

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to	Meeting of the Executive
Date	18th February, 2013
Subject	Consultation on budget proposals 2013-14
Portfolio Holder(s)	John Chorlton
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Nature and reason for reporting	
<p>This paper provides feedback with regards to the consultation exercise (which ended on the 4th February 2013) on budget proposals and summarises feedback received.</p>	

A – Introduction / Background / Issues
<p>1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <p>This report sets out the detailed findings of the Budget 2013/14 consultation.</p> <p>2. APPROACH TO THE CONSULTATION</p> <p>The Budget consultation had three strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the Council’s key priorities and areas for improvement • Consultation on the Council’s financial strategy for the next three years • Budget proposals for 2013/14 <p>Initial consultation on the budget began back in August 2012 at the Anglesey Show when the public were asked to fill in a questionnaire regarding their key priorities over the next three years where they had £120 to spend and 26 priorities to choose from. The feedback from this exercise fed into the budget planning process.</p>

On December 2 2012, a report on the updated Budget Strategy and Initial Draft Revenue Budget 2013/14 was considered by the Executive.

On January 7 2013, the Executive resolved to approve the Initial 2013-14 Budget Proposals for formal consultation and to delegate to the Head of Function (Resources) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources, the authority to finalise the budget consultation document.

The Budget consultation consisted of a consultation document which was available online, by email or by post and face to face engagement with key stakeholders details of which are provided below.

In terms of promoting the Budget Consultation, the following actions were taken:

- Two press release issued to media contacts (press coverage/interviews achieved)
- Note to all council staff & reminder
- Messages on Council Facebook page
- Regular tweets from Council Twitter account
- Front page article on Anglesey Council website & splash page for period of consultation
- Item in Economic Development Spring Newsletter to business database

The budget consultation received widespread coverage in the local newspapers and other media.

See Appendix 1 for examples.

The consultation document was also displayed in the following locations:

- Council building's main reception (at main doors)
- Elected Members' lounge
- Public libraries
- Leisure centres

Face to face engagement took place with:

- The Destination Anglesey Partnership Board (24/1/2013)
- Anglesey Tourism Association
- Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (22/1/2013)
- Town and Community Councils (29/1/2013)

- Schools Forum (4/2/2013)
- The Democratic Services Committee (4/2/2013)
- Anglesey Regeneration Partnership (7/2/2013)

Feedback from these sessions can be found in Appendix 3.

A separate report on the Budget 2013/14 will be submitted by the Scrutiny Committees.

Views were sought on the entire improvement/budget package, but we asked stakeholders for particular feedback on:

- Increasing the social services budget so as to avoid major cuts to current activity levels
- Maintaining the leisure budget to allow time for changes to provision
- Prioritising growth in Childrens' Services and the Energy Island Programme
- Further assumptions we should make in medium term financial planning
- Your priorities for the Capital Plan
- The proposed 5% increase in Council tax (86p per week for the average Band D property) to help protect key Council services
- Any other suggestions you may have on efficiency savings or service transformation to achieve the best outcomes for Anglesey residents
- There may be scope for us to work in partnership in some areas to transfer the management of some services (e.g. public conveniences) to partner organisations or local communities. We would welcome your views on proposals of this nature as part of this consultation

3. SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

The Budget Consultation received a total of 34 responses including those from representatives groups therefore due to the small sample size the overall findings should be treated with caution.

A summary of the key findings is Attached as **Appendix 2**. The results will be used to inform the development of next year's Corporate Business Plan and service plans, improvement priorities and final proposals for the Budget 2013/14.

Copies of all responses received are reproduced in **Appendix 3**.

Suggestions from the public for improvements to next year's budget consultation process included:

- a clear breakdown of staff costs

- clear breakdown of growth bids and what the money will be spent on
- data on current performance of service areas
- improve overall level of detail in the document
- need to ensure Town and Community Councils are brought into the decision-making process at the outset

B – Considerations

The Executive are requested to consider the observations received from partners, stakeholders and the general public in response to Budget 2013/14 proposals and the headline messages summarised in this report.

C – Implications and Impacts

1	Finance / Section 151	
2	Legal / Monitoring Officer	
3	Human Resources	
4	Property Services (see Notes – separate document)	
5	Information and Communications TechNo.logy (ICT)	
6	Equality (see Notes – separate document)	
7	Anti-poverty and Social (see Notes – separate document)	
8	Communication (see Notes – separate document)	
9	Consultation	

C – Implications and Impacts		
	(see Notes – separate document)	
10	Economic	
11	Environmental (see Notes – separate document)	
12	Crime and Disorder (see Notes – separate document)	
13	Outcome Agreements	

CH – Summary
Feedback provided on Budget Consultation as detailed above.
D – Recommendation
The Executive to consider responses to the Budget Consultation as part of finalising budget proposals to the Council.

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Date - **07.02.13**

Appendices:
1 – Promotion of Budget Consultation 2013/14 2 – Responses (Containing appropriate redactions of personal information)

Background papers

APPENDIX 1

PROMOTION OF BUDGET CONSULTATION 2013/14

1. DATGANIAD I'R WASG/STAFF

Ymgynghoriad ar y gyllideb yn dod i ben 4ydd o Chwefror 2013

Bydd Môn yn gofyn barn trigolion ar gynigion y gyllideb wrth i'r awdurdod wynebu'r flwyddyn ariannol anoddaf eto.

Caiiff dogfen newydd Ymgynghoriad ar y Gyllideb 2013/14 "Cwrdd â'r Heriau" ei lansio heddiw (Dydd Gwener, Ionawr 11eg).

Mae gan dreth dalwyr nawr dair wythnos i wneud sylwadau ar sut y dylai'r Cyngor Sir flaenoriaethu gwariant yn ogystal â'r cynnig o gynyddu Treth Cyngor o 5%.

Mae'r hinsawdd economaidd sydd ohoni wedi golygu toriadau dwys o ran gwariant cyhoeddus ac mae Ynys Môn yn wynebu bwlch o £3.45m yng nghyllideb 2013-14 a bwlch o £10m dros y tair blynedd i 2015-16.

Eglurodd Arweinydd y Cyngor, y Cynghorydd Bryan Owen, "Bydd hon yn gyllideb hynod o anodd ni, ac oherwydd y trafferthion ariannol sydd yn wynebu llywodraeth leol, fyddwn, yn syml, ddim yn gallu cynnal yr holl wasanaethau yr ydym yn eu darparu."

"Does gennym ddim dewis ond blaenoriaethu gwasanaethau a bydd adborth y cyhoedd, yn ystod y cyfnod ymgynghori holl bwysig yma, yn hanfodol wrth i ni geisio dygymod â chyllideb hynod o anodd tra hefyd yn cefnogi'n blaenoriaethau strategol."

Mae Cwrdd â'r Heriau hefyd yn tanlinellu bwriad y Cyngor i ddarparu mwy o wasanaethau drwy weithio mewn partneriaeth gyda llai o arian yn dod o gyfeiriad Llywodraeth Cymru a phwysau ychwanegol ddaw yn sgil poblogaeth sy'n heneiddio.

Mae'r Cyngor Sir eisiau adborth y cyhoedd ar amryw o feysydd pwysig, gan gynnwys:

- Cynyddu cyllideb gwasanaethau cymdeithasol i osgoi toriadau sylweddol
- Cynnal y gyllideb hamdden i roi amser i newid y ddarpariaeth
- Blaenoriaethu twf mewn gwasanaethau plant a'r Rhaglen Ynys Ynni
- Awgrymiadau all arwain at arbedion effeithlonrwydd neu drawsffurfio gwasanaethau l sicrhau'r canlyniadau gorau l drigolion Môn.

Dywedodd y deilydd portffolio Cyllid, y Cyng John Chorlton, "Mae cwtogi ar wasanaethau yn anffodus yn anorfod, ond rydym yn gweithio'n ddygn er mwyn gwredu'r rhain mewn ffordd gofalus a phwyllog i leihau'r effaith ar drigolion. Byddai cynnydd o 5% yn y Dreth Cyngor yn golygu 86c ychwanegol yr wythnos ar gyfer eiddo band D ar gyfartaledd."

Ychwanegodd, "Byddai'r cynnydd yma, fodd bynnag, yn rhoi'r cyfle gorau posib i ni ddiogelu'r bobl fwyaf bregus yn y gymuned."

Bydd y ddogfen "Cwrdd â'r Heriau", ynghyd â'r Gyllideb Refeniw Drafft Gychwynnol a phapurau perthnasol eraill ar gael ar ein gwefan www.ynysmon.gov.uk neu cewch wneud cais am gopi caled ar 01248 752602.

Danfowch eich sylwadau atom drwy e-bost: ymgynghoriadcyllideb@ynysmon.gov.uk neu ysgrifennwch at:

Ymgynghoriad ar y Gyllideb 2013/14
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn
Swyddfa'r Sir
Llangefni
Ynys Môn LL77 7TW

Daw'r ymgynghoriad i ben ar **Chwefror 4ydd, 2013**. Yn dilyn y broses ymgynghorol, bydd cynigion cyllideb derfynol y Pwyllgor Gwaith yn cael eu cyflwyno i'r Cyngor Llawn ar Fawrth 5ed 2013.

DIWEDD 11.1.12

1. MEDIA/STAFF RELEASE – 11/1/2013

Residents' views could help meet financial challenges

Anglesey is to ask residents for their views on budget proposals as the authority faces its toughest financial year yet.

The new 2013/14 Budget Consultation document "Meeting the Challenges" is launched today (Friday, January 11th)

Tax payers now have three weeks to comment on how the County Council should prioritise spending as well as proposals for a 5% Council tax increase.

The current economic climate has meant severe cuts in public sector spending and Anglesey faces a £3.45m budget gap in 2013-14 and a £10m gap over the three years to 2015-16.

Council Leader, Councillor Bryan Owen, explained, "This will be an extremely difficult budget for us, and given the continuing harsh economic climate facing local government, we simply won't be able to sustain all the services we provide."

"We therefore have no choice but to prioritise services and public feedback, through this important consultation process, will be vital as we look to balance a hugely difficult budget whilst also supporting our strategic priorities."

Meeting the Challenges also highlights the Council's aim of delivering more services through partnership working as it faces up to less funding from Welsh Government and the additional pressures of an ageing population.

The County Council wants public feedback on a number of key areas, including:

- Increasing the social services budget to avoid major cuts
- Maintaining the leisure budget to allow time for changes to provision
- Prioritising growth in children's services and Energy Island Programme
- Suggestions to ensure efficiency savings or service transformation to achieve the best outcomes for Anglesey residents

Finance portfolio holder, Cllr John Chorlton said, "Service reductions are unfortunately inevitable, but we're working tirelessly to achieve these in a careful and measured way to minimise the impact on residents. A 5% Council Tax increase would mean an extra 86p a week for an average band D property.

He added, "This increase, however, would provide us with the best possible chance of protecting the most vulnerable in society."

The "Meeting the Challenges" document, together with the Initial Draft Revenue Budget and associated appendices are available on our website www.anglesey.gov.uk or you can request hard copies on 01248 752602.

Please email your views to budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk or write to:

Budget Consultation 2013/14
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Council Offices
Llangefni
Anglesey LL77 7TW

The consultation will end on **February 4th, 2013**. Following the consultation process, the Executive's final Budget proposals will be presented to the Full Council on March 5th 2013.

ENDS 11.1.13

GWEFAN Y CYNGOR

Ymgynghoriad: Cwrdd â'r Heriau

www.ynysmon.gov.uk/cyngor-a-democratiaeth/ymgyngoriad/ymgyngoriadau-blaencroch-ymgyngoriad-cwrdd-r-heriau-cyflideb-2013-2014/119051.aspx?redirect=false

Ynys Môn Isle of Anglesey

Cofnodwch eich term chwilio

Chwilio

Cyngor a democrataeth

Ymgynghoriad: Cwrdd â'r Heriau Cyllideb 2013 - 2014

Ar 7 Ionawr 2013, cytunodd Prwyfgor Gweith y Cyngor y ddipl rhyddhau'r Cyniglon Cychwynnol ar gyfer Cyllideb 2013-14 ar gyfer ymgynghoriad.

Ymgynghoriad yn dod i ben: Dydd Llun 4 Chwefror 2013

Parhau eisau eich barn

Mae henau pwysig o'n blaenau wrth i ni barhau i gynniig gwasanaethau o ansawdd uchel gyda lloer o adnoddau. Mae'r rhagolygon yn dangos y bydd angen i'r Cyngor leihau gwasiant o £10m oros y deir blynedd nesaf, sy'n gyfarth â 8%, ac mae cyniglon y gyllideb eleni yn cynnichiow balens rhwng defnyddio mesurau unigryw ar rwyw darpau cyllideb deig mewn blyyddyn anodd a'r angen i wellio'n effeithlon a sicrhau gostyngiadau gwmoneddol yn y blyyddoedd sydd i adod.

Mae'n ddogfen Cwrdd â'r Heriau Ymgynghoriad ar y Gyllideb 2013-14 (gwelw y 'Dogfennau'r Wl'wheithio' isod) yn cynnichiow'r cam nesaf o ran y ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar Gyllideb 2013-14. Mae'n gosod y cyo-destun ar gyfer cyllideb eleni, yn establiow'r henau sydd o'n blaenau a'y cyniglon eu hunain.

Mae Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn eislaw chwed eich barn ar y cyniglon gwollaw gyllideb sy'n wnebu'r Cyngor a'r opolynau sy'n cael eu cynniig, er mwyn siclo'r cyniglon lartymol ar gyfer y gyllideb.

Godebwch i ni eiddod eich barn ar:

- Gynyddow'r gyllideb gwasanaethau cynddethasol i oegol toniadau sylweddol i lefel bresennol y ddarpariaeth
- Cynnal y gyllideb hamddan ar rwyw rho amcar i newidiadau yn y ddarpariaeth

Dw i eislaw...

- [Dod o hyd i'r ymgynghoriad lleol](#)
- [Cofrestru i blaiddisio](#)
- [Darllen cofnodion, agendau ac adroddiadau](#)
- [Darllen y Ddogfen o'r Cyniglon](#)
- [Dod o hyd i'r ymgynghoriadau dhweddara](#)
- [Gwneud cwm neu ganmoliaeth](#)
- [Gwneud cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth](#)

Cysylltu â'r Uned Bolis

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Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn
Swydddydd y Cyngor
Llangefni
Ynys Môn
LL77 7TW
Ffôn: 01248 752140
E-bost: cyfathrebu@ynysmon.gov.uk

Dihwch hi ar Facebook a Twitter

2. WEB TEXT

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Isle of Anglesey Council website. The page title is "Consultation: Meeting the Challenges Budget 2013 - 2014". The URL is www.anglesey.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations/consultation-meeting-the-challenges-budget-2013-2014/119049.article. The page features a navigation menu with categories like Home, About & Contact Us, Business & Community, Council & Democracy, Education, Health & Care, Housing, Jobs, Leisure, Planning & Waste, and Transport & Travel. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail, the title "Consultation: Meeting the Challenges Budget 2013 - 2014", and a sub-header "On 7 January 2013, the Council's Executive agreed that the Initial Proposals for the 2013-14 Budget should be released for consultation." Below this, it states "Consultation ends on: Monday 4 February 2013" and "We want your views". The text explains the challenges ahead and the need for sustainable efficiencies. It also provides contact information for the Policy Unit, including the Chief Executive's Office, Council Offices, and contact details for Llangothli, Anglesey. Social media links for Facebook and Twitter are also present.

