

# ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017

- PRESENT:** Councillor Dylan Rees – Vice-Chair in the Chair
- Councillors 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, R.Meirion Jones, Alun W Mummery, Bryan Owen, R G Parry OBE, Shaun James Redmond, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, 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 (Partnerships, Community & Service Improvements),  
Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Head of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,  
Head of Democratic Services,  
Head of Adults' Services,  
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,  
Committee Officer (MEH).
- ALSO PRESENT:** None
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Lewis Davies and Richard Owain Jones

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Dylan Rees chaired the meeting. Councillor G O Jones was elected Vice-Chair for this meeting only.

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meeting were confirmed as correct :-

- 26 September, 2017, subject to an amendment at Page 5 of the minutes that Councillor Aled M Jones said '.... *that the current policy allows the Portfolio Holder (Highways, Property and Waste) and Officers to sell any smallholdings*'.

An amendment also needs to be included to the minutes that Councillor Aled M Jones had said that he did not have an objection to sell smallholdings up to 20 acres but anything above 20 acres needs to be referred to the full Council.

- 30 October, 2017 (Extraordinary)

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

### 3. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

The Chair made the following announcements :-

- Congratulations to competitors who had enjoyed success at the Winter Fair at Mona Showground last month and also at Builth Wells recently;
- Congratulations to Anglesey's Young Farmers who had competed at the National Young Farmers Eisteddfod at Llandudno;
- He thanked the staff and service users of Blaen y Coed and Gerddi Haulfre for decorating the County Council's Christmas Tree at the Cyswllt Môn reception area;
- He wished to congratulate Mr. Fôn Williams on his recent appointment as Head of Children and Families and wished him well in his post. He wished to thank Mr Llyr Bryn Roberts for his work as Acting Head of Children and Families over the recent months;
- He wished to congratulate Ms Shan Williams, Head of Housing Services on her appointment as Chief Executive of Grŵp Cynefin and wished her well in her new post;
- He wished to thank all the staff of the County Council for their work during the recent flooding incident on the Island and he expressed his sympathy to those residents and local businesses who have been affected.

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Condolences were extended to the family of the late Mr Carl Sargeant AC.

Councillor J Arwel Roberts, as Leader of the Labour Group, paid tribute to Mr Sargeant AC.

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.

#### **4. QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.12.4 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- Submitted - the following question on notice by Councillor Peter S Rogers to the Leader of the Council :-

*“Like all of us you will be fully aware of the resentment and concern that is being shown by Anglesey ratepayers following your decision to increase the Executive membership of this Authority to 9 members.*

*In these exceptional austere times how on earth can you justify this extravagance?”*

The Leader of the Council responded that Welsh Government has acknowledged the need for the increase in the membership of this Authority's Executive. She wished to reiterate that the increase to the membership of the Executive will have no financial burden to the authority only the increase in capacity of the Executive.

Councillor Rogers said that the Deputy Leader does not claim his allowance but he questioned if this situation was to change it could have a financial burden on the Authority. The Leader of the Council said that she would respond to the issue if the matter was to arise. Councillor Rogers further asked that since the Energy Island and other energy development are important to the Authority why was the County Council not represented at the 'Energy Targets for Wales Stakeholders Workshop' hosted by Welsh Government held in Cardiff in July.

The Leader of the Council responded by noting that capacity was one of the reasons for not attending the Stakeholders Workshop in Cardiff which is an example why the increase in membership of the Executive was required.

- Submitted - the following question on notice by Councillors A M Jones and Bryan Owen to the Leader of the Council :-

*“Following the decision to stop the tendering process for home care, what and how much were the costs to the Council?”*

The Leader of the Council responded that the decision to go out to tender as regard to the home care service was taken by the previous administration of the Council. She wished to thank the members of the Opposition Groups for attending the sessions to assess the respective tenders. A decision was undertaken to stop the tendering process and to revisit the matter with the Health Authority. The costs associated to both the Authority and the Health Authority as regard to this process has been staff time only.

