

# **PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 14 October 2025**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dylan Rees (Chair)  
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-chair)

Councillors Non Dafydd, Douglas Massie Fowlie, John Ifan Jones, Eurnyn Morris, Pip O'Neill, Derek Owen, Margaret Murley Roberts, Ken Taylor, Sonia Williams and Liz Wood.

### **Portfolio Holder**

Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Community Safety.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Head Democracy,  
Scrutiny Officer (EA),  
Policy and Welsh Language Support Officer (MT),  
Committee Services Officer - Webcasting (FT)

**APOLOGIES:** Mr John Tierney – The Catholic Church  
Mrs Wenda Owen – The Church in Wales  
Ms Kathryn Seeney – Parent Governor – Primary School Sector  
Ms Christina Williams – Parent Governor – Secondary School Sector and ALN

Deputy Chief Executive,  
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,  
Head of Housing Services,  
Head of Regulation and Economic Development.

### **ALSO PRESENT: Portfolio Holders**

Councillor Gary Pritchard – Council Leader and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (item 4).  
Councillor Neville Evans – Leisure, Tourism and Maritime Portfolio Holder.  
Councillor Dyfed W Jones – Children, Young People and Families Services Portfolio Holder.  
Councillor Nicola Roberts – Plannig, Public Protection and Climate Change Portfolio Holder.  
Councillor Robin Williams – Deputy Leader and Finance and Housing Services Portfolio Holder.  
Councillor Dafydd Roberts – Education and Welsh Language Portfolio Holder.

Dafydd Gruffydd - Menter Môn (for item 4)

Elen Hughes - Menter Môn (for item 4)

Ms Daron Owens – Senior Community Safety Operational Officer for Gwynedd a Môn (for item 5).

Elliw Llŷr – Housing Services, Strategy, Commissioning and Policy Manager (for item 5).

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## 1. APOLOGIES

As noted above.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Sonia Williams declared a personal interest, that was not prejudicial, as she is a Business Manager for 'Bwyd Da Môn', that works in partnership with Menter Môn (item 4).

Councillor Euryrn Morris declared a personal interest, that was not prejudicial, as he is employed by Cyngor Gwynedd (item 5).

## 3. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 September, 2025 were confirmed as correct.

### **Action points arising from the meeting held on 12 February 2025:-**

**Action:** To send a letter to Welsh Government noting the need to provide additional funding for the Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion service.

### **Update:**

A response was received by the education cabinet's secretary, highlighting Welsh Government's continuous commitment to support the Additional Learning Needs system by providing sustainable funding, supporting the workforce and events aimed at inclusive education, including more funding for ALN Coordinators, school counselling and mental health initiatives. It also recognised the current challenges, such as legal pressure, strain on the workforce, and inconsistent use of the ALN framework, with steps taken to improve clarity, regional capacity, including support for the new educational psychology programme in Bangor University.

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO attach the letter to today's meetings' minutes.**

## 4. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - MENTER MÔN

The Chair welcomed Mr Dafydd Gruffydd, Managing Director and Elen Hughes, Project Director – Menter Môn to the meeting to give an overview of the services provided by Menter Môn.

The Leader of the Council, as the relevant Portfolio Holder, presented the item and handed over to Menter Môn officers. Mr Dafydd Gruffydd, Managing Director, said that Menter Môn was established by the County Council in 1995, and this year the company is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 1996, a decision was made to establish the organisation as a 'not for

profit' company to provide the EU's LEADER programme that was aimed at developing solutions for the challenges that faced rural areas.

The enterprise has developed over the years, completing regional and national projects, but the variety and emphasis of the work on Anglesey has been consistent. Today, 80 members of staff are employed by the enterprise, with a medium age average of 35. The company's values have stayed the same. They prioritise developing potential to strengthen the economy and culture. The company focuses on three main portfolios which are Community, Economy and Energy. They find, create and offer opportunities to support and develop people, strengthen the economy, improve the environment and vitalise their culture.

The Managing Director said that the relationship between Menter Môn and Anglesey County Council has improved. Regular meetings are held with the Council's Chief Executive, and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council are also Menter Môn board members.

