

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Meeting:	Democratic Services Committee
Date:	23 March 2016
Title of report:	Town and Community Councils Website Development Grant - update
Report by:	Huw Jones, Head of Democratic Services

1.0 Background

- 1.1 During 2013/14, Welsh Government allocated funding to County Councils to offer a grant of up to £500 each for town and community councils, including those who already have a website, to be spent on website development.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 I reported to this Committee on 1 October 2013 that £20,000 of funding had been allocated to assist Anglesey's town and community councils to develop websites and that the allocation was being distributed to community councils. Progress reports were submitted to this Committee on 30 January, 26 March, 18 June, 18 September and 2 December 2014.

2.0 Grant claims – the latest position

- 2.1 All but two councils have now claimed the website development grant - Bodorgan and Llaneugrad.
- 2.2 Both councils were encouraged to claim the grant in December 2014, in accordance with the decision of this Committee on 2 December 2014.

3.0 Web Presence

- 3.1 In accordance with the decision of the Council's Standards Committee on 16 September 2015, all town and community council clerks were 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 January 2016, 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 – 6

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

3.2.3 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)

3.2.4 The above information was reported to the Standards Committee at its meeting on 9 March 2016, when it was decided that the Monitoring Officer should write to Bodorgan and Llaneugrad Community Councils to remind them of the requirements placed on community councils under the Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Act 2013.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 The Committee is requested to note the latest position.

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