

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Meeting:	Standards Committee
Date:	9 March 2016
Title of report:	Town and Community Councils - Websites
Purpose of report:	To establish which town and community councils have a website and whether those that do not have a web presence are planning to do so.
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 I reported to this Committee at its meeting on 16 September 2015 that there is now a statutory requirement for all community councils to have a web presence and publish information on their websites. I stated that this requirement was relevant to the Standards Committee as complaints have been made regarding issues about transparency in town and community councils, and in particular small and under resourced community councils.
- 1.2 The Committee resolved to request a report to establish which town and community councils have a website and whether those that do not have a web presence are planning to do so.

2.0 Website Development Grant

- 2.1 The Welsh Government allocated funding to county councils to offer a grant of up to £500 each for town and community councils during 2013/14, including those who already have a website, to be spent on website development. The purpose of this grant was to assist town and community councils to prepare for the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, which contains provisions which would require each community council to publish information on a website.
- 2.2 As at December 2015, all but the following three councils had claimed the website development grant:
- Bodedern will be considering the matter at its next meeting in January (there has been a delay here due to a change of clerk but the matter is now being addressed).
- Bodorgan and Llaneugrad said back in September 2014 that they did not intend to develop websites – both councils were encouraged to do so back in

December 2014, in accordance with the decision of the Council's Democratic Services Committee on 2 December 2014.

3.0 Web Presence - Current Position

3.1 All town and community council clerks have been asked to confirm whether or not their respective councils had established websites in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Act 2013.

3.2 As at 3 December 2015, 32 responses had been received, as outlined below:

3.2.1 Websites in place – 26

Amlwch; Beaumaris; Bodffordd; Bryngwran; Holyhead; Cwm Cadnant; Cylch-y-Garn; Llanbadrig; Llanddaniel Fab; Llanddona; Llanddyfnan; Llaneilian; Llanfachraeth; Llanfaelog; Llanfaethlu; Llanfairpwll; Llanfair yn Neubwll; Llangefni; Llangoed; Llanidan; Mechell, Penmynydd; Pentraeth; Menai Bridge; Trewalchmai; Valley.

3.2.2 Website development in progress – 5

Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf; Llanfihangel Esceifiog; Llannerch-y-medd; Trearddur; Tref Alaw.

3.2.3 Matter to be discussed at next meeting (January 2016) - 1

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3.2.4 Of the 8 councils that have not yet provided us with an update/confirmation, we were informed back in September 2014 as follows:

2 councils did not intend to establish websites (Bodorgan and Llaneugrad)

6 councils were planning to develop websites (Aberffraw; Llangristiolus; Moelfre; Rhoscolyn; Rhosybol; Rhosyr)

4.0 Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note the current position.