Councillor Bryan Owen questioned as to why it had taken to the last minute to stop the tendering process when it had taken three days to interview the companies who had tendered for the home care services. He questioned as to the costs incurred by these companies to prepare a tender and attending the interview at the Council and that the Authority could face compensation from the companies involved. He said that the Leader had separated the Portfolio of Housing and Social Service to provide better support for both services and questioned whether she will go back to the Independent Remuneration Panel to ask for another Portfolio Member on the Executive?

The Leader of the Council responded that as Portfolio Holder for Social Services she has always given significant time to her role as Portfolio Lead. She said that her duty is to ensure that this Authority provides the best possible service to the people of Anglesey. She confirmed that the Authority and the Health Service were of the joint opinion that the tendering process should be stopped to ensure that the correct procedure was followed.

## **5. NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.13.1 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Submitted – the following Notices of Motion by :-

- **Councillor Shaun Redmond**

*“Following the recent announcement to move to a policy of Welsh first language working environment with its associated financial burden and inbuilt discrimination, I move, as the Council has no mandate or sought the consensus of the electorate to change the policy from the Bilingual policy, members resolved to :*

- (a) Retain the Bilingual working environment and policy until a mandate and consensus are realised by a referendum of the electorate;*
- (b) Accept the policy of employing the best qualified candidates for all positions within the Council irrespective of their chosen first or preferred language of Welsh or English;*
- (c) Accept the policy of employing young persons and other Anglesey residents whose chosen first or preferred language is Welsh or English:*

Councillor Peter S Rogers seconded the motion.

Councillor Redmond said that as an Elected Member he has been approached by the electorate with comments querying need for such a policy of Welsh first language as the working environment of the Council. This announcement to move to this policy has raised many questions and anxiousness within communities of Anglesey and that is why Council policies need to be open and publicly debated. He stressed that his notice of motion is not an attack on the Welsh language but since we do live in a diverse society with two prime languages, which he doubted that will ever change if Anglesey wishes to prosper. Why has a bilingual policy which has been successful in increasing the numbers who can speak Welsh or choose to use Welsh as their first language has to be replaced by a policy that demands the fluency of employees in writing and speaking Welsh to do their job? Staff who are fluent Welsh speaker carry out their duty in Welsh, which is rightly so, as it is their choice and nobody should deny them that freedom of choice. He was sure that staff have the utmost respect for those whose first language is different and it is their freedom of choice to use that language. Councillor Redmond further said that the change in policy will have a detrimental effect on the employment of staff. He said that there is already a problem in recruiting for highly qualified positions; this

could complicate the recruitment process. He asked the Council to reject the policy of Welsh as the first language of administration of the Council.

The Portfolio Holder for the Welsh Language outlined the Welsh language policy adopted by the full Council in May 2016 and thereafter the Welsh Language Standards. He referred that in adopting the Welsh Language Policy the Council also resolved to adopt the following amendment at paragraph 3.2.4 of the policy which states ‘... That the Council’s aim is to ensure that Welsh will be the Council’s main language for both oral and written internal communication.’ In order to achieve this, the Council monitors progress annually by the issuing of a report to Scrutiny at the same time as the annual report on the operation of the Welsh Language policy. The annual report was adopted by the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The Portfolio Holder expressed that it is not the aim to force staff to use the Welsh language for administration but to encourage and support them to use the language during their day to day work. He noted that in September 2016, the Housing Service was the first service to be selected to work intensively with the Language Co-Ordinator by establishing a baseline of the use of Welsh within the service. An Action Plan was agreed with the Housing Service Management Team in order to increase the use of Welsh in the workplace. The intention is to work with each department to promote the use of the Welsh language in their work environment. He noted that the Welsh Government policy is to have 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050.

