and that the Recovery Steering Group be given a specific mandate to oversee progress.**

### **5.ISLE OF ANGLESEY RECORD OFFICE - PROGRESS REPORT 3**

The Chairman stated that he intended to deal with this item in the public domain unless there were matters of commercial sensitivity arising from any debate.

(a) Reported- That the Executive at its meeting on 26th October, 2010 upon consideration of the above had resolved to recommend to the County Council as follows:-

*“That the Council agrees to the release of the necessary funds for the conversion as planned of this building from corporate unallocated contingency budgets; and to authorise Officers to proceed with negotiations on an informal basis, with regard to the rental of the potential excess storage space on the most advantageous terms possible”.*

**RESOLVED to endorse the above recommendations of the Executive.**

**The meeting concluded at 4:35.p.m.**

**COUNCILLOR SELWYN WILLIAMS  
CHAIR**