

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 12 May 2011 (3:00pm)

- PRESENT:** Councillor G.O.Jones – Chairperson
Councillor R.L.I.Jones –Vice-Chairperson
- Councillors W.J.Chorlton, E.G.Davies, Lewis Davies, R.Dew, B. Durkin, Jim Evans, C.LI.Everett, D.R.Hughes, Fflur M.Hughes, K.P.Hughes,R.LI.Hughes, T.LI.Hughes,W.I.Hughes, W.T.Hughes,Aled Morris Jones, Eric Jones, H.Eifion Jones,O.Glyn Jones, Raymond Jones, R.Dylan Jones,T.H.Jones,C.McGregor, Bryan Owen, J.V.Owen, R.L.Owen, R.G.Parry OBE, G.O.Parry MBE, Eric Roberts,G.W.Roberts,OBE, J.A.Roberts, P.S.Rogers,E.Schofield,H.W.Thomas,Ieuan Williams,J.Penri Williams,S.Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Interim Chief Executive
Corporate Director (Finance),
Corporate Director (Environment & Technical Services)
Corporate Director (Education and Leisure)
Corporate Director (Housing & Social Services)
Director of Legal Services / Monitoring Officer;
Head of Service (Policy),
Solicitor to the Monitoring Officer;
Committee Services Manager
Communications Officer
- ALSO PRESENT:** Messrs. Alex Aldridge, Margaret Foster, Mick Giannasi and Gareth Jones (Commissioners)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors K.Evans, Rhian Medi; Mr.Byron Davies(Commissioner).

The meeting was opened with a Prayer offered by Councillor R.LI.Hughes.

1 CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED that Councillor Gwilym O. Jones be elected Chairperson of the Isle of Anglesey County Council for 2011/12.

In accepting the honour of being appointed he promised the Council that he would carry out the duties involved to the best of his abilities. Councillor Jones also took the opportunity of paying tribute to the retiring Chairperson, Councillor Selwyn Williams for his commitment in representing the County Council throughout his term of office.

Councillor Selwyn Williams, the retiring Chairperson, thanked all the members and officers of the Council for their support and co-operation during his term of office. He also gave a synopsis of his duties as Chairperson which involved representing the County Council at various functions throughout the year. He expressed his best wishes to Councillor Jones and hoped that he would also enjoy a happy and successful term of office.

The Leader of the Council and the Leaders of the Political Groups each took the opportunity of congratulating Councillor G.O.Jones upon the honour of being appointed Chair of the County Council

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was proposed and seconded that the name of Councillor E.G.Davies be put forward for the post of Vice-Chair of the County Council. A further proposal was put forward and seconded that the name of Councillor R.LI.Jones be considers.

Under the provisions of Council Rule 18.5, a recorded vote was taken on the election of the Vice-Chair.

For Councillor E.G.Davies: Councillors E.G.Davies, Lewis Davies, R.Dew, Ff.M.Hughes, R.LI.Hughes, T.LI.Hughes,W.I.Hughes, H.E.Jones, Tom Jones,C.McGregor,R.G.Parry,OBE, J.Penri Williams, Ieuan Williams, Selwyn Williams. **Total:14**

For Councillor R.LI.Jones: Councillors W.J.Chorlton, B.Durkin, J.Evans, C.L.Everett, D.R.Hughes, K.P.Hughes, W.T.Hughes, A.Morris Jones, Eric Jones, O.Glyn Jones, R.Dylan Jones, Raymond Jones, R.LI.Jones, Bryan Owen, J.V.Owen, R.L.Owen, G.O.Parry,MBE, Eric Roberts, J.A.Roberts, G.W.Roberts,OBE, P.S.Rogers, E.Schofield, H.W.Thomas. **Total: 23**

Abstention: Councillor G.O.Jones.

Total:1

RESOLVED that Councillor R.Llewelyn Jones be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Isle of Anglesey County Council for 2011/12.

Councillor R.LI.Jones thanked the members for their confidence in him and thanked members for their very kind words. He expressed his intention to co-operate with and support the newly elected Chairperson.