The main issues raised were as follows :-

- Councillor Bryan Owen said that he fully supported the use of the Welsh language within the Authority and the bilingual policy of the Council. He supported the equal opportunities for every resident of the Island to be able to compete for job opportunities at the Council as it is apparent that very few applicants compete for employment at present;
- Councillor A M Jones said that he considered that the Welsh language should be encouraged rather than compelled;
- Councillor R LI Jones said that he would support the establishment of a Panel to discuss the Welsh language policy;
- Councillor R Meirion Jones said that the Welsh Language Policy and Welsh Language Standards are already adhered to within the Council. The recent report to the Partnership and Regeneration Committee recently was an update report. He noted that a Language Task Group has been established within the Council for many years together with a Language Forum which endeavours to promote the use of the Welsh language across the Authority. He further stated that attitude towards the language is important and that the focus is on encouragement rather than compulsion.

Following deliberations Councillor R LI Jones proposed an amendment to the Motion that a Panel be established with elected members to discuss the use the Welsh language within the Authority. Councillor Peter Rogers seconded the proposal.

Councillor Shaun Redmond said that he would withdraw his Notice of Motion so as to allow the proposal as noted above. He wished to reiterate that his Notice of Motion was not an attack on the Welsh language. He had concerns for people who are unable to speak Welsh, even though they may have tried to learn the language, to be deprived of being able to compete for employment within the Council. Members of the Council accepted the withdrawal of the Notice of Motion.

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 establishment of the Pnael.

The recorded vote was as follows :-

- **To establish a Panel to discuss to use of the Welsh language within the Council :-**

**Councillors Aled M Jones, Eric W Jones, R LI Jones, Peter S Rogers, Bryan Owen, Shaun Redmond. TOTAL 6**

- **Not to establish a Panel to discuss the use of the Welsh language within the Council :-**

**Councillors Richard A Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, Glyn Haynes, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes, Llinos M Huws, Carwyn Jones, Gwilym O Jones, R Meirion Jones, Margaret M Roberts, Vaughan Hughes, Alun Mummery, Bob Parry OBE, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, J Arwel Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Dafydd R Thomas, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams.**  
**TOTAL 22**

The motion was not carried.

- **Councillor Aled Morris Jones**

*“I request that the County Council fly the flag of the United Kingdom outside the County Council Offices in Llangefni on a daily basis not just on certain days alongside the Ddraig Coch and the Council flag.”*

Councillor Bryan Owen seconded the Motion.

Councillor Aled M Jones said that a number of civic buildings throughout North Wales and Wales fly the flag of the United Kingdom on a daily basis. He said that flying the flag of the United Kingdom is important to a number of people on the Island.

Councillor Bryan Owen said that flying the flag of the United Kingdom is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices of young people from Anglesey and Wales during the Great Wars. He supported the Notice of Motion as a mark of respect to those who had fallen during the Great Wars.

The Leader of the Council said that the County Council has adopted a Flag Policy on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 which notes the specific dates when the Union flag will fly. The Leader proposed that the Council adhere to the Flag Policy.

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 proposed motion.

The recorded vote was as follows :-

- **To fly the flag of the United Kingdom outside the County Council Offices on a daily basis :-**

**Councillors Aled M Jones, Eric W Jones, R LI Jones, Peter S Rogers, Bryan Owen, Shaun Redmond.**  
**TOTAL 6**

- **Not to fly the flag of the United Kingdom outside the County Council Offices on a daily basis and to adhere to the Flag Policy adopted by the County Council on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 :-**

**Councillors Richard A Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, Glyn Haynes, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes, Llinos M Huws, Carwyn Jones, Gwilym O Jones, R Meirion Jones, Margaret M Roberts, Vaughan Hughes, Alun Mummery, Bob Parry OBE, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, J Arwel Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Dafydd R Thomas, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams.**  
**TOTAL 22**

The motion was not carried.

- **Councillor Bryan Owen**

*“In view of the devastating impact on individuals following the recent floods on the Island, would the Council agree to establish an emergency support fund to assist those affected and prioritising improvement to flood defences as part of the 2018/19 budget.”*

Councillor Aled M Jones seconded the motion.