Consultation: Meeting the Challenges Budget 2013 - 2014

On 7 January 2013, the Council's Executive agreed that the Initial Proposals for the 2013-14 Budget should be released for consultation.

Consultation ends on: Monday 4 February 2013

We want your views

Important challenges lie ahead in continuing to deliver high quality services with diminishing resources. Forecasts show that the Council will need to reduce spending by £10m over the next three years, the equivalent of 8%, and this year's budget proposals represent a balance between using one-off measures to assist in delivering a fair budget for a very difficult year and the need to achieve sustainable efficiencies and real reductions for future years.

The **Meeting the Challenges: Budget Consultation 2013-14** document (see the download below) represents the next step in the Council's public consultation on the 2013-2014 Budget. It sets out the context for this year's budget, explains the challenges ahead and the **budget proposals** themselves.

The Isle of Anglesey County Council wants to hear your views on the entire improvement/budget proposals facing the Council and the range of options offered, in order to shape the final budget proposals.

Let us know your views on:

- Increasing the social services budget to avoid major cuts to current activity levels
- Maintaining the leisure budget to allow time for changes to provision
- Prorising growth in children's services and the Energy Island Programme
- Further assumptions we should make in medium term financial planning
- Your priorities for the Capital Plan
- Any other suggestions you may have on efficiency savings or service transformation to achieve the best outcome for Anglesey residents

I want to...

- Find my local councillor
- Find the latest consultations
- Make a compliment or complaint
- Make a Freedom of Information request
- Read the council agendas, minutes and reports
- Read the Statement of Accounts
- Register to vote

Contact the Policy Unit

Chief Executive's Office
Isle of Anglesey County Council
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1. FACEBOOK/TWITTER – ESIAMPLAU O GODI YMWHYBYDDIAETH

The screenshot shows a Facebook page for 'Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn'. The browser address bar shows 'www.facebook.com/cyngormon?ref=hl'. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and navigation links like 'Home' and 'Create Page'. The main content area displays a timeline of posts:

- Post 1:** 'Llywodraeth Cymru | Lansio cynkuniâu cymell newydd ar gyfer ardrethi busnes wales.gov.uk'. Text: 'Mae'r adroddiad yn awgrymu y gallai gwrthwynebiad cryfach tuag at fewnfudo fod yn gysylltiedig â 'gulach' hunaniaethau cenedlaethol.' Date: 15 January at 20:13. 105 people saw this post.
- Post 2:** 'Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn shared a link.' Date: 11 January.
- Post 3:** 'Gall barn trigolion helpu i gwrrd â heriau ariannol | Ynys Môn www.ynysmon.gov.uk'. Text: 'Bydd Môn yn gofyn barn trigolion ar gynigion y gyllideb wrth i'r awdurdod wynebu'r flwyddyn ariannol anoddaf eto.' Date: 11 January. 100 people saw this post.

A mobile notification is highlighted with a dashed box:

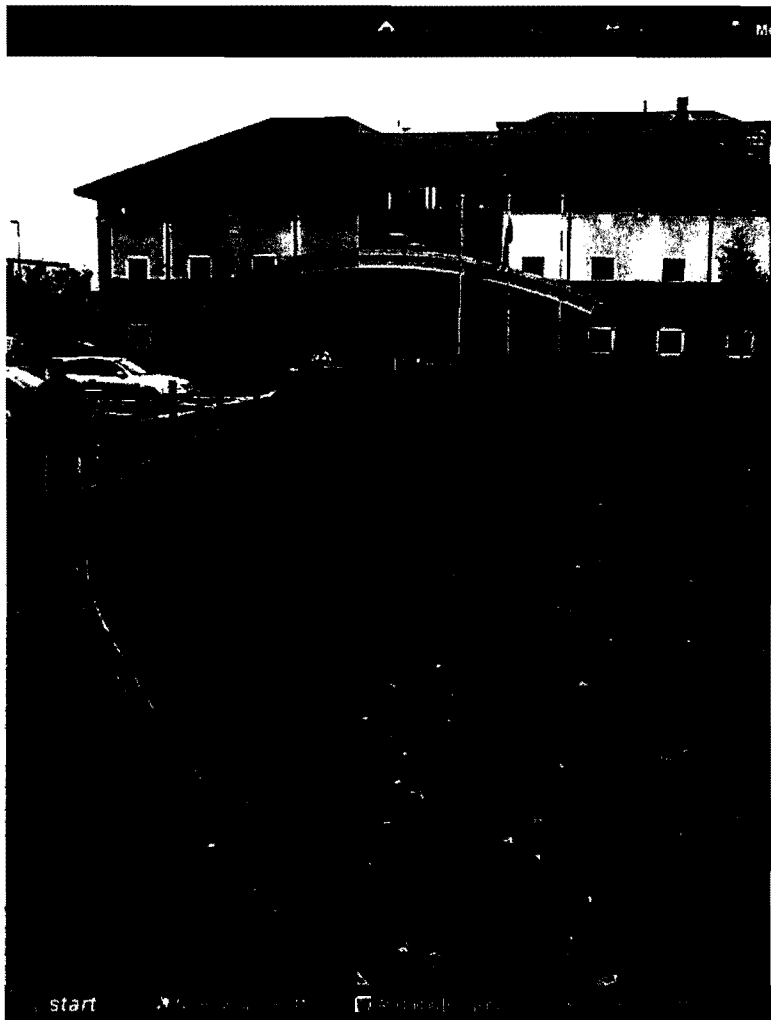
- Notification:** 'Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn 12 January via Mobile'. Text: 'Gritio llwybrau blaenoriaeth un am 3.00pm a 12.00am (13/1). Tymheredd ffyrdd debyg o ddisgyn dan 1°C. Cymrwch ofal os yn gyrru.' 128 people saw this post.

At the bottom of the page, there is a link to 'Ymgynghoriad: Cwrdd â'r Heriau Cylideb 2013/14.' and a text block: 'Tair wythnos i ddweud eich dweud ar gynigion cylideb Môn.'

The footer shows the URL 'www.facebook.com/cyngormon?ref=hl#', a 'start' button, and browser navigation icons.

3. FACEBOOK/TWITTER – EXAMPLES OF SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

The screenshot shows a Facebook page for 'Isle of Anglesey County Council'. The browser's address bar displays 'www.facebook.com/IOACC'. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'Town Sign', 'Find Friends', and 'Home'. Below the header, the page title is 'Isle of Anglesey County Council' with a 'Timeline' dropdown and a 'Now' dropdown. There are buttons for 'Admin Panel' and 'Create Page'. The main content area shows two posts. The first post, dated 11 January, is from 'Isle of Anglesey County Council' and shares a link titled 'Residents' views could help meet financial challenges | Isle of Anglesey'. The link preview shows a photo of a person and the text 'Anglesey is to ask residents for their views on budget proposals as the authority faces its toughest financial year yet.' Below the post are options to 'Like', 'Comment', and 'Share', and a notification that 'Anne Malins likes this'. The second post is identical to the first but is shared by 'YNY'S MÓN ISLE OF ANGLESEY'. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Now' dropdown menu with options for 'December', '2012', '2011', and 'Joined Facebook'. Below this is an advertisement section titled 'See Your Ad Here' with a 'Green Slon likes Isle of Anglesey County Council.' notification and a 'Promote This Story' button. At the bottom right, there is a 'Chat' button.



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Retweeted by Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn
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 **North Wales Fire** @NorthWalesFire 14 Jan
Cadwch yn ddiogel rhag tân yn ystod y tywydd oer ft.me/1SekGmZjH
Retweeted by Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn
Expand

 **Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn** @cyngormon 13 Jan
Gritio llwybrau blaenoriaeth un am 10.00pm. Tymheredd ffyrdd debyg o ddisgyn dan 1°C. Cymrwch ofal os yn gyrru.
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 **Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn** @cyngormon 12 Jan
Gritio llwybrau blaenoriaeth un am 3.00pm a 12.00am (13/1). Tymheredd ffyrdd debyg o ddisgyn dan 1°C. Cymrwch ofal os yn gyrru.
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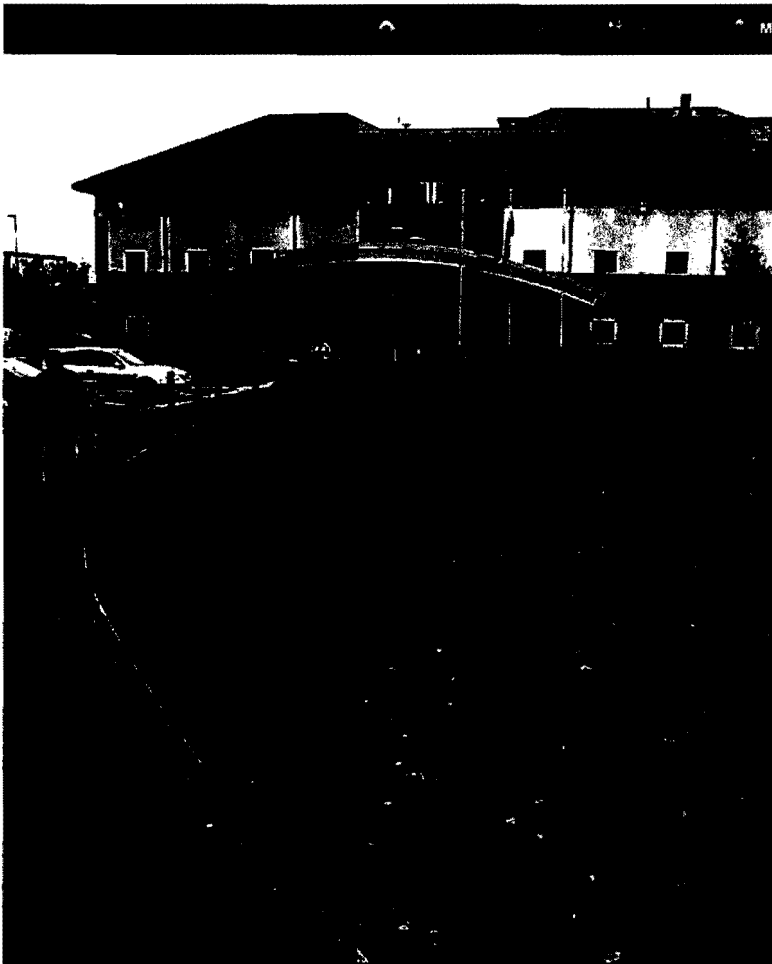
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Ymgynghoriad: Cwrdd â'r Heriau Cyllideb 2013/14. Tair wythnos i daweud eich dweud ar gyniglon cyllideb Môn. RT plis. ynysmon.gov.uk/cyngor-a-democ...
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 **Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn** @cyngormon 11 Jan
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 **Ysgol Kingsland** @ysgolkingstand 11 Jan
Gwastraff - Waste nblo.gs/GYSCG
Retweeted by Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn
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Isle of Anglesey CC @angleseycouncil 12 Jan
Gritting first priority routes at 3.00pm and 12.00am (13/1). Road temperatures expected to fall below 1°C. Please drive carefully.
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Isle of Anglesey CC @angleseycouncil 11 Jan
Residents' views could help meet financial challenges. Take part in our Important Budget consultation. Please RT. anglesey.gov.uk/residents-view...
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1 RETWEET

4 40 PM · 11 Jan 13 · Details

Reply to @angleseycouncil

Isle of Anglesey CC @angleseycouncil 11 Jan
Consultation: Meeting the Challenges: Budget 2013/14. Three weeks to comment on Anglesey's budget proposals. Pls RT. anglesey.gov.uk/council-and-de...
Collapse Reply Delete Favorite More

4 27 PM · 11 Jan 13 · Details

Reply to @angleseycouncil

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Land and property for sale anglesey.gov.uk/business/land-...
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Ysgol Kingsland @ysgolkingstand 11 Jan
Gwastraff - Waste nblo.gs/GYSCG
Retweeted by Isle of Anglesey CC
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4. ESAMPLAU O SYLW YN Y WASG

4. EXAMPLES OF MEDIA COVERAGE

You not spending a penny will help council save £10m

IN THE CUT: BUSES, PUBLIC LOOS & YOUTH SERVICES

By **ELGAN HEARN**

MORE financial misery will be heaped upon the ratepayers of Anglesey as they face a 5% hike in their council tax bills from April.

Today, the detail of how £2.8m will be cut from next year's budget is also revealed - with bus services, public toilets, school meals and youth centres all in the firing line.

A report due to be discussed on Monday by the Council's executive committee recommends the Council Tax hike to try and plug a total £3.45m gap in the local authority's finances for 2013/14. That's part of an overall £10m that needs to be saved by the end of 2016.

The report sees education, youth, older and social services will bear the brunt, with school maintenance budgets, support for the dyslexic, school meals and five youth clubs to be slashed. All of the island's public conveniences are recommended to be closed to save £227,000 a year, seven bus services are also expected to be axed to save £190,000.

Across all departments, staff restructures, loss of jobs and councillors is expected to save nearly £490,000.

Road and footpath maintenance will also be reduced to the tune of over £400,000 and car drivers can also expect to pay higher parking charges across the island.

Youth group leader and Holyhead Town Councillor, Jeff Evans, has taken on the financial burden of looking after one toilet that was due to be closed last

year.

He feels that taxpayers on Anglesey will not be getting value for money, in the future.

He said: "How do they expect tourism to survive if visitors don't have somewhere to go an wee?"

"Are we going to tell them to go behind a hedge?"

Cllr Evans added:

"Youth centres are supposed to be protected according to the government, the youth are our future, if you close down clubs where will youngsters go?"

"Personally I think they are looking at the wrong things, the council has just taken on four senior members of staff at the cost of nearly £500,000 and they seem to be making cuts to finance their own wages."

Retired nuclear

engineer Tom Conway, relies on public transport to get around.

Mr Conway, 82, said: "This is going to hit people living in rural areas, especially if your doctors surgery is in a town or you're looking for work and need to travel to find it."

"I just feel that these decisions are taken by people who drive their own cars and don't know anything about those of us who rely on public transport."

But Anglesey Council have stressed that no decisions have been taken yet and that a consultation on the budget will run until a final decision is taken in March.

Finance portfolio holder, Cllr John Chorlton, said that he hoped the public would engage in the process by sending their comments to the Council, he said: "This is our first chance to

discuss what is the best way to go about things.

"I think the report gives us a very clear picture of what the state of our finances are and also what some of the tough choices we might need to take are.

"But nothing has been decided yet, I expect the final decision will be made at a Full Council meeting in March and during that time Community Councils will have had time to look at the proposals and tell us what they think and I also hope that people right across the island will get in touch with us and give us their views on the budget proposals."

Interim head of resources, Gill Lewis, said: "Having updated the strategy for the assumptions relating to inflation, and brought the gap down to £10m, it should be possible to protect front line services by ensuring that real efficiencies are driven out of budgets over the three year period.

"Ynys Môn is planning significant transformation from some of its services, particularly in response to demographic pressures and regulators' reports and to improve the delivery of services in the future."

HAVE YOUR SAY

Sue Hayes It's like stepping back in time in Anglesey when we visit, sometimes not in a good way. The cuts proposed are ridiculous, this place needs a serious amount of inward investment. Can't quite believe that closing all public toilets is being proposed - drive tourists away as well as making cuts to destroy services to your own residents!

Hanna Elin Hughes The local council are intent on ruining what we have left of our island. How about they cough up for a change?