Following the presentation, the following discussion points were raised by the Committee:

**Questions were asked about the effects of uncertainty regarding public funding (grants) and the company's ability to achieve its priorities/key aims.**

- Councillor Margaret Roberts asked, what effect does uncertainty regarding public funding have on Menter Môn's ability to achieve its main priorities and aims? The Managing Director said that many grant planning programmes were available around 10 years ago, but today, there's more uncertainty around community planning. They aren't transformational, but they keep the wheel turning. The enterprise is waiting to see what will happen with Balchder Bro. The Chief Executive said that he doesn't underestimate the way in which the enterprise has to work with different funding processes, as they constantly change. Consistency makes a real difference to the possibility of realising capital projects. Over the last 4 years, Anglesey's Local Prosperity Fund has granted 5 million (500 million to the whole of Wales). Unfortunately, it seems that less grant funding will be available in the future, which makes it even more important to concentrate on language, energy and wildlife.
- Councillor Gwilym Jones referred to the extraordinary work of the previous director at Menter Môn, Gerallt Llywelyn. He asked what percentage of the funding is being spent on Anglesey, and how much is provided to the mainland? Dafydd Gruffydd said that some plans are relevant to both counties, and some are relevant only to one county, but the amounts spent have to be reported to funders. At times, it is speculated that funding for Anglesey is spent over the bridge, and vice versa, but he confirmed that this isn't true. If the company continued to only work on Anglesey, it might not exist today. It's an advantage to have an able company that employs 80 young people.
- Councillor Douglas Fowlie thanked Dafydd Gruffydd for his presentation. He said that he represented Aberffraw Community Council and that Menter Môn once sold Cegin Llys Llywelyn to fund the gap in pensions. He asked if that was true and what assurance is there that Menter Môn would not sell community assets to fund any gap again? Dafydd Gruffydd confirmed that Cegin Llys Llywelyn was sold back in 2013 under the leadership of Gerallt Llywelyn Jones, as the asset wasn't being used. They received funding from Europe to renew the asset to become a hospitality business and a launderette, and it ran like that for 10 years. There was a mutual feeling that Menter Môn wasn't the appropriate leader to run that sort of organisation, therefore it was sold, and the money was used to start the Morlais

Project (around 100 million). He highlighted the Menter Môn is a non-profit company that is currently facing extreme challenges, and the money certainly wasn't spent on pensions. Gerallt Llywelyn Jones' work is an attribute to Anglesey, and he has achieved something remarkable.

**Questions were asked about monitoring developments, achievements, and key challenges since Menter Môn met with the Scrutiny Committee last in October 2024.**

- Councillor Euryrn Morris asked what measures or performance indicators are in place to assess the social and economic effects of Menter Môn's projects on the Island's communities? What steps have Menter Môn taken to keep experienced staff and attract new staff? Dafydd Gruffydd said that there are key performance indicators for each scheme, and that they are collected and reported on. This is on the 'to do' list to show how Menter Môn enriches Ynys Môn. In regard to attracting staff, they feel they have been more professional recruiting Human Resources staff to tighten policies and processes.
- Councillor Non Dafydd asked what steps have Menter Môn taken to deal with the challenge of keep experienced staff and attracting new talent to the company? The Managing Director said the company needs to be portrayed as an interesting workplace with plenty of variety. Good terms are available for staff members, and a positive number of people are interviewed for jobs.
- In regard to the Hydrogen Hub, Councillor Pip O'Neill asked what challenges Menter Môn face as they move forward. Dafydd Gruffydd said that a draft business case and a final business case are being completed, and that an agreement with 'EDF Dynamics' need to be signed. It doesn't receive funding for the work, therefore it is all capital funding. It is a challenge to fund all the preparations.
- Councillor Ken Taylor said that it was nice seeing the enterprise celebrating all its success. He noted that the County Council has employed 4 young students and asked if that's something Menter Môn offers? Dafydd Gruffydd said that the Llwyddo'n Lleol scheme is something that's very close to their hearts. The type of work that the organisation does at the moment isn't something that can be used in apprenticeships. A lot of work has been done with Morlais to engage with young people, and maybe work will be available to them in the future. It's important to note that energy schemes are essentially regeneration schemes. Keeping young people in the area would promote the Welsh language.
- The Chair noted that there are strong strategic links between Menter Môn and the Council, but he was concerned that there wasn't as much connection between Menter Môn and the wards. The process might need to be formalised. Elen Hughes said that Menter Môn staff are instructed to contact Local Members when activities happen, especially with Balchder Bro. Currently working in 30 locations across the island. It isn't always possible to monitor connections with members, but more than happy to consider that and report back. It was appreciated that strengthening communication would benefit the enterprise.