Councillor Bryan Owen wished to thank the Chief Executive and staff of the Council for their hard work during the recent flooding on the Island. He said that there has been no mention of the effects of the flooding on the Dwyran area with some houses having suffered extreme damage to their homes. Councillor Owen said that one of the reasons for the extreme flooding was the lack of cleaning and maintaining the rivers. He referred to the landslide on the A545 between Menai Bridge and Beaumaris is an important which has occurred for the second time in a short period and that Beaumaris is an important tourist destination for many visitors to the Island. Councillor Owen said whilst there are discussions taking place as regard to the third crossing over the Menai Straits, it would be much better in having an upgraded highway between Menai Bridge and Beaumaris.

Councillor Aled M Jones said that he considered that the Council could request financial assistance from the Bellwin Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to Local Authorities.

Councillor Shaun Redmond requested a report by Natural Resources Wales on their activities in dredging and cleaning rivers. The Portfolio Holder for Highways, Property & Waste responded that farmers in the past were paid to clear ditches on the land but now they are prohibited from doing so by Natural Resources Wales. He expressed the view that the Cefni River needs to be dredged as a matter of urgency.

Councillor T LI Hughes MBE said that the Charitable Trust had requested the Secretary to research whether it is appropriate for the Trust to establish a fund to give assistance to residents of the Island who have experienced flooding to their homes and business recently.

Councillor Carwyn Jones also wished to thank the Council staff, DAWNUS construction and M W T Construction Ltd., during the extreme flooding which occurred recently. The Beaumaris flood defence scheme approved by the late Mr. Carl Sargeant AC., safeguarded the possible catastrophic flooding of the town of Beaumaris. The A545 road from Menai Bridge to Beaumaris has suffered landslides for the third occasion and there is a dire need for the upgrade of this highway. Councillor R Meirion Jones reiterated the statement that the highway from Menai Bridge to Beaumaris needs to be upgraded. He also asked the residents of the Island, who have experienced flooding to their properties, to forward to the Council their experiences and losses so as the Authority may contact Welsh Government for funding to make sure that such flooding does not occur again.

The Leader of the Council also wished to thank the staff of the Council for their work on the unexpected extreme flooding recently on the Island. She said that the Council needs to continue to work with Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales and Network Rail to examine the reasons for the flooding and to put in place measure to avoid such an occurrence again.

Councillor Peter Rogers said that funding needs to be put in place in the next budget to help people who have experienced flooding and a plan needs to be put in place to make sure that such flooding does not occur again.

Councillor Bryan Owen as the proposer of the Motion said that he did not agree that the Charitable Trust should consider setting up a fund to assist residents who have experience flooding as he considered that it is a matter for the Council to deal with flooding problems and if it was the responsibility of Natural Resources Wales and Welsh Water then the Council needs to purse them to fund measures to ensure that such extreme flooding experienced recently does not happen again and that continued maintenance of the rivers shall be undertaken.

The Leader of the Council proposed an amendment to the Motion submitted by Councillor Bryan Owen to request the relevant Officers of the Council to continue to work with the Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales and Network Rail to investigate the reasons for the extreme flooding on the Island and to put measures in place to avoid such an incident from occurring again and that a report be submit to the Executive in the New Year. The Deputy Leader seconded the proposal.

In the ensuing vote the amendment as proposed by the Leader was carried. With the consent of the meeting Councillor Bryan Owen did not pursue his original motion.

## **6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Councillor Nicola Roberts presented a petition of over 800 signatures to the Chair of the Council from the residents of the Talwrn area who are opposed to the closing of their local school which is part of the modernisation of schools in the Llangefni area.

The Chair accepted the petition and said that he would forward it to the relative Committee for discussion.

## **7. TO APPOINT A CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Submitted – a report by the Chair of the Standards Committee Section Panel in relation to the appointment of a co-opted Independent Member to the Standards Committee.

Councillor R Meirion Jones, a Member of the Standards Committee Selection Panel addressed the meeting and said that the Standards Committee currently has a casual vacancy from the Independent Members on the Committee. He noted that there has been a recruitment process recently as noted within the report and at the Standards Committee Selection Panel held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 the Panel agreed to nominate Mr John Robert Jones to the role of independent member of the Standards Committee, subject to satisfactory reference which have since been received and assessed by the Chair of the Standards Committee Selection Panel.