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Where axe falls across services

AS part of the budget discussions all departments have been looking to make 7% efficiency savings to claw back £3.45m during the next year and £10m over three years.

Schools and Youth Clubs will see their budgets squeezed with £500,000 worth of cuts expected to hit the Lifelong Learning Department.

Older People on the island are also set to be hit as £500,000 is also needed to be saved, from the Social Services Budget

The main cuts could be made in:

- £125,000 of repairs and maintenance at both Primary and Secondary Schools.
- £40,000 on dyslexia support will be slashed
- £100,000 from school meals - according to the Council this will be done by securing: "better value for money," in the contract with Eden Food services
- £12,970 Support at Ysgol Y Bont (special school)
- £50,000 from Cynnal (tech support for schools)

- Five youth clubs could close saving £11,540 (but there are no details yet on which ones are under threat)

- Hours at the Jesse Hughes Youth Club in Holyhead will be cut, saving £4,000

- Hours for area youth group leaders will be cut saving £5,180

- £227,000 will be saved by closing all public toilets

- £125,000 will be cut from street cleansing

- £190,000 will be saved by reducing 7 bus services, although the Council say they have not decided which routes will be affected

- £66,000 by reducing road and footpath maintenance budgets and increasing car parking charges

- £343,000 from Highways

- Infrastructure maintenance

- £500,000

- Rationalising Adult Services: £487, 330 from staffing reorganisation and not filling librarian post, while £15,000 will be saved by rationalising of library cleaning arrangements

Have your say on Anglesey's budget

ANGLESEY residents can have their say on how the council faces its toughest financial year.

Anglesey Council's 2013/14 budget consultation document Meeting the Challenges has been launched, giving residents three weeks to comment on the authority's proposals and a potential five per cent council tax increase.

Council Leader Bryan Owen said: "This will be an extremely

difficult budget for us, and given the continuing harsh economic climate facing local government, we simply won't be able to sustain all the services we provide."

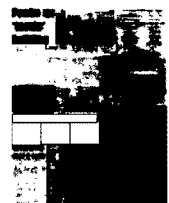
Anglesey faces a £3.45 million budget gap in 2013-14 and a £10m gap over the three years to 2015-16.

Cllr Owen added: "We have no choice but to prioritise services and public feedback, through this

important consultation process, will be vital as we look to balance a hugely difficult budget while also supporting our strategic priorities."

A five per cent increase would mean an extra 86p a week for an average band D property.

The document and draft budget are available at www.anglesey.gov.uk or request a hard copy on 01248 752602.



COMMENT DEBATE

YOUR LETTERS TO THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER OF WALES

Save public toilets

■ SIR – It is reported that Anglesey council is discussing proposals to close its network of

public toilets as part of a bid to save £3.45m over the next year.

The fact that a local authority is contemplating closing public toilets is a great concern to Age Cymru and is clear evidence of the threat that is facing our network of public toilets in the current economic climate.

This development on Anglesey reinforces our opinion that a new law is needed that compels local authorities to provide public toilets, as theoretically, there is nothing to stop all local authorities in Wales closing every public toilet in the country, to cut costs.

The buck has to stop somewhere and without a law to protect public toilets, we fear that these proposals being discussed on Anglesey will become a reality, which could be mirrored by cash-strapped local authorities across Wales.

Public toilets are a lifeline for many older people, providing them with the freedom, independence and the confidence they need to lead fulfilling and active lives.

The Welsh Government must act now and investigate solutions to address the decline and threats to the survival of public toilets in Wales.

GRAEME FRANCIS
Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Age Cymru
ELERI JONES
Chief Officer, Age Cymru
Gwynedd a Môn

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APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

Themes	<i>Number of responses</i>	Summary of Key Messages
<p>The proposed 5% increase in Council Tax (86p per week for the average Band D property) to help protect key Council services;</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Respondents opposed the increase on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are hard economic times for the people of Anglesey and incomes remain static • Shows little regard for the local economic situation and level of deprivation on Anglesey • wrong and a soft option • masks inefficiencies • avoids scrutiny of budgets by department heads • savings should offset any need to increase Council Tax • will have a disproportionate effect on people living in highly banded properties with a median income lower than Anglesey as a whole (see Beaumaris Town Council Response No. 8) • There should be a referendum if Council Tax increase above 2%
<p>There may be scope for us to work in partnership in some areas to transfer the management of some services (e.g. public conveniences) to partner</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Public toilets should be retained. Various reasons put forward including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – essential for parents with young children and older people – because we are a tourist destination and toilets an important part of the necessary infrastructure to support that industry – some locations do not have cafes or other toilet facilities readily available

organisations or local communities. We would welcome your views on proposals of this nature as part of this consultation.

- Tourists already complain about lack of toilet facilities
- minimal saving but maximum impact
- would losing the toilets mean losing Blue Flag status
- The closure of public conveniences would be contrary to the Council's Destination Management Plan (Beaumaris Town Council: Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting)
- It was suggested that Community Councils could work in partnership with local organisations and apply for grants from the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust to run public conveniences (Holyhead Town Council – Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting)
- Reference made to the option of communities entering into a 50-50 partnership with the County Council – this is already operational in Beaumaris (Beaumaris Town Council, Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting)
- Need to look at introducing charges for using public conveniences (Llanfihangelesceifiog)
- Need to simplify the process and shorten timescales for setting up and implementing social enterprises (Llangefni Town Council, Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting)

Other ideas:

- all commercial premises with a retail element should provide toilet facilities for the public
- improve signage in shops/cafes etc. which are part of Welsh Government toilet

<p>provision</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>'state of the art' leisure centres (See Response No. 9/20).</p> <p>Leisure and culture services are choices that people make whether to use them or not, should be run as commercial undertakings</p> <p>Leisure centres should be sold and taken off the estate once and for all</p> <p>Welcomes more time to consider but would prefer that Beaumaris Leisure Centre remains a County Council funded facility (see Response 8 from Beaumaris Town Council for detailed reasons)</p> <p>The local community is being asked to fund facilities that are of wider island benefit and all leisure centres should be treated equally (See Response No. 8 from Beaumaris Town Council)</p> <p>Other authorities have moved all leisure services to a leisure trust which is run on a profit-making basis this should be considered (See Response No. 16)</p> <p>Maintain leisure budgets proven to assist in health, look at charging health authority for services provided, have day clinics at leisure centres, make greater use of facilities</p> <p>Increase the charge for OAPs to attend leisure centres (Response No. 25)</p> <p>Concerns raised by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board on unintended impact on people accessing leisure opportunities which could reduce usage and benefits of services (See Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Response No. 27)</p>
<p>Cut in youth services</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Opposed on the grounds that:</p> <p>young people are the future and need to be encouraged to use their time and energy in constructive ways</p> <p>One young person who becomes criminalised will</p>

		<p>have short term negative employment issues and will be too many</p> <p>Vital places where young people can get together occupy themselves under supervision</p> <p>Taking the service away would cost the Council more money in vandalism and danger to rest of the community</p> <p>Further comments:</p> <p>Youth service needs to be critically reviewed</p>
<p>Prioritising growth in children services and the Energy Island Programme</p>	<p>1</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Children's Services:</p> <p>No specific comments</p> <p>Energy Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – future development in the hands of major industrial companies, can initiative be justified (See Response No. 6) – Not a statutory function (See Response No. 7) – needs to be balanced by a reasonable proportion of funds for economic development being used to support and maintain the facilities and services which support tourism (See Response No. 8)
<p>Further assumptions we should make in medium term financial planning</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3</p> <p>1</p>	<p>The council needs to make huge efficiency savings and follow a green agenda as we are seeing the effects of climate change</p> <p>Tourism should be recognised further in budget proposals</p> <p>Farming should be supported – including limiting plans to concrete over viable farmland which also affects the environment and tourism (See Response No. 9)</p>
<p>Your priorities for the Capital Plan</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Management of schools estate and school places – rationalisation must take place urgently with clear timelines (Response No. 2)</p>

	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Libraries' role is changing and they are now places where people without home computer access can use these facilities – they should be a fundamental part of multi-purpose public buildings</p> <p>If Beaumaris Leisure Centre is being handed over to the community all leisure centres should be handed over to their communities (See Beaumaris Town Council Response No. 8)</p> <p>Sell off golf course at Oriel Mon for development (See Response No. 12)</p> <p>Move housing stock to a housing trust – have access to funding lines that councils do not have (See Response No. 16)</p> <p>Saddened to see buildings in good state of repair being underused – make use of them (See further detail in Response No. 19)</p>
<p>Any other suggestions you may have on efficiency savings or service transformation to achieve the best outcomes for Anglesey residents.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Changes in Bus Services</p> <p>Change size of buses running on the island from 40 seaters to 9-12 seaters (Response No. 1)</p> <p>Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Locality Team should be involved with the detail of any changes at early stage (See Response No. 27)</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>All staff:</p> <p>All jobs need to be reviewed from very top to bottom to decide if they are essential and graded correctly.</p> <p>Can the Council afford the current structure of a multitude of small sections, needs to be leaner and flatter, needs review</p> <p>Vacant posts – should be deleted unless in frontline teaching or social care (See Response No. 8)</p> <p>Reduce number of beach wardens (See</p>

	<p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>5</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Response No. 12)</p> <p>Consider volunteers (See Response No. 16)</p> <p>Consider extending unpaid leave/duvet days and delegation (Response No. 23)</p> <p>1% reduction in council staff in 2013 and again in 2014 with a review of a similar reduction in 2015,5-10% reduction in salaries above £30K, No. annual increments in salaries above £20K for at least 5 years, a significant reduction in entertainment budget (See Responses No. 18/19)</p> <p>Senior Management</p> <p>Pay in excess of other larger authorities</p> <p>Revise further recruitment of “high fliers” at the expense of ordinary council workers (See Response No. 9)</p> <p>Less Consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - staff should already hold necessary qualifications <p>Partnership working</p> <p>Extend cooperation with neighbouring authorities</p> <p>Combine IT dept with another authority (See Response No. 16)</p> <p>Discuss fully and impartially with voluntary sector when looking at opportunities to provide services differently (See Response No. 24 from Medrwn Môn)</p> <p>Questions raised by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board regarding Voluntary Sector SLA costs (See Response No. 27)</p> <p>Parking:</p> <p>Introduce free parking. Holyhead appeared to flourish during Christmas free parking period and</p>
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		<p>may have suffered due to lifting of one hour free parking (See Response No. 4)</p> <p>If raising parking charges, consider the effects of the increase (See Response No. 23)</p>
	3	<p>Other Fees and charges</p> <p>Review fees and charges (See Response No. 6)</p> <p>Scrap Boat Registration Scheme</p> <p>Consider fee for submitting wind turbine developments (see Response No. 27)</p> <p>Consider charging pensioners for bus journeys (Response No.. 25)</p>
	1	<p>Corporate democratic costs</p> <p>Seem excessive (see Response No. 7)</p>
	1	<p>More joined-up thinking</p> <p>Don't close public toilets and make toilet provision a priority in the Destination Management Plan (See Response No. 8)</p>
	1	<p>Better performance management/budget control</p> <p>(See Response No. 8)</p>
	1	<p>Winter maintenance</p> <p>(gritting etc) volunteers within individual communities could help clear pathways, estate roads etc in partnership with the local authority (Llangefni Town Council, Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting)</p>
	2	<p>Moratorium on further road improvements</p> <p>(See Response No. 9/20)</p>
	2	<p>Grass-cutting</p> <p>Stop offering service to the elderly/certain other</p>

	2 1 1	<p>council house residents and start charging (See Response No. 11)</p> <p>Stop collecting grass cuttings and install public waste bins in villages for garden waste (See Response No. 12)</p> <p>Bilingual Policy</p> <p>Stop printing bilingual materials, use whichever language most appropriate and alternative available for download only (See Response No. 12)</p> <p>Consider how many people need the bilingual service (See Response No. 14)</p> <p>Improve marketing of Oriel Mon (See Response No. 12)</p> <p>Reduce number of councillors further (See Response No. 25)</p> <p>Various options outlined by Pentraeth Community Council (Response No. 28)</p>
Members' allowances	11	<p>Members should decline the rise in allowances because:</p> <p>Members allowances are too high.</p> <p>Increase gives a bad impression (Trearddur Community Council, Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting).</p> <p>Refusing to accept the increase may start to change the impage of Anglesey councillors (See Response No. 23)</p> <p>Council tax increase being proposed and staff pay being frozen</p>
School Meals	1	<p>Opposed to any cuts as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any cutbacks would affect health and wellbeing of local population (See Response 4)

Education Budget	1	See Response No. 29 – comments from Schools Forum Meeting on Monday 4 th February 2013.
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APPENDIX 3

RESPONSES (CONTAINING APPROPRIATE REDACTIONS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION)

Mr J Weston

Budget Consultation, Anglesey 2013/14.

Chief Executives Office. Open letter to all.

The Anglesey Council has proposed that the Council Tax should rise by 5% for the period 2013/2014 and for the years to follow. These are hard economic times for the people of Anglesey and the people I talk too, say there should NOT be an increase what so ever, after all we had a 4.5% increase last year and for most our incomes remain static.

The council needs to make hug efficiency savings and also to follow a green agenda as we are now beginning to see the effects of global weather change.

Anglesey Public transport burns a lot of fuel each year running large 40+ seated Buses with just a few passengers in them, often with no one on them this is such a waste of taxpayer's money and is a heavy carbon foot print for the people of Anglesey (just one example the 51 bus along the prom' and Bay view rd, Benllech). A solution to this would be to use 7/12 + seated Sherpa type vehicles, local coach company's have these vehicles available complete with disabled access and could be contracted to provide a service. This would be a huge saving in fuel, infrastructure and a big reduction in harmful exhaust emissions.

People do not use Libraries as often these days as they did in by gone times this is a fact of life in the 21st century. Books are easily and cheaply available to buy on the WWW. We need to keep a Central reference Library, this could also be used as a hub for instruction and assisted purchase of electronic books, such as "Kindel". Surely we do not need 10 Libraries and a mobile Library service on Anglesey in this day and age? Again the libraries are for the most of the time empty, yet another waste of valuable resources and finances

Leisure and swimming pools are important in our community, what we need is to concentrated our resources and create one or two "super state of the art" properly heated swimming pools/sporting complexes for the people of Anglesey to enjoy and to include the young and elderly, the rest must be closed, to make financial savings and to have a green impact.

In these hard economic times we need a council that is efficient and prudent in their decisions and to follow a green agenda for the sake of the planet, the 13% allowances should be declined as it would not be morally correct to receive it, the inflation busting 5% Council tax rise, should be stopped to help the people of Anglesey.

Yours sincerely,

John Weston. 1st /Feb/2013.

31 January 2013

**Isle of Anglesey
Consultation Process for the IOACC Budget 2013/2014**

I wish to comment as follows:

1. The Welsh Government has increased the amount it is giving by 1%. This should be the starting point for all increases in Council Tax, Fees and other charges in 2013/14.
2. Council tax is proposed to rise by 5%. This is wrong and a soft option. Elsewhere there is a cap of 2% and rises above that have to be put before the council tax payers.
3. Increases of 5% in the council tax masks inefficiencies and avoids fundamental hard nosed scrutiny of budget proposals by departmental heads.
4. The major cost in any service organisation is staffing. The bulk of any savings should come from this budget.
5. We are currently reaping the rotten fruits of extremely poor management of resources and the fudging of these issues by both officers and members. This has to radically change and all jobs from the very top to the bottom need to be reviewed starting with the question, are they essential and are they graded correctly. Are salaries too high for such a rural area with little market competition.
6. Where there are said to be proposals to restructure staffing these need to be resolved with tight, clear time lines.
7. There does not appear to be a breakdown of actual staff costs readily accessible within the appendices produced.
8. Some of the proposed savings are reasonable and the proposed savings of £3,977,000 against the target savings of £2,940,000 leaves a balance of £1,037,000. One can only assume this will offset some of the proposed savings identified. The council tax payer needs to be included in this offset figure. They have no choice, they have to pay.

