



## Cyfarfod Fforwm Cyswllt Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned

**Nos Iau, 14 Mawrth 2019  
7.00 yh**

Siambur y Cyngor  
Swyddfeydd y Cyngor  
Llangefni  
LL77 7TW

### Rhaglen

- 1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau**
- 2. Cofnodion**

Cadarnhau cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 28 Tachwedd 2018 – ynghlwm.

Materion yn codi:

- 2.1 Heriau Ariannol – Ymateb**  
Llywodraeth Cymru – ynghlwm.
- 3. Partneriaeth Masnach Deg Ynys Môn** – cyflwyniad gan y Bartneriaeth.
- 4. Penderfyniadau Panel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydnabyddiaeth Ariannol sy'n berthnasol i Gyngorau Tref a Chymuned** – cyflwyniad gan Aelodau'r Panel.
- 5. Heddlu Gogledd Cymru – Codi Ymwybyddiaeth am 'Linellau Sirol'** – cyflwyniad gan yr Heddlu.
- 6. Adolygu Gorsafoedd Pleidleisio** – Pennaeth y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd i adrodd.

## Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum Meeting

**Thursday, 14 March 2019  
7.00 pm**

Council Chamber  
Council Offices  
Llangefni  
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### Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Minutes**

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2018 – attached.

Matters arising:

- 2.1 Financial Challenges - Welsh Government's response** – attached.
- 3. Anglesey Fair Trade Partnership** – presentation by the Partnership.
- 4. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' Determinations relating to Town and Community Councils** – presentation by Panel Members.
- 5. North Wales Police – Raising Awareness of 'County Lines'** – presentation by the Police.
- 6. Review of Polling Stations** – Head of Democratic Services to report.



**7. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf**

Nos Iau, 18 Gorffennaf 2019 am 7 yh.

**8. Unrhyw fater arall**

**7. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 7 pm.

**8. Any other business**

## Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday evening, 28 November 2018  
at the Council Chamber, Llangefni at 7.00 pm

### Present:

#### Town and Community Councils

Cllr Gordon Warren	Amlwch
Cllr Stan Zalot	Beaumaris
Cllr Keith Thomas	Holyhead
Robert Henderson	Holyhead (Community Services Manager)
Cllr Eurfryn Davies	Cwm Cadnant
Cllr Brian Potter	Llanbadrig
Cllr John Jukes	Llannerch-y-medd
Cllr Hanna Huws	Llanfairpwll
Cllr Gareth Cemlyn Jones	Llanfairpwll
Cllr Einion Williams	Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog
Cllr Margaret Thomas	Llangefni
Cllr J E Lewis	Llangefni / Bodffordd
Rhys Parry (Clerk)	Llangefni / Tref Alaw
Cllr Angela Gliddon	Pentraeth
Eifion H Jones (Clerk)	Pentraeth
Cllr Ella Fisk	Menai Bridge
Cllr Eryl Lewis	Menai Bridge
Cllr Keith Roberts	Trearddur
Cllr Bill Rowlands	Trearddur

#### Isle of Anglesey County Council

Cllr Llinos Medi	Leader of the Council (Chair)
Cllr Robin Wyn Williams	Portfolio Holder – Finance
Annwen Morgan	Assistant Chief Executive – Improving Partnerships, Communities and Services
Marc Jones	Head of Function – Resources and Section 151 Officer
Fôn Roberts	Head of Children and Families
Huw Jones	Head of Democratic Services
Rhian Wyn Jones	Policy Officer

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Cllr Edna Jones a Margaret Price (Clerk) – Trewalchmai  
Cllr Delyth Owen – Llanfaelog  
Cllr Ieuan Williams – Deputy Leader of the Council

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record.

### 2.1 Public Conveniences – Business Rates

Background: At the last meeting of the forum, Councillors Gordon Warren and Brian Potter had asked for a clearer explanation as to the rules for claiming small business rate relief and to what extent is the Council able to use its discretion when determining business rates payments.

Marc Jones, Head of Resources, gave an outline of the method used to determine business rates levels. He also referred to the Chancellor's recent statement that public toilets in England would receive 100% business rates relief. He explained that we would need to wait to hear whether or not this will also be implemented in Wales, as the Welsh Government is free to decide how to allocate the funding it receives.