Councillor A M Jones said that he would abstain from voting as regard to this matter as there is no member from the Opposition Group on the Standards Committee. He said that there had been a political balance from both the Opposition and Ruling Groups during the previous administration of this Council.

Councillors Aled M Jones, Eric W Jones, Bryan Owen, Peter S Rogers and Shaun Redmond abstained from voting.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **To appoint Mr John Robert Jones as co-opted independent member of the Standards Committee from immediate effect;**
- **In the event that a further casual vacancy for an independent member of the Standards Committee arises during the next twelve months, to automatically appoint Ms Sarah Laing Gibbens to this role without the need for a further recruitment process, provided always that this candidate remains eligible for the role, and subject to satisfactory references being received prior to the appointment.**

## **8. TO APPOINT TWO COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The report of the Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer in relation to the nomination of Community Councils' Representatives to the Standards Committee.

Councillor Dafydd R Thomas addressed the meeting that the Standards Committee includes two Community Councillors, who participate in the general business of the Committee, but deal with referrals from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, and applications for dispensations, only when those matters relate to Community Councillors. There is a requirement for the Community Council Members to be collectively nominated by all the Community Councils after every local government election.

Councillor A M Jones said that he would abstain from voting as regard to this matter as there is no member from the Opposition Group on the Standards Committee and considered that the Group had been disenfranchised from the process.

Councillor Nicola Roberts asked the Monitoring Officer to explain the selection process to the Committee.

The Monitoring Officer explained that each Town/Community Councils are given the opportunity to submit nominations for no more than 1 Member of their council on the Standards Committee. Seven nominations had been received and a postal ballot was issued to all the Town/Community Councils requesting that each select a maximum of two candidates. Following the process, which was verified by the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Standards Committee, the Monitoring Officer informed all the Town/Community Councils the outcome of the ballot and confirming the two successful candidates.

Councillors Aled M Jones, Eric W Jones, Bryan Owen, Peter S Rogers and Shaun Redmond abstained from voting.

**It was RESOLVED to ratify the collective nominations of the Community Councils by appointing the following Community Councillors as co-opted members of the Standards Committee with immediate effect :-**

**Councillor Iorwerth Roberts of Bryngwran Community Council and**

**Councillor Keith Roberts of Trearddur Community Council**

**Until the next local government elections, or until such time as the appointees are no longer Community Council members, whichever shall occur first.**

## **9. 2018/19 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

The report of the Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer with regard to the requirement to adopt a Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018/19 was presented for the Council's consideration. The Council Tax Reduction which have been in force since the 2014/15 financial year apart from the change recommended that the Council uses its discretion under the relevant legislation so that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018/19 onwards.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **That its current local Council Tax Reduction Scheme should not be revised or replaced with another scheme, apart from the Full Council using its discretion under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018/19 onwards disregards all payments made under the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (WIBSS);**
- **That it formally adopts the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme (with the change as recommended above) for the financial year 2018/19;**
- **That it authorises the Head of Function (Resources/Section 151 Officer to make administrative arrangements so that all annual changes for uprating of financial figures or technical revisions in any amending regulation or regulations are reflected in the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme and for each subsequent year as well as taking into account the necessary amendments to the council tax reduction regulations when using the additional disregard of payments made under WIBSS.**

## **10. DELEGATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE WYLFA NEWYDD AND NORTH WALES CONNECTION PROJECT APPLICATION UNDER THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

Submitted – a joint report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community & Service Improvement) and the Head of Regulation and Economic Development as presented to the Executive on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

The Portfolio Holder (Major Projects & Economic Development) gave a background report on the delegation required for the Council's participation in the examination of the Wylfa Newydd and North Wales Connection Project which will require a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the



Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on the recommendation of the Planning Inspectorate.

