

<b>CYNGOR SIR YNYS MON / ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Standards Committee</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>6 February 2020</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Election of Chair</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:</b>	<b>To Advise the Committee of the Procedure for Electing Chair.</b>
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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The first term of four new independent members of the Standards Committee started on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 1.2 The previous Chair's second and final term ended on 19th December 2019.
- 1.3 The Standards Committee must elect a Chair.

## **2. Legislative Background**

- 2.1 In accordance with the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, as amended, the members of a Standards Committee shall elect a Chairperson from amongst the Independent Members of Committee (Regulation 22 (1)).
- 2.2 The Chair is elected for the shorter of the following period:
  - (a) A term of not less than four nor more than six years or
  - (b) Until the term of office of that person as an independent member of that Standards Committee comes to an end. (Regulation 22 (6))  
[Unless, of course the Chair resigns earlier]  
[There are also separate provisions where a casual vacancy arises.]

## **3. Constitutional Background**

- 3.1 In accordance with paragraph 2.9.2.6.2 of the Council's Constitution-

'The chairperson will be elected by the members of the Standards Committee for a period not exceeding four years or the period s/he remains a member of the Committee, whichever is the shorter period, but will be eligible for re-election as Chairperson.'

#### **4. The Election**

4.1 On the basis of the above therefore, the Standards Committee must elect a Chair from among the following members:

Rhys Davies, Celyn Edwards, John Jones, Gill Murgatroyd, and Sharon Warnes.

4.2 The Chair will be elected for a period of **four years** and will be eligible for re-election.

4.3 Each candidate may vote for herself/himself.

4.4 If the Chair for the Committee meeting is a candidates for the role of Chair, s/he will not be able to use the Chair's casting vote. If the Chair is not one of the candidates put forward for the role of Chair, s/he will be able to use the Chair's casting vote.

#### **5. Information on the Candidates**

5.1 The biographies of the five independent members are included as enclosures to this report.

Rhys Davies – **Enclosure 1**  
Celyn Edwards – **Enclosure 2**  
John Jones – **Enclosure 3**  
Gill Murgatroyd – **Enclosure 4**  
Sharon Warnes – **Enclosure 5**

5.2 Also included, as **Enclosure 6** to this report, is the Role Description for the Chair of the Standards Committee.

#### **6. Recommendation**

6.1 The Standards Committee to elect a Chair from among its independent members for a term of four years (subject to re-election)

**Rhys Davies**

Yn enedigol o Fôn, aeth Rhys i astudio deintyddiaeth yng Nghaerdydd ar ôl bod yn ddisgybl yn Ysgol David Hughes.

Mae bellach wedi ymddeol ers 5 mlynedd ac mae'n parhau i fyw ar yr ynys.

Yn ddiweddar, bu Rhys yn aelod o Gyngor Cynulleidfa'r BBC (Cymru), yn Ymddiriedolwr dros Canolfan Lôn Abaty Bangor ac yn Gadeirydd y Gymdeithas Ddeintyddol.

Mae ar hyn o bryd yn ynad ar fainc Ynys Môn/Gwynedd, yn eistedd yng Nghaernarfon bellach ers cau y Llys yng Nghaergybi.

Mae hefyd wedi'i dderbyn fel aelod annibynnol o'r Cyngor Iechyd Cymunedol Lleol yn ddiweddar.

**Rhys Davies**

A native of Anglesey, Rhys went from David Hughes School to study dentistry in Cardiff. For most of his career he worked as a General Dental practitioner in Llangefni. He Retired 5 years ago and continues to live on the island.

Over the last few years Rhys has been a member of the BBC Audience Council for Wales, a Trustee at the Abbey Road Centre in Bangor and Chair of Y Gymdeithas Ddeintyddol.

He is currently a serving magistrate on the Anglesey/Gwynedd Bench, transferring to sit mostly in Caernarfon following the closure of the Holyhead courtrooms.

He is also an independent member the local Community Health Council, starting the role in late 2019.

**Celyn Menai Edwards**

Yn ferch leol i'r Ynys, hyfforddodd Celyn fel bargyfreithiwr ar ôl cwblhau ei gradd Baglor ym Mhrifysgol Cymru, Aberystwyth a gradd Meistr ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd.

Mae hi'n eiriolwr brwd dros hawliau democrataidd dinasyddion Cymru, ac mae hi wedi treulio 8 mlynedd yn gweithio yng Nghynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru. Yno, mae Celyn yn chwarae rhan annatod yn cynnwys pobl Cymru yng ngwaith y Cynulliad wrth ddarparu a chefnogi cyfleoedd i gymunedau ddylanwadu ar fusnes y Cynulliad, cyfrannu at waith Aelodau'r Cynulliad a rhannu gwybodaeth am ein pwerau datganoledig . Mae'r rôl wedi galluogi Celyn i gynghori Aelodau etholedig ar y ffordd orau o gynnwys dinasyddion yn eu gwaith a dwyn y cyfleoedd hynny i fodolaeth, yn ogystal â rhannu arfer gorau ar draws gweinyddiaethau datganoledig y DU a thu hwnt.

