

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2015

- PRESENT:** Councillor Derlwyn Rees Hughes (Chair)
Councillor Alun Wyn Mummery (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors John Griffith, W T Hughes, Carwyn Jones, R LI Jones, Richard Owain Jones, Dylan Rees and Dafydd Rhys Thomas
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,
Head of Environment & Technical Services,
Principal Valuation Officer,
Scrutiny Officer (GWR),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** None
- ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Gerallt LI. Jones, Managing Director Menter Môn – In respect of Item 5.

The Chair wished to extend his best wishes to the Chief Executive, Mr. Richard Parry Jones on his retirement from the County Council at the end of May. Members of the Committee also wished their best wishes to Mr. Jones.

1 APOLOGIES

None.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr. Gerallt LI. Jones, Managing Director Menter Môn stated that he would be presenting Item 5 to the meeting and that he is a co-opted member of the Committee.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March, 2015 were confirmed.

4 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Member of the Committee considered that Item 5 – Llys Llewelyn, Aberffraw should be discussed in public to allow open discussion in respect of the matter.

5 LLYS LLEWELYN, ABERFFRAW

The Scrutiny Officer reported that Councillor Ann Griffith had requested that the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee should discuss the issues

relation to the sale of Llys Llewelyn, Aberffraw and the concerns of the local residents.

Councillor Ann Griffith stated that as a local member for Bro Aberffraw she has received numerous concerns by the local residents regarding the sale of Llys Llewelyn and the future of the site. She further stated that the Aberffraw Community Council has discussed the issue and are concerned as to the future of Llys Llewelyn as it is a well worth asset to the village of Aberffraw.

Mr. Gerallt Ll. Jones, Managing Director of Menter Môn gave a background report to the Committee in respect of when the County Council approach Menter Môn to ascertain if they would have interest in taking over the running of Llys Llewelyn. Menter Môn took a lease of 25 years in 2004. The craft units were converted into holiday accommodation together with a commercial laundrette. An Objective1 grant was attained to remodel Llys Llewelyn. Agored Cyf., which is an organisation to develop employment possibilities for disabled and disadvantage people, was running the Café on the site. Mr. Jones emphasised that Agored Cyf., would continue to run the Café at Llys Llewelyn as they have a lease on the facility.

He noted that the site is a going concern but needs new investment to meet new economic opportunities and the facility is now for sale. Mr. Jones further stated that he considered that Aberffraw has a great potential to attract further tourist to the area as the nearby villages are attracting tourist that are interested in water sports and other activities.

Members were afforded the opportunity to question the Managing Director of Menter Môn. The following issues were raised by Members :-

- Assurance that the Café on the site of Llys Llewelyn would continue and that no redundancies would entail following sale of the site;
- The requirement of Llys Llewelyn to be the focal point of the village to attract tourist and as a community benefit to Aberffraw.

RESOLVED to thank the Managing Director of Menter Môn for attending the meeting and it was hoped that Llys Llewelyn, Aberffraw will be sold to persons who will manage the facility similar to the current use.

6 UPDATE BY THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair reported that the Scrutiny Officer has approach the representatives from Land and Lakes to ascertain if they would be willing to attend a future meeting of this Committee to discuss the project they intend to develop in Holyhead. The company had confirmed that they would be willing to attend but respectfully requested that they receive another invitation later this year as there were currently ongoing planning matters to be dealt with. The Chief Executive advised Members that steps were being taken by the Corporate Director of Sustainable Development to arrange briefing meetings, on significant economic developments projects on the Island, in order to provide Members with background information prior to any company/organisation attending the Committee.

7 WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted – the draft Work Programme for the July meeting of the Partnership and Regeneration Committee.

RESOLVED to note the draft Work Programme.

ACTION : That Members contact the Scrutiny Officer with any items they wish the Committee to discuss.

**COUNCILLOR D.R. HUGHES
CHAIR**