The following questions were raised by Members :-

- Councillor Nicola Roberts questioned whether there were examples of statutory and non-statutory requirements of this project. The Head of Regulation and Economic Development responded that Officers had collaborated closely with individuals involved with the consenting processes for the Hinkley Point C development in Somerset to take advantage of their experiences and knowledge. He noted that once the Examination process commences, issues will move swiftly with Officers having only days to respond to matters raised at the Inquiry. He further said that Officers (on behalf of the County Council) may also wish to respond to questions submitted by other organisations. He also noted that a draft DCO and Section 106 legal agreement will be discussed with the full Council thereafter.
- Councillor Aled M Jones expressed that he would have expected more specific examples within the report as regard to documentation that will be addressed within the DCO process. Whilst accepting that matters within the Enquiry will need to be addressed and responded to urgently; he questioned as to whether Officers or Elected Members were given delegated authority to deal with documentation during the Hinkley Point C development. The Portfolio Holder (Major Projects & Economic Development) responded that such a scheme of delegation needs to be established within this Council which is similar to the experiences of the Hinkley Point C development. He noted that this Council was fortunate that the Staff within the Regulation & Economic Development Service are experienced but the Elected Members will continue to have the decision making powers. Councillor Aled M Jones gave an example as regard to the possible scenario that the National Grid may offer i.e. to underground the power line in one area and not in others; therefore would the authorisation to make such a decision be for an Officer to decide. Councillor Jones considered that this was unfair and unacceptable and should be a political decision.

The Monitoring Officer referred to the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101, Paragraph 1 (a)(b) which is relevant to the delegation of authority to Officers as regard to this matter '..... *local authority may arrange for the discharge of any of their functions by an Officer of the Local Authority or by a Committee or Sub-Committee.*' She said that delegated power may not be discharged to one Elected Member although it could be delegated to a Committee or Sub-Committee but this would not overcome the issue of urgency/timing as it would still take a week to call a Committee.

The Head of Regulation and Economic Development said that during the consenting process Hinkley Point C, a Mr Andrew Goodchild was leading the process on behalf of the local authorities in Somerset. He suggested that Mr Goodchild could be invited to attend a Members Briefing Session in the future to explain his experiences. Members agreed to ask Mr Goodchild to attend a Members Briefing Session.

- Councillor K P Hughes questioned whether Welsh Government had a role within the DCO process. The Portfolio Holder (Economic Development) responded that Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales and the Local Authority would be the main stakeholders with regular meetings and dialogue taking place. It was stressed that this Authority has an important role to play as it is the north of the Island and Anglesey that will be affected mostly by the Wylfa Newydd Project.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **To delegate to the Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service Improvement) in consultation with the Deputy Leader, the authority to carry out all non-statutory community benefit negotiations and, where (in her opinion) time is of the essence, to make any and all decisions relevant to such negotiations in connection with, or arising from, either or both of the National Grid North Wales Connection Project and the Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Build Project;**

- **Departs from the bilingual policy for documents, representations and submissions made as part of the Development Consent Order process where it is important or where due to timescales it is impossible for Officers to comply with the Council's Welsh Language Policy and where the Chief Executive approves such a departure. To note however that all documentation will be made available in the Welsh language;**
- **Delegates to the Head of Regulation and Economic Development in consultation with the Portfolio Member for Major Projects and Economic Development, the carrying out of all the statutory functions within the Council under the Planning Act 2008 as both Local Authority and Planning Authority in connection with or arising from either or both of the National Grid North Wales Connection Project and the Wylfa Newydd Nuclear New Build project;**
- **Approves that both the delegations proposed above and any action to be taken under them may be further delegated to any Officer of the Council by the Officers to whom the powers are delegated.**

## **11. 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Democratic Services in respect of the review of the parliamentary constituencies and revised proposals 2018.

As the Boundary Commission will not accept observations after the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and in view of the fact that the County Council is meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December a response has been prepared in consultation with Group Leaders reiterating this Councils opposition to the revised proposal. A copy of the correspondence was distributed at the meeting and will also be published on the Councils website.

**It was RESOLVED to reaffirm the County Councils opposition to proposals to change the Parliamentary constituency of Ynys Môn.**

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES  
VICE-CHAIR IN THE CHAIR**