

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Jim Evans (Chair)
Councillor Robert G Parry OBE (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Lewis Davies, R Dew, Jeff M. Evans, Ann Griffith, John Griffith, D R Hughes, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes, Vaughan Hughes, Victor Hughes, W T Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws, A M Jones, Carwyn Jones, G O Jones, H E Jones, Raymond Jones, R LI Jones, R.Meirion Jones, Richard Owain Jones, Alun W Mummery, Dylan Rees, J A Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Alwyn Rowlands, Dafydd Rhys Thomas and Ieuan Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive,
Assistant Chief Executive (CT),
Assistant Chief Executive (AM),
Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,
Head of Democratic Services,
Committee Officer (MEH).

ALSO PRESENT: None

APOLOGIES: None

1. CHAIRPERSON

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Bob Parry OBE FRAGS be elected Chairperson of the County Council for 2016/17.

In accepting the honour of being appointed, Councillor Parry assured the Council that he would endeavour to fulfil his duties as Chairperson to the best of his abilities. He thanked his predecessor Councillor Jim Evans for the dignified and honourable way in which he had carried out his civic duties of Chair of the County Council.

The outgoing Chairperson, Councillor Jim Evans, thanked all the Members and Officers for their support during his term of office and especially to the Democratic Services Department. Councillor Evans gave a summary of the highlights of his year as Chair of the Council including raising £2,800 during the Charitable Evening held at the Carreg Bran Hotel, Llanfairpwll. The funds were distributed between Tŷ Gobaith and the Children's Ward at Ysbyty Gwynedd.

2. VICE-CHAIRPERSON

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Richard O. Jones be elected Vice-Chairperson of the County Council for 2016/17.

Councillor Richard O. Jones thanked his fellow Members for the honour and said that he looked forward to working with the Chairperson and supporting him in his duties during the forthcoming year.

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

The Chairperson announced that the Chairperson's Sunday will be held at Moriah Chapel, Llangefni on the 3rd July, 2016.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair stated that some Members of the County Council had raised if they should declare an interest with regard to Item 9 – Scheme of Member Remuneration 2016/17. The Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer responded that under the Members' Code of Conduct, there is a personal interest in respect of Item 9 but there is a dispensation within the Code which stated that the interest is not a prejudicial interest and therefore every Member can participate in discussion on the item based on the dispensation.

5. DELEGATION BY THE LEADER/MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

In accordance with Paragraph 4.1.1.2 of the Constitution, the Leader named the following as the Members he had chosen to serve on the Executive along with their Portfolio responsibilities :-

Councillor Richard Dew with Portfolio responsibility for Planning and Economic Development
Councillor Kenneth P. Hughes with Portfolio responsibility for Education
Councillor Aled Morris Jones with Portfolio responsibility for Housing and Social Services
Councillor H. Eifion Jones with Portfolio responsibility for Finance
Councillor J. Arwel Roberts with Portfolio responsibility for Highways, Property and Waste Management
Councillor Alwyn Rowlands with Portfolio responsibility for Human Resources, Information Technology and Council Business
Councillor Ieuan Williams (Leader) with Portfolio responsibility for Energy Island and Major Projects

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR 2016/17

In accordance with Paragraph 3.4.12.3, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Vaughan Hughes be elected Chairperson of the Democratic Services Committee for 2016/17.

7. CONFIRMATION OF THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

It was RESOLVED to confirm such part of the Scheme of Delegation as the Constitution determines it is for the Council to agree as set out in Part 3.2 of the Constitution.

8. POLITICAL BALANCE

The report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding the Council's political balance arrangements was presented for consideration.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To confirm the political balance arrangements and the number of seats allocated to each of the Groups under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the number of seats given by custom and practice to the Members not subject to political balance as set out in the matrix appended to the report;**
- **Subject to the above, to confirm that the seats designated to the unaffiliated Members continue on the basis of current appointments;**
- **That Group Leaders advise the Head of Democratic Services as soon as possible if there are any changes to Group Membership on Committees.**

9. SCHEME OF MEMBER REMUNERATION 2016/17

The report of the Head of Democratic Services on the scheme of Member Remuneration for 2016/17 was presented for consideration.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To confirm that the senior salaries should be payable to the following office holders during 2016/17 :-**

**Chair of the Council
Vice-Chair of the Council
Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
Other Executive Members (5)
Chair of the two Scrutiny Committees
Chair of the Planning and Orders Committee
Chair of the Audit Committee
Leader of the Largest Opposition Group**

- **To approve the recommendations of the Democratic Services Committee at its meeting held on 23 March, 2016 with regard to the payment of senior salaries (as outlined in paragraph 2.11 of the report) and confirm the level of the payment of senior salaries during 2016/17 for :-**

**Executive Members
Committee Chairs
Civic Head and Deputy Civic Head**

- **To note other details of payments and allowances for 2016/17 as prescribed by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales as set out in the report.**

10. OUTSIDE BODIES

The report of the Head of Democratic Services seeking confirmation of the schedule of appointments made to outside bodies was presented for consideration.

It was RESOLVED to confirm the appointments as detailed in the schedule presented to the Committee.

11. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016/17

The report of the Head of Democratic Services incorporating the Member Development Plan for 2016/17 was presented for consideration.

It was RESOLVED to adopt and undertake the Training Plan for Members as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

12. SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016/17

It was RESOLVED to approve the following programme of ordinary meetings of the County Council for the ensuing year:-

- **27th September, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.**
- **15th December, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.**
- **28 February, 2017 at 2.00 p.m.**
- **May, 2017 (Annual Meeting) – date to be confirmed.**

13. CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES

The Chairperson confirmed the re-appointment of the Committee structure as referred to in Section 3.4 of the Council's Constitution together with the following :-

- **Pay and Grading Panel**
- **Standards Committee Appointments Panel**
- **Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education**
- **Special Educational Needs Joint Committee**
- **Indemnities Sub-Committee**

The meeting concluded at 2.30 pm

**COUNCILLOR BOB PARRY OBE FRAgS
CHAIR**