Dychwelodd Celyn i Fôn yn 2017 gyda'i gŵr a'i dau blentyn ifanc.

**Celyn Menai Edwards**

Celyn is a local girl from Anglesey who studied as a barrister after completing her Bachelors Degree at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and Masters Degree at Cardiff University.

She is a strong advocate for the democratic rights of the citizens of Wales and has spent 8 years working at the National Assembly for Wales. During her time there, Celyn has played an integral part in including the people of Wales in the work of the Assembly by providing and supporting opportunities for communities to influence Assembly business, to contribute to the work of Assembly Members and to share information regarding our devolved powers. The role has enabled Celyn to advise elected Members on the best way of including citizens in their work and to bring those opportunities into existence as well as sharing best practices across the devolved administration of the UK and beyond.

Celyn returned to Anglesey in 2017 with her husband and two young children.

**John R Jones**

Cefais y fraint o fod yn Brif Swyddog Medrwn Môn, sef y Cyngor Gwirfoddol Sirol sydd yn hybu a chefnogi gweithgaredd gwirfoddol a chymuned ar Ynys Môn am nifer o flynyddoedd hyd at fy ymddeoliad yn 2016. Felly mae fy mhrofiad gwaith yn y sector wirfoddol ac mewn swyddi rheoliaethoddol. Rhan o fy ngwaith oedd datblygu perthynas adeiladol gyda chyrff statudol felly mae gennyf brofiad helaeth o weithio gydag awdurdodau cyhoeddus drwy fod yn rhan o bwyllgorau, gweithgorau ayyb. Cefais y fraint o weithredu fel cynghorydd cymuned am nifer o flynyddoedd ac rwyf yn llywodraethwr ar ysgol uwchradd.

Yr wyf yn frodor o Ynys Môn ac wedi ei fagu, ei addysgu ac wedi gweithio yma rhan fwyaf o'm hoes ond cefais brofiad o dderbyn addysg bellach ac o weithio tu hwnt i'r Afon Fenai am gyfnod. Rwyf yn briod, yn dad i dri o blant ac yn daid i ddau.

Fy niddordebau yw teulu, fy nghymuned, golf, rygbi, beicio a cherdded.

**John R Jones**

I had the privilege of being Chief Officer at Medrwn Môn which is the County Voluntary Council which promotes and supports voluntary activities and communities on Anglesey, up to my retirement in 2016. My work experience is therefore in the voluntary sector and in management posts. Part of my work included developing a constructive relationship with statutory bodies so I have vast experience of working with public bodies and being part of committees, working groups etc. I had the privilege of working as a community councillor for a number of years and I am a school governor of a secondary school.

I am from Anglesey and was raised and educated here and have worked here for most of my life but have also had experience of further education and working the other side of the Menai for a period. I am married, a father to two children and a grandfather to two.

My interests include family, my community, golf, rugby, cycling and walking.

**Gill Murgatroyd**

Mae Gill yn Gymrawd Sefydliad Siartredig Personél a Datblygiad a chanddi dros 15 mlynedd o brofiad fel Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol Adnoddau Dynol yn y maes Tai Cymdeithasol. Gweithiodd yn y gorffennol hefyd mewn rolau AD uwch yn y sector cyhoeddus a'r sector breifat gan gynnwys ym meysydd Gwasanaethau Ariannol, y Maes Modurol, Ynni/Cyfleustodau, Adwerthu ac Amddiffyn.

Mae Gill bellach yn Gyfarwyddwr ar ei busnes AD a Datblygu Sefydliadau ei hun yng Ngogledd Cymru. Mae hi'n aelod o Bwyllgor Safonau Awdurdod Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub Gogledd Cymru ac yn aelod o Gorff Adolygu Cyflogau Annibynnol Cymru ar gyfer Athrawon ac yn y gorffennol bu'n gyfarwyddwr anweithredol ar gyfer dau sefydliad elusennol lleol.

Mae gan Gill brofiad helaeth o weithio mewn amgylcheddau rheoledig a bu'n ymwneud yn sylweddol â llywodraethiant, rheoleiddio, cwynion a phanelau camymddygiad, codau ymddygiad rheolaeth risg, polisi a pherfformiad, ymgysylltiad â chwsmeriaid, marchnata a Chysylltiadau Cyhoeddus.

Mae Gill yn byw yn Llandudno ac yn ei hamser hamdden mae'n mwynhau cerdded yn y mynyddoedd ac o amgylch arfordir gogledd Cymru.