**Action 1:**

Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of working with Menter Môn and Local Members to strengthen and formalise the process, noting improvement areas.

- Councillor Gwilym Jones gave his thanks for the information shared about the Traffwll Solar Park and the excellent age friendly work, Balchder Bro, that is being done. He referred to the Parti Paned in the Glanhwfa Centre and the Age Well events held over the winter, and said that without Menter Môn, this wouldn't have been possible.

- Councillor Non Dafydd said that she was aware of the differentiating feelings regarding solar on Anglesey. She said that some of her concerns were visibility and jobs, and she asked how to portray to the people of Bryngwran and Caergeiliog that Menter Môn is developing something good for the area and the people? The Managing Director said that Traffwl has received planning permission and that money has been spent, therefore it is definitely happening. A request was made for them to sell the Park to Menter Môn so that benefits were kept local. He accepted the point regarding jobs, but it is a good thing if it's possible to use the money. A discussion is needed with local members on how to model this.
- Councillor Douglas Fowlie said that councillors should take responsibility if they need anything done in their own area. He asked what Menter Môn would like to see from councillors to strengthen the relationship? Dafydd Gruffydd said maybe it was a matter of picking up the phone or sending an email. Anyone is welcome to contact him, or any member of staff. Elen added that they are arranging a series of face to face meetings with each ward. Cooperation to move this along is appreciated.
- Councillor Gary Pritchard explained some points that had been raised during the discussion. He said that he is aware that they receive less funding this year, and that it looks as though they'll receive even less next year. It's a challenge that is discussed regularly with Dafydd and Elen and the Executive. The community element is incredibly important. As part of his role as Leader and Portfolio Holder, it is recognised that there are many benefits to the enterprise that aren't recognised under the key performance indicators. There is a financial challenge, but praise need to be given to Menter Môn. He wanted to thank them for all their work and for making a real difference in Anglesey.

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO accept the presentation and its content.**

## **5. GWYNEDD & YNYS MÔN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT: 2024/25**

The report of the Deputy Chief Executive was presented to the Committee for consideration.

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Community Safety said that it is statutory that the Safety Partnership exists under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Members of the partnership include Anglesey County Council, the Police, the Probation Service, the Health Board and the Fire and Rescue Service. Specific responsibilities and fields include crime and disorder, substance misuse, reducing crime, serious assault and more importantly, commissioning domestic homicide reviews. They answer to, and work with the regional North Wales board that meets every quarter.

Daron Owens began by summarising the reports main points. She felt it was important to note that they do not receive continuous funding to commission projects or services directly. The only commission is for domestic homicide reviews as funding isn't provided on a regular basis for community safety. There is an emphasis on what will be done within the partnership. The team works closely with the North Wales regional board as they also set the priorities for crime and antisocial behaviour prevention. Significant work has been done to continue the serious violence strategy for North Wales. It has been part of the steering group for the past 11 months. The team receives funding from the Home Office every year, that allows them to continue with this regional prevention work.