9. The management of the schools estate and school places has been woeful. This cannot be allowed to continue. Resistance to change has been chronic and far too petty and parochial. Officers and members are equally guilty. Rationalisation must take place as a matter of urgency with clear time lines.
10. There are emotive issues regarding all services. Leisure and Culture services are basically all choices that people can make as to whether or not they use them. These are essentially commercial undertakings and should be run as such. The stock of leisure centres should be critically reviewed, not tinkered with. They should be sold and taken off the estate once and for all.
11. Public toilets are always a bone of contention. They should be retained. They are an essential service for parents with young children and older people (we already have a high number and they are living longer). We are also a tourist destination and such facilities are again essential. The alternative is that all commercial premises with a retail element should provide toilet facilities for the public. It is an option that this service facility should be contracted out to a commercial operator.
12. All suggestions of cutting back on youth services should be resisted. These services are essential and need to be critically reviewed. Our young people are our future. They need to be encouraged in every way to use their time and energy in constructive ways. One young person who becomes criminalised will immediately have short term negative employment issues to contend with. One such person is one too many.
13. Libraries are historically places of learning, information and leisure. Their role is changing and they are now also places where those without home computer access can use these facilities. Libraries should become a fundamental part of multi purpose public buildings.

**BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - CONSULTATION :
MEETING THE CHALLENGES BUDGET 2013 - 2014**

From: "Town Council Cyngor Tref Menai Bridge" [REDACTED]
To: <budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk>
Date: 29/01/2013 12:46
Subject: CONSULTATION : MEETING THE CHALLENGES BUDGET 2013 - 2014

FOR THE ATTENTION OF COUNCILLOR BRYAN OWEN - LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Mr. Owen

Thank you for the recent correspondence regarding "Meeting the Challenges Budget 2013 - 2014".

Members of Menai Bridge Town Council have noted receipt of the document but have no observations to make.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Fraser-Williams

Town Clerk

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- 7 JAN 2013
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPT

4th January 2013

To whom it may concern.

As an Anglesey resident and council tax payer I feel I must add my voice to the many who are doubtless outraged at the further proposed cuts reported in today's Daily Post.

Whilst enjoying and appreciating many of the services provided by the council I would like to make the following points.

I am a volunteer visitor at Penrhos Stanley Hospital. Amongst the patients waiting to be discharged to their own homes there are many long time residents and council tax payers. Most are fiercely independent and determined to return home, to continue paying their council tax and live as normal a life as possible. For many, this will only be possible with a great deal of help and support from Social Services. Many have families living too far away to be able to offer much practical help, offspring who, like me at one time, were obliged to move away to find employment. For very many people Social Services support will be their lifeline, saving money on future hospital admissions and residential care (also threatened at this point). The Census has shown we are an ageing population, how can cuts be sustained here?

School meals also impact on the health and well being of the local population. The number of take away outlets that appear to flourish in my town of Holyhead, presumably sanctioned by the current Council, is an indication of the diet of many of our residents. It is vital that our children are given a nourishing, well cooked and well balanced meal at school. Can we be assured that the cuts will ensure the current quality will be maintained?

Youth services are vital, places where young people can get together, occupy and enjoy themselves under supervision must ultimately be cost effective. Some bored youngsters with nowhere to go and nothing constructive to occupy them may well resort to mindless vandalism, thus costing the Council more money and causing inconvenience and danger to the rest of the community.

The proposal to cut all public toilets is unthinkable in a county that depends so heavily on tourism. My local beach, Porthdafarch, hugely popular with residents and tourists alike currently had public toilets open only during the day in the summer period; it is used by canoeing, kayaking, coastering groups all the year round. Goodness knows where they relieve themselves! If there were no toilet facilities at Porthdafarch, a place that has no cafes or other toilet facilities it would inevitably lead to health and safety issues, not to mention a decrease in the number of tourists prepared to use the beach resulting in reduced visitor footfall. The same arguments can be applied to many other venues across the island. I occasionally work in

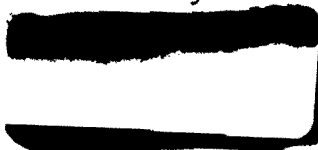
Trearddur Bay RNLI shop where tourists complain bitterly about the paucity of toilet facilities.

With retail parks and supermarkets with free parking having already eroded most of out town centres, how an increase in parking charges can be justified is hard to see. While Holyhead enjoyed free parking during the Christmas period and the ridiculous and pointless pedestrianisation restrictions were lifted the town almost appeared to be flourishing. I, for one, avoid using the town when parking charges are in place and know I am not alone in this. It would be interesting to know whether the town has suffered even more since the lifting of the one hour free parking that was in place until recently. I would suggest that charging a small fee of, say 20p, to everyone parking in any retail park or supermarket car park would gain the Council huge revenue but I expect the big supermarkets are the rulers here.

In recent years I have been aware of an extremely expensive management structure imposed and appointed by the Welsh Assembly. Despite this, the councillors, at one time deemed inefficient, appear to have been reinstated. All this has been and continues to be very costly. Councillors' expenses alone provide an astronomical bill. We have been denied the opportunity to vote for any of this.

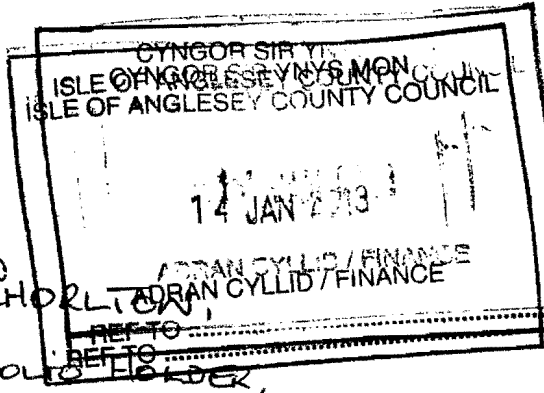
It would appear that it is the old, the young and disadvantaged who are to be the victims of financial cuts. I would like to query – when will democracy be returned to Anglesey inhabitants so that we can all have our say?

Yours sincerely

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Rosemari Heaney

CHARLES SHERRATT, S



MR. JOHN CHORLTON,
FINANCE PORTFOLIO HOLDER,
ANGLESEY County Council,
COUNCIL OFFICES,
LLANGEFNI.

7.1.2013.

Dear Mr Chorlton,

In order to take a balanced view on the process of consultation on next years budget, I wish to obtain a full breakdown of council expenditure for years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and proposed for 2012-2013.

In particular, I am interested in the expenditure on various individual establishments.

I believe I am able to obtain this information under the freedom of information act and humbly request your prompt reply.

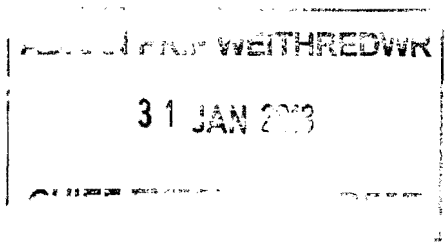
Yours Sincerely

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30th January 2013

Consultation on 2013/14 Budget Proposals
Chief Executive's Office
Ynys Mon County Council
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Dear Sir,

Re: 2013/14 Budget Proposals.

The Bodorgan Community Council considered your draft budget proposals for the 2013/14 financial year at their meeting of the 29th January 2013. As the members had some concerns about some aspects of the proposals, I have been instructed to write to you to express those concerns.

Whilst the Council fully accepts the financial difficulties that the authority faces, they were concerned about how you proposed to address those difficulties. There was extensive concern about the virtual acceptance of a 5% increase in the Council Tax for the next three years, but with little regard to the local economic situation. How can your officers justify an increase well in excess of inflation in what is predominately a very low wage economy; the County Council being one of the few exceptions from that norm? That statement is not meant to convey any disrespect, but rather to emphasise the need for a ruthless business orientated approach. The members have no wish to see any increase in unemployment, but unfortunately it is inevitable that the public sector must share the "pain" with the private sector.

Can a small authority such as Anglesey afford the current structure of a multitude of small sections, each with its own managerial/supervisory hierarchy? Would a leaner and a 'flatter' structure not be more cost effective? Public services should be structured in an economic, efficient and effective manner. Is Anglesey an authority of a sufficient size to justify its own corporate centre, or would it be more prudent to extend co-operation with neighbour authorities. Gwynedd Council appears to be able to plan ahead for cutbacks with a proposed increase of 3.5% in the Council Tax – is this a reflection of a more coherent remuneration policy and efficient management?

Have the Members and Commissioners compared the authorities staffing structure at its inception in April 1996 with that that exists now, and the reasons for any additions including grade inflation; -an in depth examination might reveal scope for savings?

Closing public toilets provides a minimal saving in terms of the deficit that needs to be eliminated, but at what cost to the local tourist economy. The Executive identified this industry as worth £245 million to the County in December 2012. They may not be a statutory function, but the members of this Council believe that they are an important part of the necessary infrastructure to support that industry.

The "Energy Island" initiative is a discretionary function, whose future development is in the hand of major industrial companies who make their decisions regardless of the views of local politicians. Can the expenditure on such an initiative be justified, as to outsiders it appears to be nothing more than an ego booster for a few individuals. Anglesey has a history of developing "economic miracles" which have resulted in more than one "white elephant".

The members were also concerned about possible increases in fees and charges, obligatory and discretionary. The effects of the parking fees can be seen in the empty Town centres of the island, and our beach car parks may follow if tourists are driven away by excessive charges. The Llangefni market has been virtually wiped out and local business are all stretched financially without additional burdens. It is appreciated that an increase in fees can offset fiscal cuts, but officers and members must be careful that they do not kill off the "golden goose". Our members believe that an increase of 5% in the Council Tax to be unreasonable and unacceptable, given the prevailing economic situation on the Island.

In conclusion, the members of this council were disgusted with the 13% rise in allowances, reported in today's Daily Post. This cannot be justified when staff pay is frozen. The members should all do the honourable thing, and decline to accept it. The rates quoted are well in excess of what professional officers of the authority are paid, and are an affront to them,

Yours faithfully



Mrs Deborah Evans, - Clerk to the BODORGAN Community Council.

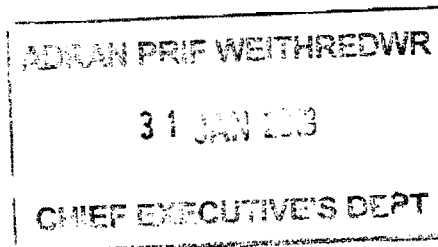
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Bodorgan Community Centre
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31st January 2013

Consultation on 2013/14 Budget
Chief Executive's Office
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Council Offices
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Dear Sirs,

Re: 2013/14 Budget Proposals.

Malltraeth Ymlaen, the Community Group for Bodorgan considered your Budget Proposals for the next financial year at their meeting last night. Our members were amazed to see a recommendation for 5% rise in the Council Tax, and that this rate of increase be applied over the following years as well. Don't the officers that prepare these reports realise that Anglesey has a low wage economy; or at least what is left of it. To expect the working person to pay an increase of twice the inflation rate is both unaffordable and unacceptable. We make the following observations with a complete understanding of the need to cut back expenditure on public services, but please do so in an objective manner, with the preservation of front line services as your main priority.

There is a perception within a segment of the public that officials have lost sight of their purpose to deliver services, and appear to expect the authorities to operate for their own benefits. Similarly that elected members appear preoccupied with the "gravy train" at the expense of the electorate, except for a few weeks preceding elections. The elected members must understand that if they support the 5% increase, their position as Councillors will come to an end in May.

An Executive Committee in December accepted a report that the local tourist industry was worth £240 million to the local economy. Yet the budget proposals include the closure of all public conveniences. They may not be a statutory function, but they must be an important factor in the support of the tourist industry. "Energy Island" is not a statutory function either, and the big players involved make their own decisions and will not be influenced by the views of local politicians, therefore why waste an additional £300K on this as it equates to an unnecessary 1.15% on the rate.

How does the authority justify its rate of remuneration to the Senior Leadership Group? Taxpayer's alliance figures show that it is well in excess of numerous larger authorities, and well in excess of the recently criticised payments made by Gwynedd Council. The half a million cost of the increases in the current fiscal year should be reversed. There is no legal impediment to such action which would save some 1.8% on the Council Tax. It is accepted

Malltraeth Ymlaen 'cyf'

that this may be one of the legacies of the Commissioners, and in particular one well experienced in riding the "gravy train". Anglesey's problems did not warrant such expenditure.

Cannot Corporate Democratic costs be further trimmed, as they appear excessive at £2.169 million? Consider a 10% cut in this sector of the budget. Was there a need for the recently advertised post of Corporate Manager on a salary of £43K (true cost £55K), for which the nine page job description showed it to be nothing more than a general "dogs body" for the Directors and elected members. Why are the authority still engaging consultants and in particular former employees, granted early retirement, re-engaged on what appears to be a semi permanent basis within one department.

Has there been an in-depth review on the attendance of members and officers on out of county meetings and conferences, and what benefits emanate from such attendance.

We note a contingency of £400K for Job Evaluation. Does job evaluation have a cost if carried out in an objective manner? Why not start by comparing the staffing in 1996 and that in place now, and why the changes and additions including salaries. Review the tier of Policy Officers/Compliance Managers and other fancy titles that are normally tasked to identify savings – turkeys do not vote for Christmas. Another legacy of the Commissioners is a reinforced corporate centre, the very area that delivers no service to the public and a reflection of the public service background of the Commissioners and their lack of business acumen. They will ride off to the sunset with well lined pockets, leaving the taxpayer's of Anglesey to pick up the tabs.

We were also amazed to read of the 13% increase in the allowances for councillors in the Daily Post on the 29th January. If the members have any moral values, they should not consider accepting this increase, at a time when staff pay is virtually frozen. The fact that it is a recommendation by an independent remuneration panel is of no significance, as that is probably made up mostly from individuals used to the receipt of public funds. The working hours quoted by the leader are unbelievable, but might justify the gritting of an unclassified road as far as his residence during the recent snow, in case Anglesey came to a halt without him – or is it another example of warped priorities when schools were closed through lack of snow clearance at the same time.

We sincerely hope that this is a genuine attempt at consulting the electorate and that you will give serious considerations to the observations submitted to you, and ensure that they are brought to the attention of all forty members, as the final decision on the Council Tax will be made by the County Council. We would suggest that an increase of 3% in the Council Tax might be palatable for the taxpayers,

Yours faithfully,



S A Jones - Secretary



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31 January 2013

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPT

MEETING THE CHALLENGES – BEAUMARIS TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE

Beaumaris Town Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on Anglesey County Council's budget proposals for 2013/14. Financially these are difficult times and it is good to see that the County Council is making efforts to live within its means.

Overall the Council agrees with the stated intention to prioritise protection of the most vulnerable in society. However it is vital that the importance of tourism to the local economy be better recognised in the budget proposals. The Destination Management Plan values tourism to Anglesey at £233 million per year and 4000 jobs. Ill considered cuts in council services will damage that income and employment whereas wisely targeted spend and services will underpin and support this vital industry.