**Confirmation was sought that eligible businesses with a rateable value of less than £6,000 receive 100% relief. The Head of Resources responded that he would verify the rules and inform Councillors Potter and Warren in due course.**

### 2.2. Place Shaping – Update

Annwen Morgan gave the following update:

#### (1) TWRCELYN

##### **Work done to date:**

- 12 weeks asset mapping complete
- 4 public meetings
- Economic Development survey complete
- Terms of reference agreed

##### **Work to be done:**

- Meeting in January to finalise 3 priorities for the ward
- Look for funding for an officer to facilitate the process long-term
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

#### (2) LLIFON

##### **Work done to date:**

- 2 meetings held
- Mapping ongoing
- Online survey live
- RAF Valley mapped

##### **Work to be done:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in the new year

### **(3) AETHWY**

#### **Work done to date:**

- Initial meeting with Menai Bridge Town Council – end October
- Discussions with Llanfairpwll Community Council – agreement in principle

#### **Work to be done:**

- Mapping to start in January

### **(4) CANOLBARTH**

#### **Work done to date:**

- Initial meeting held in Iorwerth Arms
- Agreed to start mapping in the new year

#### **Work to be done:**

- Arrange to visit each community council within the ward in the new year to train them how to use the mapping tools.

### **(5) RHOSYR**

#### **Work to be done:**

- Email out to arrange initial meeting in the new year.

## **3. Initial Budget Proposals for 2019/20**

A presentation was made by the Head of Resources, explaining the current situation with regard to the Council's revenue budget, together with the Executive's draft proposals for the 2019/20 budget.

The situation can be summarised as follows:

- A very poor settlement for local government in Wales, with Anglesey facing the largest percentage reduction
- A number of factors working against the Council which are significantly increasing costs
- Cost pressures due to demand for children's services, adults services and additional learning needs
- Even with a significant increase in Council Tax, significant savings are required
- Schools can no longer be protected and must face their share of the savings

The Authority faces a funding gap of around £7 million before any increase in Council Tax during 2019/20, with further reductions in the grant the Council receives over the coming years. Even after allowing for a 5% increase in Council Tax, savings of around £5.3m still need to be found. Around £3.7m of savings have been identified, which leaves an extra £1.6m to be funded through extra cuts or by increasing the income generated by Council Tax.

The Executive is anxious to receive comments on the savings that have been identified in the consultation document, on increasing Council Tax by more than 5% and on their recommendation to increase the Council Tax Premium for second homes (to 35%) and long-term empty property (to 100%).

As for the next steps, it was noted that the Welsh Government had announced their intention to ensure that no Council has its grant cut by more than 0.5%; their intention to provide additional funding for Social Services and to help with increases in teachers' pay. If correct, this will provide an additional £1.3m which would allow Members some flexibility to look again at savings and the increase in Council Tax. The final figures will be available on 20 December 2018 and the public consultation will close on 31 December 2018. In the new year, the Executive will look again at the proposals and submit its final proposals to the County Council in February 2019.

The main points raised during the ensuing discussion are outlined below:

**Internal savings** – it was asked whether the Council had made all the savings possible internally (Amlwch). The Head of Resources responded that the services were continuing to look for savings but that they were rapidly approaching a point where any further cuts would mean that it would not be possible to maintain services.

**Council Tax** – Concern was expressed that there was a danger that a significant increase in Council Tax would lead to more people being unable to pay (Beaumaris). It was explained that approximately 97% of 2018/19 Council Tax will have been collected by the end of the year and that the collection rate over three years reached more than 99%. Reference was also made to the financial assistance available to people on low income through the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, which is funded mostly by the Welsh Government.

**Housing** – It was stated that there was a need to look at the housing situation, as local people are being out-priced from buying homes on the island (Llanfairpwll). It was explained that grants are available to help local first-time buyers and for renovating empty homes, through the income collected as Council Tax Premiums. It was noted that further details are available in a report presented to the Executive on 12 November, which reviews the first year of implementing the premium:

<http://democratiaeth.ynysmon.gov.uk/documents/s13444/Premiymaur%20Dreth%20Gyngor.pdf?LLL=1>

In addition, it was noted that the Council was increasing its housing stock by building new homes and buying back ex-Council houses.