The Leader of the Council and the Leaders of the Political Groups took the opportunity of congratulating Councillor R.LI.Jones upon the honour of being appointed Vice-Chair of the County Council

3 TO APPOINT A LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor G.W.Roberts,OBE proposed that Councillor Bryan Owen be appointed as Leader of the Council. Councillor O.Glyn Jones seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED that Councillor Bryan Owen be elected LEADER of the Isle of Anglesey County Council until the next Local Government Elections in May 2012.

Councillor Owen thanked the Council upon the honour of being appointed Leader of the County Council. He again took the opportunity of congratulating both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council following their appointments today and also thanked the Political Group Leaders for their co-operation.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor R.LI.Hughes took the opportunity to refer to the fact that former Borough Councillor Mrs.Mary Augusta Edwards would be 100 years of age this August. She had served for over 40 years on the former District and Borough Councils and she had been and still was, a serving Governor at Ysgol Bodorgan. Councillor Hughes thought that she was the oldest serving Governor on Anglesey, in Wales and perhaps even throughout the UK. He requested the Chair to make appropriate arrangements to celebrate her birthday this August.

The Chair stated that he would comply with that request in consultation with Councillor R.LI.Hughes.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None to declare.

6 DELEGATION BY THE LEADER / MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bryan Owen stated that he was not in a position to name those members he had chosen to serve on the Executive today but that he would do so over the course of the next few days.

Councillor C.LI. Everett wished it to be noted that until told otherwise, he was still a serving member on the shadow Executive. This meant that the next meeting he would attend to represent his Ward would be at the next County Council meeting on 13th September, 2011. He believed that he was totally disenfranchised as a Council member at this moment in time since he could not serve on any other Committees such as Scrutiny. If there wasn't a meeting of the Council on 13th September he would be in breach of the 6 month rule unless he attended a meeting of an Outside Body. He considered that the matter needed to be addressed and questioned whether the Shadow Executive would be working at all with the Commissioners? None of the Commissioners had spoken to him as regards his former Portfolio and he felt that he was barred from speaking on any matters he was technically responsible for.

The Interim Chief Executive in reply stated that under the legislation, this Council was obliged to appoint an Executive even though their responsibilities had been taken over by the Commissioners. The meetings of the Board of Commissioners were public meetings and it was open for any member to ask a question or seek permission to speak provided that notice had been given beforehand. He hoped that after today there would be an opportunity for dialogue on how the Shadow Executive could assist the Commissioners in their role. It was important for the Shadow Executive to be able to track their individual Portfolios over the course of the year with the aim of achieving a smooth transition of power once the Ministerial intervention came to an end.

Councillors A.Morris Jones and G.W.Roberts, OBE requested that further discussion take place between the Chair of the County Council, the Interim Chief Executive and the Commissioners as regards the Commissioners' intention to make use of the Leader's Room for their purposes. Both Members considered it to be important to the image of the Council that those facilities were retained for the use of the Leader, Shadow Executive, other members and any other dignitaries that attended these Council offices.

The Interim Chief Executive stated that it was the Commissioners intention to make use of that room for the purposes of holding meetings but he hoped that in the spirit of co-operation that agreement could be reached between the Commissioners, the elected members and officers in this respect.

The Chair noted the request.

7 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES

The Chairperson confirmed the re-appointment of the current Committee structure as referred to in Section 3.4 of the Council's Constitution, together with the following:-

- Scrutiny Committees
- Pay & Grading Panel set up by the County Council
- Standards Committee Appointments Panel
- Standards Committee
- Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
- Joint Planning Policy Committee
- Special Educational Needs Joint Committee

8 CONFIRMATION OF SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Chairperson confirmed such part of the Scheme of Delegation as the Constitution determined it was for the Council to agree (as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the Constitution).

9 PROGRAMME OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED to approve the following programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the ensuing year:-

13th September 2011	- 2.00 pm
8th December 2011	- 2.00 pm
6th March 2012	- 2.00 pm
10th May 2012	- 10.30 am and 2.00 pm(AGM)

After the vote, Councillor Eric Jones enquired whether it would be possible to convene Council meetings at 10.00am in view of the large amount of items that had appeared on today's agenda?

The Interim Chief Executive stated that he would consider the request in consultation with the Chair of the Council.

The meeting concluded at 3.40 pm

**COUNCILLOR GWILYM O.JONES
CHAIRMAN**