In response to the specific feedback requested:

Social Services Budget

The assertion that social service budgets are being increased to avoid major cuts to activity levels is not borne out by the recent closure of the Beaumaris day care centre and the threat to the future of Haulfre residential home.

Leisure Budget

Though the Town Council would prefer that the Beaumaris Leisure Centre remains a County Council funded facility, it welcomes the proposal to maintain budget to give time for alternative arrangements to be made. However the Town Council has several concerns about the process which are outlined below.



The Town Council welcomes the progress being made by the Friends of the Canolfan to secure the future of Beaumaris leisure centre. This centre is more than just a local community resource, it plays a key role in supporting tourism across a wide area. The seating in the hall makes it a real multi use facility. However the Town Council is concerned that the Friends of the Canolfan may be being encumbered by large long term financial obligations that it will find hard to meet (e.g. pension rights of existing staff). The Council makes a plea that the County Council makes a relatively small contingency provision to underwrite these obligations. It would make a significant difference to the long term viability of this important tourist asset.

Councillors expressed a more general concern that increasingly the local community is being asked to fund facilities which are of wider island benefit. This does not seem to be the case elsewhere on the island. The Town Council requests that all leisure centres are treated equally. If one is to be handed over to the local community all should be handed over. The County Council should also look hard at the most expensive part of its leisure centre estate - swimming pools. Do we really need three swimming pools to serve the local population?

Prioritising Growth in Energy Island.

The Town Council welcomes support to the Energy Island Project. However the future of Wylfa B is subject to uncertainties beyond the control of the County Council whereas tourism is already a major industry on the island. A more balanced approach is required with a reasonable proportion of funds for economic development being used to support and maintain the facilities and services which support tourism. For example the strategic objectives of the recently agreed Destination Management Plan include:

- SO 2.2.2 Support local heritage attractions
- SO 2.2.3 Support existing leisure attractions
- SO 3.5.4 Make adequate provision for public toilets

The Town Council suggest that part of the £300,000 proposed by the Economic Development Service for Energy Island could be effectively used to support the strategic objectives of the Destination Management Plan.

Capital Plan Priorities

The Town Council were most concerned to see the reference to "Rationalisation and upgrading of leisure centres" as a capital priority. The community of Beaumaris is having to make great efforts to keep its leisure centre open. This centre, which is able to host major events such as the Beaumaris Festival and Plaid Cymru Spring Conference, provides a valuable resource for attracting business and visitors to Anglesey. It is therefore grossly unfair that the community of Beaumaris is being asked to put its hand in its own pocket in order that the County Council can redirect funds to other leisure centres. Anglesey County Council should be treating all leisure centres the same. If Beaumaris Leisure Centre is to be handed over to the community ALL leisure centres should be handed over to their communities.

5% Increase in Council Tax

The Town Council feel that this will disproportionately affect the people of Beaumaris. Beaumaris has a larger proportion of highly banded properties but has a median income lower than Anglesey as a whole. As a result the proposed increase will take a proportionately larger amount out of the local economy.

There are a few other more general observations that the Town Council wishes to make on the proposed budget.

1. Joined up thinking

The Town Council recognise that there is a statutory requirement for some spending. However it is not clear that the County Council is thinking corporately when making decisions about discretionary spend. It appears that some departments are making proposals without taking into account the wider implications. For example: The Waste Management department proposes to close the public toilets on the island despite toilet provision being a strategic priority in the Anglesey County Council's Destination Management Plan. Street cleaning is another service which appears easy to cut until one considers the importance of clean streets to visitors. Another proposal which could have an unfortunate impact on visitors is the proposed increase in parking charges, though the Council could consider differential rates designed to make visits to tourist attractions and destinations more affordable.

2. Current Performance

It appears that more needs to be done to create a culture of prudent financial efficiency and economy amongst council staff. The Council's own monitoring reports show that at least one departments is already 100% overspent against profile at the half year. Key cost saving projects (particularly reducing staff numbers and staff travel terms and conditions) seem to be continually slipping.

Other departments seem to be significantly behind profile in their spend (20% in at least one case). Where there are under spends against profile, the Town Council urges the County Council to avoid the temptation to spend in a hurry at the end of the year to catch up. Where departments fail to spend on time the under spend should be transferred to reserves as a hedge against the coming lean years.

There is a further example that suggests that some staff have yet to grasp the reality of the financial situation. Several departments submitted bids for growth. The Town Council is pleased that virtually all these bids have been turned down but wonder whether the bids should have been submitted in the first place.

3. Economic Development - Tourism

The Town Council welcomes the efforts being made to build the economy of the island. The recent adoption of the destination management plan is excellent news. However the importance of this plan does not seem to be reflected in the budget proposals. Several services are under threat which if cut would damage the tourism prospects of the island:

Public Toilets: Visitors need good public toilets. Cruise operators have already told the County Council that they will not take their passengers to places with inadequate facilities.

Street Cleaning: People will not visit scruffy dirty places. Street cleaning is an important part of creating attractive destinations. If cuts are required the cleaning of visitor destinations should be protected.

Leisure Centres: These service visitors as well as local people. Those which can be used to encourage visitors (for example by hosting concerts, events, conferences) deserve to be supported.

4. Vacant Posts

The Town Council noted several proposals to delete vacant posts. In these difficult times this is to be welcomed. Perhaps the time has come when the assumption is that a post will be deleted as it becomes vacant (with exceptions of front line teaching and social care posts). This has been the approach in many other organisations.

Such an approach might also bring the County Council's large severance pay bill under control. The Town Council note that a contingency of £1 million has been set aside in 2013/14 and that in 2011/12 £1.5m was spent on exit packages. These sums would go a long way to keep important council services operating. It is important therefore that more be done to reduce head count in a way that does not involve severance pay and using natural wastage is an obvious way of doing this.

Yours sincerely



Professor T W Ashenden
Town Clerk

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From: Les
To: <budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk>
Date: 15/01/2013 14:15
Subject: Consultation.

Sirs,
You ask for views regarding the budget.

My suggestions are these:

- 1) Freeze or even reduce Councillor's "expenses".
- 2) End "fact finding" missions.
- 3) Reduce the use of consultants. Your officers should already hold the necessary qualifications.
- 4) Declare a moratorium on further road improvements, expensive TRO's, annoying speed bumps, etc.
- 5) Improve the means to increase both farming and tourism - this includes limiting plans to concrete over viable farmland which also affects the environment and tourism.
- 6) Revise as necessary the need for further recruitment of "high fliers", particularly if this results in redundancies for ordinary Council workers.

Regards,

Les. Hayward.

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - Cwrdd a'r Heriau Y Gyllideb 2013/14

From: "Andreas/Manon Huws" [REDACTED]
To: <ymgyngoriadcyllideb@ynysmon.gov.uk>
Date: 17/01/2013 21:40
Subject: Cwrdd a'r Heriau Y Gyllideb 2013/14

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Annwyl Syr/Madam,

Ysgrifennaf atoch fel cynrychiolydd Unllais Cymru, Cyngor Plwyf Llanddyfnan. Ymateb i'r ddogfen ymgynghorol " Cynigion Cyllidol/Gwella Cychwynnol y Pwyllgor Gwaith ar gyfer 2013/14.

Parthed y paragraff " Rhaglen Ynys Ynni" tudalen 6, " Blaeoriaethwyd adnoddau fel y gellir gwneud y gwaith paratoi pwysig fel buddsoddiad ar gyfer budd cymunedol yn y dyfodol", credaf bod gwir angen am fwy o fanylion am yr "adnoddau" a natur y "buddsoddiad" y cyfeirir atynt yma. Cyfeirir at hyn eto yn atodiad C fel "Buddsoddiad a chyfraniad CSYM i'r Rhaglen Ynys Ynni. Er mwyn trafod yr arbedion arfaethedg yn gytbwys a chyflawn, mae'n angenrheidiol cael y wybodaeth yma. Gofynaf felly am wybodaeth pellach fwy manwl a thryloyw ynghylch yr uchod, fel bod modd cyfrannu yn llawn i'r ymgynghoriad hwn.

Byddwn yn falch o dderbyn cydnabyddiaeth eich bod wedi derbyn fy e-bost, ac fe fyddaf yn edrych ymlaen i dderbyn eich hymateb i'm cais.

Yn Gywir

Manon Huws

TRANSLATION

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E-mail from: Andreas/Manon Huws

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you as the representative of Unllais Cymru, Llanddyfnan Parish Council. Response to the consultation document "the Executive Committee's Initial Financial/Improvement Proposals for 2013/14". With regard to the paragraph "Energy Island Programme" page 6, "Resources have been prioritized to allow this important preparation to take place as an investment for future community benefit". I truly believe that more details are needed with regard to the "resources" and the nature of the "investment" referred to here. This is referred to again in Appendix C as "The Isle of Anglesey Council's Investment and Contribution to the Energy Island Programme". In order to discuss the proposed savings fully and in a balanced manner, this information is needed. I therefore request further more detailed and transparent information with regard to the above, in order that I can contribute fully to this consultation.

I would be pleased to receive acknowledgment of my e-mail and I look forward to receiving your response to my request.

Yours faithfully,
Manon Huws.

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - Cost cutting

From: RICHARD GRIFFITHS
To: "budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk" <budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk>
Date: 18/01/2013 16:37
Subject: Cost cutting

Mr Richard Griffiths

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my input on the Problem that Anglesey County Council, and its residents faces with future Budget restraints.

Every year the Council spend countless thousands of pounds in providing Grass cutting services to elderly council house Tenants.

Is it not unreasonable to continue offering this service at an extra charge ?

My Mother who is elderly pays someone to cut her grass because she Bought her ex-council house and therefore does not qualify for grass cutting,so

it is not unreasonable to expect payment for this service from Anglesey council elderly tenants.

Also does the Council actually check who qualifies for Grass cutting ? as i am fully aware that some Tenants who get their Garden cut are not even pensioners

but somehow still get their Gardens cut.

This is an emotive subject and bound to attract negative comments from some elderly tenants who would oppose this idea,however we have to bear in mind that

other Elderly residents of Anglesey have been paying for years without complaint.to get their Gardens tended from private contractors.

This is just one idea for your consideration and once again Thank you.

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - Suggestions

From: Jenet Peers
To: <budgetcor.....@anglesey.gov.uk>
Date: 24/01/2013 19:47
Subject: Suggestions

Hello

My list of areas where savings could be made includes

1. Selling off the golf course at Oriel Mon for development. There are plenty of alternate golf courses.
2. Reducing the number of beach wardens or even scrapping them (and the expensive vehicles they use). During wet summer days with very few people at Treath Bychan for instance, wardens sit around all day doing nothing. Scrapping these part time jobs will free up money to keep public toilets open.
3. Installing public waste bins in villages where householders can take garden waste which should be composted on site by anyone with a large garden anyway. Collecting grass cuttings is plain daft. People should be encouraged to stop cutting lawns so often.
4. Stop printing everything in Welsh and English. One version printed in whichever language is most appropriate and the alternative available for download only.
5. Scrap the boat registration scheme. I bet it doesn't even pay for itself.

Now a suggestion for increasing revenue

1 Oriel Mon is the worst advertised gallery/exhibition centre. I had a drawing in the Kyffin Wms exhibition and apart from a small piece on the prize-winner in the local paper, I never saw anything about it in any printed media. We get the Daily Post every day but I don't remember ever seeing the gallery referred to. There is a large room in the building that is very underused. Exhibitions in the corridor do not change often enough. The Ucheldre in Holyhead is better advertised and I would think makes more money.

Finally false economy . this refers to the suggestion of closing public toilets which is the daftest idea and could only have come from a man!

The Welsh Gov. Scheme of giving businesses £500 p.a to provide toilets for the public should be challenged. Only public buildings (village halls etc) should be eligible and they should be clearly signposted. Help should be given to communities to provide toilets that can be opened to the public in their community halls. At the moment the scheme that means a dentist gets £500 a year if he agrees people can use his loo is just nonsensical.

Kind Regards

Ruth B. Jones

From: Gwen Richards
Sent: 14 January 2013 11:22
To: budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk
Subject: Re proposal to close public toilets, especially on blue flag beaches

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Dear council

I am sure that you are aware that the economy of our island is increasingly dependant on tourism. The blue flag beaches attract both locals and visitors, and many people walk all or part of the anglesey coastal path. Blue flag beaches need "adequate number of toilets" and "a supply of drinking water should be available at the beach."

At my local beach at Llanddona there are no other toilets apart from the public ones, the nearest pubs with toilets are in Llanddona village one mile away up a very steep hill.

If beach toilets are removed, the blue flag beaches would lose their status.

Please rethink your proposal to close public toilets on the island.

Gwen Richards

sent from my iPad

Cybercheck
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Ruth B. Jones

From: Paul Gasson
Sent: 11 January 2013 15:04
To: budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk
Expires: 18 January 2013 00:00

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Hi,

We are all, of course, aware of the current economic climate and the need for cuts in every aspect of expenditure. I have read of possible cuts to schools, libraries and toilets, to name but 3, but in all the discussions I have never seen the cost of the bilingual policy on the island, any suggestions where economies might be made there or, significantly, how many people actually NEED the bilingual service. The answers to these points would, I am sure, be of great interest to the voters on the island.

Best regards,

Paul R.Gasson MRICS;FCIOB.
Associated Design
Chartered Building Surveyors

NOTES

Mo Blackburn
11 January 201
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Public Toilets

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... Council considered that toilet facilities are one of the criteria for a Blue Flag beach ? Surely Blue Flag beaches such as Church Bay are essential for the tourist industry - the public toilets there are the only toilets available.

Ruth B. Jones

From: Geoffrey Turner
Sent: 13 January 2013
To: budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk
Subject: Budget Consultation 2013 / 14

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Sir,

I have examined the 'Meeting the Challenges' document and have a number of observations to make.

The document outlines the Council Priorities under the title 'To promote and protect the interests of the island, its citizens and communities'. I therefore find some of the proposals outlined difficult to comprehend as they appear to contradict this statement. I also get the impression that a salami slice approach has been applied to budget reductions and no real strategy has been applied to redesign services to maximise outputs against a reduced budget.

I also fail to reconcile the anticipated reduction in members allowances, which is stated as on page 12 and annotated 'end of intervention / reduction in number of members'. The figure shown is -£20,000 but is it not the case that the number of councillors will reduce from 40 to 30 under the new scheme of 11 wards with 2 or 3 members per ward. If this is the case, the reduction of 10 councillors at a basic allowance of £11,664 should produce an outcome of £116,640 per annum saving. If not how has this figure been derived at.

Also, you propose to close all public toilets on the Island. I recognise that the council has no statutory requirement to provide public toilets, but as the island is tourist centric surely closing the toilets will be counter productive and could result in lower tourists and a reduction in revenue to the island overall. It needs to be recognised that many outlets are already suffering and a further reduction of tourists would make this even worse.

I also find the proposal to increase council tax by 5% unacceptable. The council increased council tax in 2011/12 when many councils froze council tax and nationally the UK Government has prepared the way for councils to freeze council tax again in 2013/14 (for the third year). Why is it that Anglesey County Council feels it can increase the tax each year when others have frozen the tax? Surely this suggests that the council does not respect the position that many residents find themselves in on a flat budget.