After considering the report, the Committee discussed the main following points:-

**Questions were asked about measuring the Partnerships priorities (that are based on a local needs assessment process), and noting any new or additional local needs.**

- Councillor Eurn Morris asked in what way do the priorities for 2025/2026 fully reflect local needs on Anglesey, based on recent data and evidence? The Senior Community Safety Operational Officer for Gwynedd and Môn said, as is noted in the report, their priorities are based on the Safer North Wales Regional Board's Strategy. The board's vision is for North Wales to be a safe and inclusive place to live, work and visit. The purpose of the regional Board is to achieve this vision by dealing with crimes and disorder across the county. The basis of the Strategy is the strategic assessment by the police, that reports on risks and threats within crime areas that affect North Wales, and the main aim of the document is to inform those who make strategic decisions and set priorities. The Police Crime Commissioner's scheme also influences these areas, and it is based on a detailed consultation with the public. Therefore, the Regional Board's strategy sets the framework for on Community Safety Partnerships within the region, and they report on their work every quarter to the Board. However, they have a responsibility to agree on their own specific actions in response to local need. As all priorities and actions are based on evidence, data and consultation with the public, Daron Owens said that they are confident that they fully reflect the local need on Anglesey but are open to recommendations on any area that is missing. Councillor Eurn Morris asked how the Partnership measures the effectiveness of their activities in relation to reducing crime and disorder on Anglesey? Daron Owens said that it is important that the Community Safety Partnerships' strategies and activities are based on and driven by evidence. An evidence based method allows them to have a good understanding of the crimes and antisocial behaviour landscape in these areas, and the problems and matters that should be prioritised. The evidence allows them to make informed decisions about which activities are likely to be most effective when reducing crime and antisocial behaviour, and to understand if their commitment work on a practical level. The evidence they consider is in many different forms, for example – crime data, the transfer of strategic information and constant insight shared by the different responsible authorities, the local community, and academic research on what works. They have analysis partnership in order to provide constat data on crime to support decisions based on evidence. The Police also regularly look at crime figures and review each regional and local change. Any significant change needs a further analysis. Then, problematic areas will be reviewed, with policing plans in place to deal with the problem. Local policing methods include providing day to day resources to deal with matters as they become apparent. The data constantly changes, and the Police respond to this every week to note and understand any increase and to put measures in place if needed. Daron noted that they keep a clear focus on achievements and putting actions in place and measuring the effect by incorporating a method where their plans have clear activities and results that are connected in order to measure and monitor the effectiveness of their broad work stream.

**Questions were asked about the effectiveness of the statutory partnership according to the expectations of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.**

- Councillor Eurn Morris asked how effective is the co-working between the statutory agencies (Police, Health, Fire and Rescue Service and others) in achieving the aims? Daron Owen said that it is a statutory requirement to have a Community Safety Partnership in place, according to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and the idea behind this is that crime is a problem for everyone not just the police. They bring together local services to deal with crime and antisocial behaviour. The main responsibility is that the accountable services do everything possible to prevent

crime and disorder and develop plans to do this. They act on the principle that no one agency has the ability to reduce and prevent crime, and that an effective, local response requires a coordinated community response by relevant agencies. However, the problems they regularly try to address are complex, and each organisation that form part of the Partnership will have their organisational priorities, their strains and limitations. The partnership's role is to work across these boundaries and barriers to choose and drive priorities and activities forward. Success is dependent on the Partnerships partners making an effort to prioritise a method where they foster working relationships and share information regularly. Daron said that she is confident that the co-working is very effective, and also meets the statutory duties set upon them. Councillor Eryn Morris thanked her for the response but raised concern about the data that is used and said he would be happier if it said, 'Anglesey's data'. He would like to see a dashboard to be able to view the situation at the end of the year to see the difference. Daron accepted the comment and confirmed that she would include this in the next report.

### **Action 1:**

Include the dashboard in the next annual report to measure and show the progress and effect of projects, comparing the performance at the start and end of the year with the Senior Community Safety Operational Officer for Gwynedd and Môn.

- The Chief Executive appreciated the detailed information that was shared with the Committee. He said that they receive confidential data from the Police regularly. The priorities meet the needs and there are differences, and the work programme reflects that. A lot of work depends on grants. Processes need to be followed in order to ensure that grants come through. Councillor Ken Taylor made a comment about data. He said that he's almost certain that the Chief Auditor had recently reported on figures in the Anglesey Town Council, and that they are positive.
- Councillor Non Dafydd said that she had listened on the emphasis on prevention. She said that patients in Benllech, Llanfairpwll, Beaumaris, Gwalchmai for example were going to lose access to Occupational Therapy services unless other provision is available. She asked what effect losing the provision will have? Daron Owens said that she wasn't aware of this before the meeting and that she would raise this with the board in a few weeks. An update will be shared after 7 November.