**Gill Murgatroyd**

Gill is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development, with over 15 years' experience as an Executive Director of Human Resources in Social Housing. She has also previously worked in senior HR roles in both the public and private sectors, including Financial Services, Automotive, Energy/Utilities, Retail and Defence.

Gill is now the Director of her own HR and Organisation Development consultancy business in North Wales. She is a member of the Standards Committee for the North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority as well as a member of the Independent Welsh Pay Review Body for Teachers, having previously been a non-executive director for two local charitable organisations.

Gill has extensive experience of working in highly regulated environments with significant involvement in governance, regulation, complaints and misconduct panels, codes of conduct, risk management, policy and performance, customer engagement, marketing and PR.

Gill lives in Llandudno, and in her spare time enjoys walking in the mountains and around the coast of North Wales.

**Sharon Warnes**

Cychwynnodd ei gyrfa fel athrawes uwchradd ac yna gweithiodd ym maes Addysg Bellach, cyn gweithio am dros 30 mlynedd o fewn llywodraeth leol.

Roedd yn Gyfarwyddwr Cynorthwyol hyfforddiant, datblygu rheolwyr ac adnoddau dynol ac yna'n Uwch Reolwr Strategol Polisi a Pherfformiad - yn cynnal prosiectau strategol ac ymchwiliadau.

Yn fwy diweddar, bu'n aelod o Fwrdd Ymgynghorol yr Ombwdsman Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus, yn Is Gadeirydd ar Asiantaeth Tai ac yn aelod lleyg ar Bwyllgor Archwilio Cyngor Ynys Môn.

Ar hyn o bryd, mae'n aelod lleyg o Bwyllgor Archwilio Cyngor Gwynedd ac yn Gadeirydd Pwyllgor Safonau Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri.

**Sharon Warnes**

She began her career as a secondary school teacher and then worked in further education before working for over 30 years in local government.

She was an Assistant Director for training, management development and human resources and a Senior Strategic Policy and Performance Manager- conducting strategic projects and investigations.

More recently she has been a member of the Public Service Ombudsman's Advisory Board, the Vice Chair of a Housing Association and a lay member of Anglesey's Audit Committee.

Presently she is a lay member of Gwynedd Council's Audit Committee and Chair of Snowdonia National Park's Standards Committee.

## Chair of Standards Committee Role Description

### 1 Accountabilities

- To the electorate of Ynys Môn
- To Full Council

### 2 Statutory Responsibilities

- To act within technical, legal and procedural requirements to oversee the functions of the Committee fairly and correctly;
- To ensure thoroughness and objectivity in the Committee, receiving and responding to professional advice on the Code of Conduct;
- To demonstrate independence, integrity and impartiality in decision making which accord with legal, constitutional and policy requirements;
- To provide confident and effective management of meetings to facilitate inclusivity, participation and clear decision making;
- **To lead the Committee in its role in;**
  - Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted Members;
  - Assisting the Councillors and co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
  - Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
  - Monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
  - Advising, training or arranging to train Councillors, co-opted Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
  - Considering applications for dispensations;
  - Dealing with any reports from a case tribunal, or interim case tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter referred to that Officer by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales;
  - The exercise of these functions in relation to Community Councils and the Members of those Community Councils

### 3 Additional Responsibilities

- To conduct regular audits, as the Standards Committee considers appropriate, of Councillors' and co-opted Members' registers of interest;
- Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Council's Protocol for Members and Officers Relations;
- Assisting Councillors and co-opted Members to observe the Council's Relationship Protocol for Members and Officers;
- Advising, training or arranging to train Councillors, co-opted Members on matters relating to the Council's Relationship Protocol for Members and Officers;



- Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Council's Local Resolution Protocol;
- Assisting and supporting Group Leaders and Chair to observe and operate the Council's Local Resolution Protocol ;
- As appropriate, to conduct and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of Member Performance Reviews and Development Plans, insofar as they relate to members of the Standards Committee

#### **4 Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships**

- To ensure the integrity of the committee's decision making and of his/ her own role by adhering to the Code of Conduct(s) and other constitutional and legal requirements;
- To ensure that the Committee's decisions are implemented;
- To promote and support good governance by the Council;
- To understand the respective roles of Councillors, Officers and external parties operating within the Standards Committee's area of responsibility

#### **5 Values**

- To be committed to the values of the Council and the following values in public office
  1. Selflessness
  2. Honesty
  3. Integrity and Propriety
  4. Duty to uphold the law
  5. Stewardship
  6. Objectivity in decision making
  7. Equality and Respect
  8. Openness
  9. Accountability
  10. Leadership
  11. Appreciation of cultural difference
  12. Wellbeing and sustainability of future generations

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_