The council needs to redesign services to ensure outputs improve against lower budgets and need to look at ways to do this. Other authorities have moved all leisure services to a leisure trust, which is outside of the council. Staff are TUPE'd across and buildings / facilities moved to the trust. The Leisure Trust then runs the services on a profit making basis. I understand that the council is looking at options similar to this by moving facilities to local groups, but I respectfully suggest that there is a better outcome by adopting the leisure trust option.

I also recommend that the council looks at moving all housing stock to a housing trust. I made this suggestion last year and did not receive any feedback on my suggestion. A considerable number of councils have adopted this approach and there is significant benefit to adopting this approach. Housing Trusts have access to funding lines that councils do not have and generally where a Housing Trust is put in place tenants have better homes.

I also suggest that Anglesey County Council should combine its IT / IS department with another local authority. The amount of money shown in the accounts of £1.3M is not really a significant amount for the provision of IT. (I was an Assistant IT Director in a public body, so speak from considerable experience). Perhaps combining with another North Wales Authority would be an option.

Your proposals also indicate that you will not fill vacancies, for example Librarian posts. How will you cope with the gap that this creates. Have you considered implementing Library Volunteers as implemented in other authorities (An example is Trafford Council in Greater Manchester who has successfully implemented volunteers). Volunteers may work in other areas as well.

My general observation from reading the document is that it lacks detail and is not well thought out and ends up with the council tax payer picking up a 5% increase.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Turner

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Ruth B. Jones

From: lowri vaughan [REDACTED] 17
Sent: 14 January 2013 10:16
To: ymgynghoriadcylideb@ynysmon.gov.uk
Subject: Adroddiad Cynigion Cychwynol Cylideb 2013-14 Pwyllgor Gwaith - Atodiad C

Yn yr adran 'Crynodeb Arbedion Arfaethedig' mae na gyfeirnodau ar gyfer pob disgrifiad byr.

Ble mae'r cyfeirnodau hyn? Angen mwy o fanylion penodol ynglyn a'r toriadau unigol er mwyn gallu ymateb yn effeithiol.

Yn Gywir,

L.Vaughan

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E-mail from: Lowri Vaughan

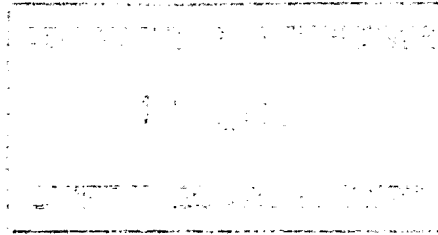
In the section 'Summary of Proposed Savings' there are references for each brief description.

Where are these references? More specific detail required with regard to individual cuts in order to respond effectively.

Yours faithfully,
L.Vaughan.

Our ref jgk/eac/015
14 January 2013

Chairman
Ynys Mon County Council
Council Offices
Llangefni
Ynys Mon



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Dear Sir

Whilst writing I note that the Council is seeking to reduce its costs – an exercise that is long overdue and necessary. My suggestions:

1. A substantial improvement in the efficiency of elected members and officers.
2. Better and more effective management of and by officers.
3. A reduction of 1% of Council staff in 2013 and again in 2014 with a review of a similar reduction in 2015.
4. A 5-10% reduction in salaries about £30k.
5. No annual increments in salaries above £20k for at least 5 years.
6. Abolishing ALL expenses that are claimed by and paid to elected members.
7. A significant reduction in the Council's 'entertainment budget.

Yours, faithfully


JOHN G. KELCEY

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - Meeting the Challenges : Consultation

From: KEITH WILLIAMSON [REDACTED]
To: <budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk>
Date: 03/02/2013 23:19
Subject: Meeting the Challenges : Consultation

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A question please .. page 11 gives savings target of £2,940k yet savings proposals are £3,977k ie proposals greater than target ?

So not all proposals are required ?

Page 8 says "maintaining Leisure budget to allow time for changes to provision .. yet page 14 shows £100k proposal ?

ok, our views :

- 1) Maintain Social service budgets by using savings from Queens Park,
- 2) Maintain Leisure budgets - proven to assist in Health, look at charging Health Authority for services provided, have day clinics at Leisure Centres. Make greater use of the facilities.
- 3) Prioritise growth in Children's service but NOT Energy Island Programme - do we really need countless debates and counter debates on Turbines and Pylons ?! Remember we claim to be an Island of beauty with a priority of promoting Tourism.
- 4) Further assumptions - it was hoped that reducing from 40 members to 30 would have been a saving, however **if** the Councillors accept the 13% offered that saving would be reduced and would also create a greater belief that the Members are not perceived to be working for the good of the Electorate. To accept a 13% rise when numerous others have had a pay freeze or reduction in hours or even lost their jobs on Anglesey is not "seen" as being either supportive nor caring and is likely to further distance them from the electorate. After all, many believe that its the fault of the inability of the 40 to work together, hiring and firing staff with high salaries and being the cause for outside intervention that has made the situation on Anglesey's finances that much worse. Please do not accept the 13% and restore some faith with the Electorate.
- 5) Capital Plan - use of Assets, saddened to see buildings in good state of repair being underused, or not used eg various Primary schools why can facilities not be shared ? The empty classroom / school become a Community Centre / Education centre, the kitchens also used to provide Meals on wheels, schools merged and sold with a % going into the Community to minimise objections to closures.
- 6) Proposed 5% Council Tax increase - unavoidable, but do NOT use it to pay an increased allowance to the Members !
- 7) Other suggestions : staffing costs are the highest cost to the Council, Council wishes to be a part of the Community and restore some faith from the public, why not have a pay reduction on everyone earning greater than £30,000 on a sliding scale ie £30,001 take a 1% reduction = £300, £30,501 take a 1.1% reduction and so on for every additional £500 band increase by 0.1% reduction it should not down-grade anyone to next band but equally again it could be seen as a measure of good intent, that we ARE all in this together. However I strongly suspect that this will be dismissed even though it could be seen as a positive move, a caring supportive role to those members of the public who just see the reductions that effect them, whether it be closed toilets or less day centres.

Please do not just dismiss the observations, but give them some considerations.

With regards

Christine

Mr. J Weston,

Budget Consultation, Anglesey 2013/14

Chief Executives office. An open letter to all.

I have already written to you on the 1st /Feb/2013. However I would like to express a few further points.

1. Highways.

I together with a lot of my neighbours and friends think that there is an over maintenance of the roads on Anglesey, in fact we seem to think it is some what of a joke, to see the same few Contractors doing this work year in and year out, do you go out for competitive National tendering, what is the tendering procedure?

I would suggest that Independent consultants could be hired to see if the sections of the roads do need to be done or not. I am sure that a there is a massive financial saving that could be made in this area.

2. Road signage.

We live on a beautiful Island, but the Island is increasing being blighted by ever increasing rd signage, there seems to be a sign for every occasion often repeated over and over on the same stretch of rd, again people I talk to are dismayed at the visual impact as they go around the Island. This is a National problem, but we need to do our bit to reduce unnecessary signage. There would be a financial saving if this was attended to.

3. Leisure and Swimming pools,

As I have presented in my previous letter to you, we need to create "super state of the art" swimming pools/sporting complexes, these should have walk in pools for the elderly and the ambient temperature and the water should be kept above the minimum temperature, to help the elderly to swim and move in comfort, this would help the young as well. By creating one or two such complexes, there could be huge savings to be made.

You have a difficult job ahead of you to run Anglesey efficiently , but then that is your job, to do it right for the people of Anglesey who rely on you. A weak Management can put up the council taxes up year on year, but to not put them up takes a decisive strong efficient Management.

I do hope you consider the views I have out lined, which are also expressed by local residents, I wish you all well in your decisions. Yours sincerely. John Weston. 3rd /Feb/2013.

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - Budget Consultation 2013-2014

From: Wayne Jones [REDACTED]
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Date: 04/02/2013 14:53
Subject: Budget Consultation 2013-2014

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In reference to the document issued by Anglesey County Council 'Ynys Mon / The Isle of Anglesey: Meeting the Challenges Budget Consultation 2013/14' I have the following points to make: -

Page 1: COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2012 / 2015

The statement that the councils strategic priorities include an island: -

- which has a thriving and prosperous rural economy;
- where people are proud of their Council.

I would be very interested to know how the council is going to achieve both of these aims, because if I'm honest if the council manage to achieve 1 of these aims in the next 2 years it would be an absolute miracle!!!

Also, the statement on Page 2 a) Current socio/economic challenges and opportunities facing the island, states: -

*'The introduction of the welfare reform changes will bring additional pressures to bear, particularly in areas of **high deprivation**, where there have been **significant job losses** and **unemployment remains high**'*

This statement alone identifies the island as it currently stands, however the council in it's wisdom is proposing a 5% rise in Council Tax. This is an £0.86p a week rise for a Band D house, in reality for me this means an increase of approximately £1.35 a week. It seems to be the answer to every financial problem faced either by this council or the government in general, increase the contributions by the hard working tax payer, who is already on his knees!!! You talk about the vulnerable in society, keep taxing the people, let's see how quickly you manage to achieve a 'thriving and prosperous rural economy' compared to how quickly the whole society is so depleted and desperate that every household is deemed as being vulnerable!!

For the record I am **vehemently opposed** to any rise in the Council Tax rate for Anglesey, which I believe is still one of the most deprived areas of the UK.

Wayne Jones

Monday 4th February, 2013

Dear sir/madam,

Last year Anglesey Council increased council tax by 4.5% – the highest rise of any authority in England and Wales.

Now, according to your document “Meeting the Challenges” you propose to increase council tax by “5% each year”.

You say that “The settlement from the Welsh Government means we cannot avoid increasing the Council Tax in 2013/14”. But then go on to say that the Council wants our feedback on the PROPOSED 5% increase in Council Tax.

So which is it? The Council cannot avoid increasing the Council Tax, or the increase is only *proposed* and is subject to consultation with residents?

The Council wants “to avoid, wherever possible, adding to the difficulties already being experienced as a result of the current economic situation”. Exactly how does a Council Tax rise way ahead of inflation achieve this?

Councillors have recently been awarded a highly controversial 13% rise, is their acceptance of this rise an example of how the Council is “Meeting the Challenges”?

You state that you want “to create an Anglesey where people are proud of their Council.” I feel that the Council has a somewhat misguided view of what will instil this pride in the residents it represents.

Getting rid of unnecessary wastage and expenditure is the way forward not treating residents as a cash cow year after year.

I trust you will take my concerns into account and look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Mr L Woollam ‘

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - budget consultation

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From: nigel peacock <
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Date: 04/02/2013 14:42
Subject: budget consultation

Dear Sir / Madam,

Here are some comments in response to the budget consultation document. I very much hope that they will be taken into account when revising these proposals.

1. Given the desire, stated on p1 of the consultation document, of the Council to create an Anglesey '..where people are proud of their Council', it would seem entirely inappropriate for councillors to accept a 13% increase in their personal payments at a time of staff pay freezes and proposed increases in Council Tax once again ahead of inflation.

Refusing to accept these increases may start to change the image of Anglesey councillors in the minds of the people they purport to serve, perhaps in the longer term reaching a situation where words like 'corrupt', 'incompetent' and 'scum' are no longer used by Anglesey residents to describe Anglesey Councillors. It would also save some money (approximately £63,000 if the reports in the press are accurate?).

2. If you have to raise parking charges, please do not do so without considering the effects of the increases. For example, charging for parking at Coed Cynol in Menai Bridge has just diverted people wanting to go for walks on Ynys Tudwal and the Belgian Prom into using Waitrose Car Park, thereby making it more difficult to go shopping, increasing to possibility of accidents in the overcrowded Waitrose car park, and perhaps discouraging Waitrose shoppers and thereby diverting Anglesey trade back over the bridge to Bangor Tesco.

Similarly, charging to park at the Health Centre in Beaumaris has just diverted people back onto the streets of the already-overcrowded Beaumaris.

Car parking charges in these locations should be removed.

3. Most of the costs of Anglesey Council related to staff costs. In almost any admin job, there is at least 10% of the job that doesn't actually need doing, or could be done by someone on a lower grade than the post-holder. I suggest that, if it is not already in place, a policy allowing any members of staff who would be happy to take additional leave, perhaps to have Friday afternoons and/or Monday mornings off, to have say 10 'duvet days' per year without these being counted as sick leave, or to

have an additional couple of weeks holiday, should be allowed to do so, provided this is unpaid and they identify the 10% of their role that doesn't actually need doing.

For senior managers - perhaps anyone being paid over £50,000 per year, this '10% unpaid leave' policy should be made compulsory. Senior managers should be competent enough to identify at least 10% of their job that could be done by someone on a lower salary.

4. Given the considerable public opposition to wind turbine developments on the island, and the cost to the Council in responding to proposals for turbine developments, perhaps the Council should introduce a minimum fee, to be charged to the developer, for submitting wind turbine applications. Perhaps a non-refundable fee of say £10,000 for a small turbine application up to £100,000 for a large turbine application would be appropriate. This fee would discourage speculative wind-turbine applications whilst raising revenue for the Council from more-realistic applications.

5. Councils in England cannot raise council tax by more than 2% without holding a local referendum. Although this is not required in Wales, it does seem inappropriate that electors in England should have a choice denied to electors in Wales. The increase in Council Tax should therefore be kept below 2% or Anglesey should arrange a local referendum on the increase and abide by the result.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Best wishes,

Nigel Peacock



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Dear Sir / Madam

Diolch am y cyfle i roi sylw i Gyllideb Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn 2013- 2014. Derbyniwch y llythyr hwn fel ymateb i'r Datganiad Cyllideb Cychwynnol a'r Ymgynghoriad. Bydd ymateb pellach unwaith y cyhoeddir manylion y toriadau yn arbennig yn yr Adran Gymuned. Mae'n amlwg fod sefyllfa ariannol y Cyngor Sir yn ddifrifol a bod rhaid gwneud penderfyniadau anodd - rhai ariannol a rhai gweithredol. Bydd yr ymateb yma i'r gyllideb yn ailadrodd llawer o'r sylwadau'r llynedd a gobeithio iddynt dderbyn gwell ystyriaeth.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Anglesey County Council Budget 2013 – 2014. Please accept this letter as a response to the Preliminary Budget Statement and Consultation. There will be a further response once the details of the cuts are announced, especially in the Community Department. It is evident that the County Council's financial situation is serious and that difficult decisions have to be made – some financial and some operational. This response to the budget will reiterate many of last year's comments and it is hoped that they will receive better consideration.

Fel yr ydych yn ymwybodol Medrwn Môn yw'r Cyngor Gwirfoddol Sirol ar Ynys Môn gydag aelodaeth o dros 300 o fudiadau ac mewn cyswllt a thros 800 o gyrff gwirfoddol ar yr Ynys.

As you are aware Medrwn Môn is the County Voluntary Council on Anglesey with a membership of over 300 organisations and in contact with over 800 voluntary organisations on the Island.

Y llynedd amlygwyd gwendidau amlwg yn y modd y cyflwynwyd penderfyniadau ynglŷn ag arbedion y Cyngor i'r sector - diffyg

Last year obvious weaknesses were highlighted in the way decisions were presented regarding the Council's cuts to the sector – lack of direct



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cyfathrebu uniongyrchol, camargraff o'r modd o gyrraedd arbedion, penderfyniad gweithredol hwyr iawn ym mis Mai, dim cyfle i herio'r penderfyniad. Eleni mae rhaid osgoi hyn. Ni ddilynwyd argymhellion y Cod Cyllido ynglŷn â rhybudd digonol o'r penderfyniad gweithredol. Yn lle penderfyniad gweithredol beth am ddialog?