**Council Tax Premium** – there was a consensus that Welsh Government should consider strengthening some elements of the premiums policy, in order to ensure fairness and consistency regarding exemptions.

**Planning considerations** – Reference was made to the need to strengthen some elements of planning regulations regarding new homes (Treaddur). The Leader explained that the Supplementary Planning Guidance on Tourism should address this to some extent, but that she would welcome information about specific examples.

**Education and Children's Services** – Cuts for education and children's services would be a false economy and Council Tax should be increased rather than this (Llanfairpwll)

**Priorities** – The rationale behind considering funding for a third bridge across the Menai Strait was questioned, bearing in mind the financial situation relating to providing local services (Llanfairpwll).

**Action point:**

Concern was expressed by town and community councils with regard to the significant challenges facing the island in terms of providing local services, as well as the additional burden of implementing the Wylfa Newydd project. It was agreed that a discussion was required between Welsh Government and the Liaison Forum in order to ensure that the Welsh Government is fully aware of the situation on Anglesey. It was also agreed that the local Assembly Member should be invited to take part in these discussions.

**Action: Leader of the Council to invite Welsh Government Ministers, as well as Rhun ap Iorwerth AM, to meet this Forum.**

**4. Next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum was scheduled to be held on Thursday evening, 14 March 2019.

**5. Any other business – nothing to discuss.**

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

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Y Gweinidog Tai a Llywodraeth Leol  
Minister for Housing and Local Government



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Leader,  
Chair of Anglesey Town & Community Councils Liaison Forum

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17 January 2019

Dear Councillor Medi,

Thank you for your letter of 6 December inviting Alan Davies AM, the then Cabinet Secretary for Local Government & Public Services, to attend a meeting of the Town & Community Councils Liaison Forum. I am now replying given my responsibility for local government in Wales. Unfortunately, my diary commitments are such that I am unable to accept your invitation.

I will be regularly discussing the financial challenges facing local authorities at the meetings of the Finance Sub Group of the Partnership Council for Wales. The Finance Sub Group is the established forum to allow for more detailed discussion of local government finance matters.

Since your invitation I announced the final local government settlement for 2019-20 on 19 December. In preparing the final settlement, careful consideration was given to the responses received to the consultation on the provisional settlement. This announcement provides councils with a robust basis for their financial planning for the coming financial year.

The decisions the Welsh Government has made as part of the overall budget provide local government with a realistic settlement against the background of the current financial climate and one which is significantly improved on the indicative settlement approved in the last budget.

I am pleased to say that compared with the provisional settlement announced in October, the final settlement for 2019-20, includes an additional £23.6 million as a result of the Welsh Government's final budget allocations. This encompasses the additional allocations announced by the Welsh Government on 20 November, plus further additional funding to increase the capital limit for residential care and to deliver local rates relief schemes.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.



Our announcement on 20 November set out an additional £13 million for the local government settlement and a commitment to provide an extra £1.2 million of funding to deliver an improved settlement floor, so no authority faced a reduction of more than 0.5% in its core funding allocation over the current year.

The final Settlement published on 19 December also provided funding of £7m to support the increase in the capital limit for residential care to £50,000 as promised. It further improved the floor arrangements so that no authority now faces a reduction of more than 0.3%, compared with the current year, on a like-for-like basis. This arrangement is fully funded by the Welsh Government and ensures that the five authorities on the funding floor will benefit as a result of these additional allocations.

These additional allocations mean the final settlement represents a cash increase overall, compared to 2018-19, equivalent to an increase of 0.2% after adjusting for transfers.

This improved package of funding must be matched by a commitment from local authorities to regional working, for example with health boards and the education consortia, to secure improved outcomes and increased resilience.

This final settlement provides local authorities with the information they need to plan their budgets and services for 2019-20 as part of their medium term financial plans. The Welsh government continues to provide the majority of its support for local authority services as unhypothecated funding, which allows authorities considerable flexibility in managing their finances. I expect every authority to take account of all the available funding streams and to consider how to secure best value for Welsh taxpayers through effective and efficient service provision.

The Welsh Government's ongoing provision of information on provisional and final settlements in good time, and significantly ahead of the position in England, should also help authorities engage meaningfully with their local communities in developing proposals and making decisions on their budget.

I will be meeting leaders of all local authorities in due course and looking forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,



**Julie James AC/AM**

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