### **Action 2**

Provide an update to Committee Members following a meeting with the Health Board on 7 November in relation to the proposed reductions in Occupational Therapy services across the Island due to funding limitations by the Senior Community Safety Operational Officer for Gwynedd and Môn.

### **Action 3**

Chief Executive to engage with the Director of Social Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder to ensure that concerns regarding the effect of the proposed reductions to Occupational Services across many surgeries on Anglesey are reflected in the consultation process.

- Councillor Sonia Williams noted that domestic violence and abuse is on the rise. She asked for examples of early intervention that is happening. Daron Owens said that they do not receive funding to intervene on projects but that the matter is important to them. A lot of work has happened to raise awareness. A support line is available to professionals, but more awareness is needed around that. White Ribbon Day on 25 November and a lot of work is happening regionally. Councillor Sonia Williams accepted the points, but she would like to know what is being done

to try and prevent an incident rather than the steps that are taken after an incident. Very often, it isn't even noted that domestic abuse happens to men. Daron Owens said that funding for serious violence have allowed them to provide 'Men in Work' sessions to allow Council staff to be confident to talk.

- Councillor Pip O'Neill asked what support is in place to help people that leave prison to reintegrate in the community, especially in relation to training and development programmes, as well as access to accommodation? Daron Owens said that the Council's Housing Service follows Welsh Governments pathway when someone leaves prison and that the Probation, Housing and Prison Services work together to ensure that an individual has access to services, including homelessness. She said she's aware that the Housing department have a resettlement pathway for prisoners that they action for everyone who leaves prison that have gone into HMP without a stable home, or who do not have stable accommodation when they are released. Two Resettlement Officers are employed through the HSG. They are employed by Anglesey County Council and work for the internal Housing Support Team. The Housing Service works closely with colleagues in the Police and Probation. One of the main aims is to reduce reoffending by providing accommodation hand in hand with emotional and wellbeing support. The Prisoner Resettlements officers visit prisons to complete a necessary housing assessment. They can do this via video. The aim of this is to reduce the risk of homelessness and to follow a good accommodation plan when they are released. Each individual will have an individual support plans and this includes access to training, volunteering and employment. They work with DWP and MônCF to provide employment support. Digartref Cyf were successful with an application for the Rural Homelessness Lottery. They also support taking people who leave prison to health appointments, probation meetings and much more. Some cases are complex, and other agencies have to provide support – for example, Children, Adults Services, CMHT and the Food Bank. Currently working on a pilot with the Integrated Offenders Management (IOM) group hand in hand with North Wales Police and Probation. They have 11 nominals on IOM, and the aim of the pilot is to ensure that they have a continuous home after being released. Agencies have shown that having accommodation of standard can reduce reoffending. They work with other local authorities if someone is released from prison who are prohibited from coming to the Island. Although there aren't many cases like these, they are difficult to manage as accommodation must be provided out of county. Eiliw Llŷr added that 50 units are available for people who leave prison. Benefits support is available, and 6 accommodation units are being supported. The Head of the Probation Service has expressed that the relationship with the Council is excellent.
- Councillor Douglas Fowlie asked if support is available for individuals who don't return to their family home and are the rules the same for women and men. Eiliw Llŷr said if anyone makes an application for support they have a responsibility to provide appropriate accommodation for them. The service can work with the individual after that. Women and men are treated the same.

**IT WAS RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and supporting documents, and note that the Scrutiny Committee supports the priorities and direction of work for the future.**

## **6. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - 2025/2026**

A report by the Scrutiny Manager, that noted the forward work programme for the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for 2025/2026, was presented to for consideration.

Meeting on 13 November will concentrate on Education matter.



Meeting on 26 November will concentrate on Health.

**IT WAS RESOLVED to agree on the current version of the forward work programme for 2025/2026 and to note the progress made to date in terms of actioning the forward work programme.**

The Chair have special thanks to the Scrutiny Manager, Anwen Davies, for her excellent work over the years and wished her well on her retirement.

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES  
CHAIR**