Mae'n debyg mae arian craidd Adran Gymuned i'r sector gwirfoddol sydd dan fygythiad unwaith eto oherwydd nid oes linell gyllideb i'r sector wirfoddol yn unman arall yn y Gyllideb. Beth yw safbwynt corfforaethol y Cyngor ynglŷn â buddsoddiadau yn y sector wirfoddol - mae'n debyg bod adrannau eraill o'r Cyngor gyda pherthynas gyllidol a'r sector wirfoddol?

Nid yw'r sector wedi osgoi toriadau ym muddsoddiadau'r Cyngor ers nifer o flynyddoedd - y tair blynedd diwethaf - 5%, 5%, 8%. Ond ar ben hynny ni dderbyniwyd codiadau chwyddiannol ac wrth gwrs mae hyn yn lluosio'r golled i'r sector. Hefyd erydwyd hyd y cytundebau lefel gwasanaeth gydag ychydig iawn yn fwy na blwyddyn erbyn hyn - sut mae ymddiriedolwyr a gweithwyr yn cynllunio gwasanaethau i unigolion bregus a sut mae perswadio cyllidwyr allanol i fuddsoddi yn yr hinsawdd hon.

Mae yna ymwybyddiaeth o'r gwaith enfawr o ail-fodelu gwasanaethau gan yr Adran Gymuned a chroesawir y datganiadau yn caniatáu arian trawsnewid gwasanaethau yn 2013-14 ac amddiffyn gofal cymdeithasol - oes modd esbonio hyn yng ngoleuni'r arbedion i'r sector. Mae'r sector yn gyfarwydd ag arbedion effeithiolrwydd a fynwyd gan y Cyngor dros nifer o flynyddoedd ac wedi ymateb. Gofynnir i'r Cyngor drafod yn llawn a diduedd gyda'r sector wrth edrych ar 'cyfleoedd i ddarparu'r gwasanaethau yn wahanol; all sefydliadau eraill gynorthwyo i'w darparu'.

£74,000 (i gymharu â £33,000 y llynedd) yw'r arian a ddynodir fel arbedion gan yr Adran Gymuned - y trydydd arbediad mwyaf yn gyllideb yr adran! Gofynnwn i chwi drafod yr arbedion gyda deiliad y

communication, a misunderstanding of the way of achieving savings, a very late executive decision in May, no opportunity to challenge the decision. This year this must be avoided. The recommendations of the Funding Code regarding an adequate notice of the executive decision were not followed. What about dialogue instead of an executive decision?

It is likely that the Community Department's core funding to the sector is under threat once again because there is no budget line for the voluntary sector anywhere else in the Budget. What is the Council's corporate perspective regarding investments in the voluntary sector - it is likely that other departments in the Council have a financial relationship with the voluntary sector? It seems that the same organisations are cut annually.

The sector has not avoided cuts in the Council's investments for many years - the last three years - 5%, 5%, 8%. But on top of this no inflationary increases were received and of course this is multiplying the losses to the sector. Also, the length of service level agreements have been eroded with very few more than a year - how can trustees and staff plan services to vulnerable individuals and how can we persuade external funders to invest in this climate.

There is an awareness of the vast work of remodelling services by the Community Department and the declarations allowing finance to transform services in 2013 - 2014 and protecting social care - is there a way to explain this in light of cuts to the sector. The sector is familiar with efficiency savings demanded by the Council over many years and have responded. The Council is asked to discuss fully and impartially with the sector when looking at 'opportunities to provide services differently; Can other organisations assist to provide them'.

£74,000 (compared to £33,000 last year) is the sum designated as cuts by the Community Department - the third largest heading in the department's budget! We ask you to discuss the cuts with the service level agreement

cytundebau ac erfyniwn ar unrhyw benderfyniad i beidio bod yn un gweithredol. Nid yw'r sector yn rhan o drefniadau sgrwtini'r Cyngor eto ac felly mae cyfle arall wedi'i golli i feithrin dialog amlochrog. Oes yna esboniad ar sut y penderfynwyd ar y swm o £74,000 - dulliau monitro cadarn diduedd, diffyg perfformiad, asesiad effaith (gan gynnwys asesiad effaith cydraddoldeb) neu dim ond toriadau cyffredinol?

Mewn llythyr gan y Gyfarwyddwraig Gymuned i ddeiliaid cytundebau lefel gwasanaeth, dyddiedig 18 Rhagfyr 2012, mae yna son am 'adolygu'r trefniadau comisiynu ac is-adeiladwaith o ddarpariaeth arbedol'. Pryd fydd trafodaeth ynglŷn â hyn gyda'r sector?

Tybiaf fod perthynas y sector wirfoddol yn bwysig i'r Cyngor ac i'r modd y darperir gwasanaethau i'r dyfodol. Felly mae angen arweiniad buan iddynt ynglŷn ar sefyllfa gyllidol a'r rôl a rhagwelir iddynt yn nhrawsnewid gwasanaethau'r Cyngor Sir ac yn y Bwrdd Gwasanaeth Lleol.

holders and we ask that any decision made should not to be an executive one. The sector is not yet a part of the Council's scrutiny arrangements and therefore another opportunity has been lost to foster a multilateral dialogue. Is there an explanation on how the sum of £74,000 has been decided – strong impartial monitoring mechanisms, non-performance, an impact assessment (including an equality impact assessment) or is it just general cuts.

In a letter dated 18 December 2012 from the Community Director to holders of service level agreements, there is mention of 'reviewing commissioning arrangements and infrastructure of preventative provision'. What is happening with regard to this statement?

I believe that the voluntary sector's relationship is important to the Council and to the provision of future services. Therefore they require early guidance regarding the financial situation and the role envisaged for them in transforming the County Council's services and in the Local Service Board.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely



JOHN R JONES
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From: ROGER WRIGHT

To: "www.budgetconsulta...@anglesey.gov.uk" <www.budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk>

Sent: Sunday, 3 February 2013, 10:00

Subject: BUDGET CONSULTATION

Hello,

May I add my input to the Budget Consultation.

1. Maintain the leisure budget while you consider changing the structure of the leisure centers BUT in the interim INCREASE the charges for O.A.P's to attend. O.A.P's should be charged at least DOUBLE what they are currently charged.

2, Efficiency savings:

a. Charge O.A.P's 20 pence for each bus journey . Nothing in life should be FREE or people will not appreciate it.

b. Be more ruthless in cutting out bus services that run on Sundays for instance those that have no one on them or very few. I often see empty buses around Llandegfan, Llangoed, Penmon etc.

c. Reduce the number of Councillors again. We really do need less. Residents can provide input to the Council by letter, phone , E Mail, text etc OR even hop on a bus to Llangefni for face to face with Council officials. Run more surveys on topics you want to establish what we the residents want. Be like the Swiss and Austrian local governments that are always having referendums on what people want.

Thanks you.

Regards

Roger Wright

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - budget consultation

From: "richard fisher" [REDACTED]
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Date: 05/02/2013 17:24
Subject: budget consultation

I realise that this response is just outside your deadline, please accept my apologies. Nevertheless I hope that you will be able to take my response into account going forward:-

The draft document outlines the severe restraints to budgets over the next 3 years. The residents of Angelsey have to live within their means with their financial resource under pressure from all angles. I feel it is time the council cut its cloth accordingly and did not rely on above inflation council tax rises in order to balance its books. I hear from the media that any increase above 3% needs to be sanctioned through referendum. Is this the case and if so do you have this sanction?

I am not aware of the precise detail behind the proposed savings outlined in the appendix to the consultation report. However I believe Angelsey is one of the smallest if not the smallest county council in Wales and also England for that matter. I think economies of scale may help to deliver bigger savings than those identified in the consultation exercise if the council were to be merged with neighbouring Gwynedd CC.

Richard Fisher



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Dyddiad / Date: 5 February 2013

RE: MEETING THE CHALLENGES – BUDGET CONSULTATION 2013/14

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the broad budget proposals for Anglesey County Council outlined in your Consultation Document.

Like ourselves, Local Authorities are facing particularly difficult financial challenges and are looking for significant cost savings which inevitably will result in some reduction in service provision or changes to the way services are delivered.

Where our services interlink and we need to ensure seamless delivery, we must continue to endeavour to work closely together to ensure that any impact on services and our population is understood and best managed.

Of particular concern are your proposals to reduce Social Services budgets, and it would be extremely helpful if you could ensure close working between your officers and our Locality GP lead and Matron to further understand the detail of these proposals. The words in the Consultation Document in terms of Social Services do not seem to match the figures. On Page 8 you ask for feedback on increasing the Social Services budget so as to avoid major cuts to current activity levels. However, the analysis of savings on Page 14 shows £812,000 worth of proposed savings, with £84,000 worth of developments to the wider programme including Social Services?

The biggest element of savings is £500,000 on Rationalisation/Transformation of Adult Services Commissioning/General Review of Provider Services costs. We would seek further clarity about what the savings are and how they might impact on the provision of health and social care services for the population as well as on the Health Board costs and service models. We have particular concerns regarding delayed transfers of care from hospitals and our ability to further progress a joint approach to the delivery of community services through the Locality Leadership Team. In addition, as we have a regional commissioning hub for high cost packages of care and an agreed fees setting model for residential care it is important to understand what level of savings are envisaged from external commissioning and the potential impact on local independent market.



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With regards to the proposals to save £74,000 on Voluntary Sector SLA costs, it would be interesting to know what % of the baseline this represents and what criteria has used to decide on the reduction. The Health Board would also need to be aware if this is a reduction across all SLAs or whether you are proposing to cease some contracts. It may be that we also contribute to some of these SLAs and there could be opportunities to create efficiencies jointly. There may also be a need to maintain the balance of funding evenly between the Health Board and Social Services.

Again it would be very helpful if plans to reduce seven bus services do proceed, saving £190k per annum, that the Locality Team is involved with the detail at an early stage so that we can understand how these changes may impact on people's ability to access primary and secondary health services. It would also be helpful to know if there is any planned reduction in funding to Community Transport providers on the island as they currently provide very good support for residents accessing health services.

With regards to budget proposals for increasing charges for leisure services we have concerns about the unintended impact on people accessing leisure opportunities, which could reduce usage and benefits of services, meaning a lessened health impact and increased budget deficit in leisure services. We would like to propose that consideration is given to ways of supporting more people to access leisure services to increase revenue income as well as the added health benefits. Taken in tandem with other reductions in leisure services your proposals may result in a poorer quality and more expensive service.

I trust these comments are useful and would wish to emphasise the importance of continued close working, particularly during these difficult economic times, to ensure we can deliver the best services possible across both sectors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Burrows'.

MARY BURROWS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

cc Dr Andrew Jones
Dr Steve MacVicar

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Par. - Cwrdd â'r Heriau Y Gyllideb 2013 – 2014

Cyfeiriaf at eich llythyr, dyddiedig 11eg Ionawr 2013, ynghyd a'r ddogfen ymgynghorol "Cwrdd â'r Heriau".

Dyma sylwadau Cyngor Cymuned Pentraeth ar y cyfryw.

1. Pryder y Cyngor Cymuned yw nad oes digon o amser yn cael ei ganiatáu i wir astudio'r ddogfen.
2. Nid oes eglurhad llawn i ble mae'r arian yn mynd na chynnwys y gyllideb bresennol yn erbyn perfformiad presennol.
3. Er bod rhai o'r manylion wedi eu mabwysiadu mae'r Aelodau yn teimlo ei fod yn bwysig cynnwys y ddogfen yn cael ei hanelu at y rhai sy'n gyfrifol am reoli ariannol yn y Cyngor Sir.
4. Mae Adran Cymunedau a Llywodraeth Leol Llywodraeth Cymru wedi darparu canllaw o "50 o Ffyrdd i Safio" - dyma rai ohonynt. *Efallai bod rhai o'r canlynol yn cael ei gweithredu yn barod.*
5. Cyfuno gwasanaethau swyddfa gefn gyda chostau rheoli.
6. Torri ar wastraff.
7. Mynd i'r afael ar dyblygu taliadau.
8. Torri i lawr ar gardiau talu corfforaethol.
9. Mynd i'r afael a thwyll.
10. Ceisio ad-daliad gan twyll budd-daliadau.
11. Ceisio 'mwy am lai' drwy gyd brynu ar y cyd â Chynghorau eraill.
12. Rheolaeth well ar dir ac eiddo.
13. Cwtogi ar gyrsiau a seminarau mewn gwestai moethus.
14. Cynadledau fidio yn lle trafaelio.

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Correspondence from: Pentraeth Community Council
Dated: 1.02.13

Dear Sir,

RE: MEETING THE BUDGET CHALLENGES 2013-14

I refer to your letter dated 11 January 2013 and the consultation document "Meeting the Challenges".

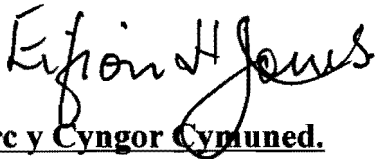
These are the observations of Pentraeth Community Council:

1. The Community Council is concerned that not enough time is being allowed to properly scrutinise the document.
2. There is no full explanation of where the money is going or the contents of the current budget against current performance???
3. Although some of the details have been adopted, the Members feel that it is important that the contents of the document are aimed towards those responsible for financial management in the County Council????
4. The Communities and Local Government Department of the Welsh Government has provided guidelines on "50 Ways to Save" – these are some of them. *Some of the following may be being implemented already.*
5. Combine back office services and management costs.???
6. Cutting waste.
7. Addressing duplication of payments.
8. Cutting down on corporate charge cards
9. Addressing fraud
10. Recovering fraudulent benefit payments.
11. 'More with less' by means of joint procurement with other Councils.
12. Better management of land and property.
13. Cutting down on courses and seminars in luxurious hotels.
14. Video conferencing rather than travel.
15. Cutting printing costs
16. Reduction in 1st class travel
17. Opening a coffee shop or installing a coffee machine in the libraries.
18. Freezing Councillors' allowances and ending their pensions.
19. Cutting expenditure on colourful brochures.
20. Leasing out art work that is not being exhibited.

Eifion H.Jones,
Clerk to the Community Council

15. Torri ar gostau argraffu.
16. Lleihad ar drafaelio dosbarth cyntaf.
17. Agor siop goffi neu osod peiriant coffi yn y llyfrgelloedd.
18. Rhewi lwfansau Cynghorwyr a rhoi diwedd ar eu pensiynau.
19. Torri ar wariant ar lyfrynnau lliwgar.
20. Rhoi gwaith celfydd, nad ydynt yn cael eu harddangos, a'r les.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,



Clerc y Cyngor Cymuned.

**Cofnodion Drafft Fforwm Ysgolion a gynhaliwyd dydd Llun 4 Chwefror
2013 yn Siambr Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn, Llangefni**

Presennol: Cyng. Goronwy Parry - Deilydd Portffolio Addysg (Cadeirydd)
 Cyng John Chorlton – Deilydd Portffolio Cyllid
 Mrs Anwen Morgan- Pennaeth Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern
 Dr Brian Jones – Pennaeth Ysgol David Hughes
 Mr Owen M Thomas – Pennaeth Ysgol Gynradd
 Mr Jac Jones – Llywodraethwr Ysgol Uwchradd
 Mr Ian Owen – Llywodraethwr Ysgol Gynradd
 Mrs Olwen D Williams – Llywodraethwr Uwchradd
 Mr Andreas Huws – Pennaeth Ysgol Y Bont
 Mr Sion Williams - Cynrychiolydd Fforwm Undebau
 Mrs Margaret Williams Owen – Adran Addysg (Cofnodi)
 Mrs Bethan Owen - Cyfrifydd Grŵp Addysg
 Ms Gill Lewis – Swyddog 151
 Ms Clare Williams – Pennaeth Gwasanaeth-Adnoddau
 Dr Gwynne Jones – Gyfarwyddwr Dysgu Gydol Oes

Ymddiheuriadau:

Mr Gwyn Parri, Pennaeth Gwasanaeth Addysg
 Mrs Mary LI Hughes – Llywodraethwr Cynradd
 Mr Gareth Hughes – Pennaeth Ysgol Y Borth
 Miss Ann Roberts – Pennaeth Cynradd
 Mr H Emyr Williams – Pennaeth Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones

Sylwebyddion:

Mr Jim Saxon - NUT
 Mr Ken Jones – Llywodraethwr Ysgol Parc y Bont
 Mr Neil Tuck – Llywodraethwr Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi
 Mrs Anne Williams – Llywodraethwr Ysgol Y Ffridd
 Mrs Rhian Mair Jones – Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
 Mr Haydn Davies – Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni
 Mr Martin Wise - Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi
 Mr Sean Snappe – Llywodraethwr Ysgol Y Bont
 Mrs Joanne Ellis – Llywodraethwr Ysgol Llanfawr
 Parch Harri Owain Jones – Llywodraethwr Ysgol David Hughes
 Cyng Peter Rogers – Llywodraethwyr Ysgolion Niwbwrch/Dwyran

1. Croeso ac Ymddiheuriadau

Croesawyd pawb i'r cyfarfod gan Y Cadeirydd, Cyng Goronwy Parry. Croesawodd Ms Clare Williams, Pennaeth Gwasanaeth Adnoddau, i'w chyfarfod cyntaf. Dymunodd yn dda i Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones sydd yn dathlu 60 mlynedd ers ei sefydlu eleni.

2. Datganiad o ddiddordeb

Yn unol â chanllawiau Cylchlythyr Cynulliad Cymru ar Fforymau Ysgolion gofynnwyd i aelodau'r Fforwm ddatgan unrhyw gysylltiad lle bo'n berthnasol er mwyn osgoi achosion o wrthdaro buddiannau yn nhrefodaethau'r Fforwm. Os bydd sefyllfa unrhyw un o'r aelodau'n newid yn ystod eu cyfnod ar y Fforwm gofynnwyd iddynt adael i'r Cadeirydd wybod cyn gynted ac y bo modd.

**Draft Minutes of the Schools Forum held on Monday 4 February 2013
in the Anglesey County Council Chamber, Llangefni**

Present: Coun. Goronwy Parry – Education Portfolio Holder (Chairman)
Coun. John Chorlton – Finance Portfolio Holder
Mrs Anwen Morgan - Head Teacher, Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern
Dr Brian Jones – Head Teacher, Ysgol David Hughes
Mr Owen M Thomas – Primary School Head Teacher
Mr Jac Jones – Secondary School Governor
Mr Ian Owen – Primary School Governor
Mrs Olwen D Williams – Secondary School Governor
Mr Andreas Huws – Head Teacher, Ysgol y Bont
Mr Sion Williams - Union Forum Representative
Mrs Margaret Williams Owen – Education Department (Minutes)
Mrs Bethan Owen – Education Group Accountant
Ms Gill Lewis – 151 Officer
Ms Clare Williams – Head of Service (Resources)
Dr Gwynne Jones – Director of Lifelong Learning

Apologies: Mr Gwyn Parri, Head of the Education Service
Mrs Mary LI Hughes – Primary Head Teacher
Mr Gareth Hughes – Head Teacher, Ysgol y Borth
Miss Ann Roberts – Primary Head Teacher
Mr H Emyr Williams – Head Teacher, Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones

Observers: Mr Jim Saxon - NUT
Mr Ken Jones – Governor, Ysgol Parc y Bont
Mr Neil Tuck – Governor, Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi
Mrs Anne Williams – Governor, Ysgol y Ffridd
Mrs Rhian Mair Jones – Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
Mr Haydn Davies – Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni
Mr Martin Wise - Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi
Mr Sean Snappe – Governor, Ysgol y Bont
Mrs Joanne Ellis – Governor, Ysgol Llanfawr
Rev. Harri Owain Jones – Governor, Ysgol David Hughes
Coun. Peter Rogers – Governors of Niwbwrch/Dwyran Schools

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman, Coun. Goronwy Parry, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Ms Clare Williams, Head of Service (Resources) to her first meeting. He expressed best wishes to Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, who were that year celebrating the 60th anniversary of their establishment.

2. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Welsh Government’s Circular on school Forums, the Forum’s members were asked to declare any connection where relevant, in order to avoid cases of clashing interests in the Forum’s discussions. If any member’s situation changed during their time on the forum, they were asked to inform the Chairman as soon as possible.

Ni fynegodd unrhyw un fod ganddo/ganddi unrhyw gysylltiad a fyddai'n berthnasol i'r Fforwm.

3. Cofnodion cyfarfod 5 Rhagfyr 2012 a materion yn codi.

Nodwyd fod trafodaeth ar gyfansoddiad y Fforwm ac ar y gorwariant integreiddio ar yr agenda.

Cafwyd y cofnodion yn gofnod cywir o'r cyfarfod.

4. Ymgynghoriad ar Gyllideb 2013/14

Eglurodd Cyng J Chorlton fod Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn wedi bod yn ymgynghori ar Gyllideb 2013/14 dros yr wythnosau diwethaf a bod cyfle heno i'r Fforwm fynegi eu barn/sylwadau. Cafwyd trosolwg o'r prif bwyntiau sydd yn yr ymgynghoriad gan Gill Lewis, gan roi sylw penodol i'r sector Addysg. Nodwyd y sylwadau isod:

- Proses anodd gan fod Môn yn sir fach felly nid yw'r dyraniad yn rhoi llawer o le i addasu
- Bydd angen i'r Cyngor wneud arbedion effeithiolrwydd tan olaf 2017/18
- Angen darganfod arbedion effeithiolrwydd o £10m dros y 3 mlynedd nesaf
- Cyngorwyr wedi parchu blaenoriaethau Llywodraeth Cymru i ddiogelu ysgolion (+2.08% i ysgolion)
- Gwasanaeth Addysg (dim ysgolion) wedi gorfod cyfrannu tuag at y lefel o arbedion effeithiolrwydd a darganfod arbedion o £279k – rhagwelir y bydd £28k yn dod allan o'r Gwasanaeth leuenctid
- Gorwariant sylweddol yng nghyllideb Addysg ar ddiwedd chwarter 3 yn 2012/13 ac o ganlyniad bydd yn wynebu'r sialens o unioni'r gyllideb wrth fynd i mewn i gyllideb 2013/14
- Cyngor Sir llawn i ddod i benderfyniad terfynol ar gyllideb 2013/14 ym mis Mawrth 2013.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd am y cyflwyniad uchod ac agorwyd y drafodaeth:

Mewn perthynas â'r "deisen fawr", dim ond 63% o'r cyllid sydd wedi cael ei glustnodi ar gyfer ysgolion yn ôl adroddiad Estyn. Fydd hyn yn wir eleni? Fyddai'n bosibl cael eglurhad i le aeth yr 20% arall gan fod Llywodraeth Cymru yn dweud fod angen clustnodi 80% i ysgolion? Roedd hyn yn un ffactor pam fod rhai ysgolion wedi gorfod diswyddo staff.

Eglurodd Gwynne Jones fod y sylw yn adroddiad Estyn yn cyfeirio at y flwyddyn flaenorol. Yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol 2012/13 roedd y lefel tua 80% sydd yn cyrraedd y targed mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei osod. Fe fudd y Cyngor yn dilyn canllawiau'r Llywodraeth i'r dyfodol mewn perthynas â hyn.

I ble aeth yr arian ychwanegol? Petai'r arian wedi mynd i'r ysgolion ni fyddai wedi bod rhaid diswyddo staff, byddai maint y dosbarthiadau'n llai ac o ganlyniad yr addysg yn well.

Noddodd GJ fod diswyddo staff yn cymryd lle er mwyn ymateb i faterion demograffeg yr ysgolion eu hunain. Eglurodd fod arian AAY yn cael ei ddatganoli i'r ysgolion ac o ganlyniad mae cyfrifoldebau yn cael eu rhoi ar yr ysgolion. Ond mae cyfyngiadau ar beth ellir ei wneud efo'r arian a ni ellir ei ddefnyddio i arbed swyddi athrawon.

None of those present stated they had any connection relevant to the Forum.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 5th December 2012 and matters arising

It was noted that discussion of the Forum's constitution and the integration overspending were on the agenda.

The minutes were found to be an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Consultation on the 2013/14 Budget

Coun. J Chorlton explained that Anglesey County Council had been consulting on the 2013/14 budget over the previous weeks and there was an opportunity that evening for the Forum to give their views/comments. Gill Lewis gave an overview of the main points in the consultation, paying specific attention to the Education sector. The comments below were noted:

- It was a difficult process because Anglesey was a small county and therefore the allocation did not allow much room for adaptation
- The Council would need to make efficiency savings until at least 2017/18
- Efficiency savings of £10m needed to be found over the next 3 years
- Councillors had respected the priorities of the Welsh Government by safeguarding schools (+2.08% for schools)
- The Education Service (not schools) had had to contribute to the level of efficiency savings and find savings of £279k – it was foreseen that £28k would come out of the Youth Service
- There was substantial over expenditure in the Education budget at the end of the 3rd quarter in 2012/13 and as a result it would face the challenge of rectifying the budget when entering into the 2013/14 budget
- The full County Council would come to a final decision on the 2013/14 budget in March 2013.

The Chairman expressed thanks for the above presentation and the debate was opened:

Regarding the 'big cake', only 63% of the funding was earmarked for schools according to the Estyn report. Would the same be happening that year? Could an explanation be provided of where the other 20% had gone, since the Welsh Government said that 80% needed to be allocated to schools? This was one factor why some schools had to make staff redundant.

Gwynne Jones explained that the comment in the Estyn report referred to the previous year. During the 2012/13 financial year the level was about 80%, which reached the target set by the Welsh Government. The Council would follow the Government guidelines in future in relation to this.

Where did the additional money go? If the money had gone to schools there would have been no need to sack staff, class sizes would be smaller and as a result education would be better.

GJ noted that staff were being made redundant in order to respond to demographic matters in the schools themselves. It was explained that ALN money was being delegated to the schools and as a result responsibilities were being placed on the schools. But there were limits to

5. Ysgolion cynradd mewn diffyg/ Cyllideb Integreiddio

i) Ysgolion cynradd mewn diffyg

Cafwyd trosolwg o'r sefyllfa gyfredol gan GL a nododd y pwyntiau isod:

- Nifer o'r ysgolion sydd mewn diffyg wedi cynyddu
- 12 ysgol gynradd eleni ac mae'r diffyg yn fwy na £15k mewn 5 o'r ysgolion
- 2 ysgol uwchradd mewn diffyg
- Cyfarfodydd wedi eu trefnu ac mae'r 12 ysgol wedi bod yn trafod eu sefyllfa efo'r swyddogion perthnasol
- Cyfrifydd Addysg yn gweithio efo'r Swyddogion Addysg i geisio gweld sut gellir cael trefn o gydweithio efo'r ysgolion
- Pwysig cofio na chaiff ysgolion fynd i ddiffyg heb ganiatâd Swyddog 151

Ategwyd y pwyntiau isod gan GJ:

- Adroddiad wedi mynd i'r Pwyllgor Sgrifftini diwedd 2012 (i'w weld ar safle we'r Cyngor Sir)
- Diffyg yn amrywio o £2k i £60k yn y cynradd yn unig
- Ysgolion sydd mewn diffyg yn gorfod cael cynllun adfer yn ei le
- Ffurflen bwrpasol wedi cael ei llunio (trafodwyd yn y cyfarfod diwethaf) ac mae'r Swyddogion wedi cyfarfod efo'r 12 ysgol gyda chais iddynt drafod y mater/ffurflen efo'u Llywodraethwyr
- Trafodaethau yn mynd rhagddynt efo'r 2 ysgol uwchradd er mwyn cael cynllun adfer yn ei le

ii) Integreiddio

Cafwyd trosolwg gan Bethan Owen, Cyfrifydd Addysg, o'r sefyllfa gyfredol mewn perthynas â'r gyllideb integreiddio:

- Cynnydd o dros £700K yng ngorwariant integreiddio rhwng 2006 a 2011
- Blwyddyn ariannol 2012/13 (hyd yn hyn)
 - Gorwariant uwchradd yn £417k
 - Gorwariant cynradd yn £106k
- Gorwariant a ragwelir erbyn 31:3:13 yw
 - Uwchradd £511k
 - Cynradd £130k
- Diswyddiadau wedi cael eu gwneud yn y Sector Uwchradd gyda chost o £60k, sydd i'w dalu gan yr Adran Addysg
- Rhagolygon ar gyfer cyllideb 2013/14 - gobeithio y bydd y gyllideb gynradd yn balansio gyda dim gorwariant

Agorwyd y drafodaeth a nodwyd y sylwadau isod:

- Pryder fod cyflwyno arweiniad i ysgolion yn cymryd yn rhy hir, mae gan Lywodraethwyr gyfrifoldeb i'r ysgol. Mae'r gefnogaeth yn dda iawn gan yr AAL pan mae problem o ddiffyg gan ysgol ond mae'n bwysig fod y neges yn mynd allan fod angen i bawb gael eu trin efo'r un cadernid. Mae angen i bob ysgol ddod o dan yr un rheolau ac arweiniad.

Nododd GJ fod Llywodraeth Cymru yn edrych ar ddyletswyddau Llywodraethwyr ar y funud ac yn awyddus iawn iddynt gymryd mwy o rôl fel "cyfaill beirniadol" i'r ysgolion.

Eglurodd GJ fod yr AAL, efo cymorth ysgolion, wedi gallu cymryd camau i geisio unioni'r gyllideb integreiddio cynradd a'r uwchradd. Rhwng nawr a 31:3:13 bydd rhaid symud ymlaen i dorri swyddi cymorthyddion yn yr uwchradd. Y nod fydd

what could be done with the money and it could not be used to save teachers' jobs.

5. Primary schools in deficit/Integration budget

i) Primary schools in deficit

GL gave an overview of the current situation and the following points were noted:

- The number of schools in deficit had increased
- That year, there were 12 primary schools and the deficit was more than £15 in 5 of the schools
- 2 secondary schools in deficit
- Meetings had been arranged and the 12 schools had been discussing their situation with the relevant officers
- The Education Accountant was working with Education Officers to try to see how there could be a system of collaboration with schools
- It was important to remember that schools could not go into deficit without the permission of a 151 Officer

The points below were added by GJ:

- A report had gone to the Scrutiny Committee at the end of 2012 (available on the County Council website)
- The deficit varied from £2k to £60k in primary only
- Schools in deficit had to have a recovery plan in place
- A specific form had been drawn up (discussed at the last meeting) and the Officers had met with the 12 schools and they were asked to discuss the matter/form with their Governors
- Discussions were going on with the 2 secondary schools in order to get a recovery plan in place

ii) Integration

The Education Accountant, Bethan Owen, gave an overview of the current situation regarding the integration budget:

- Overspending on integration increased by over £700K between 2006 and 2011
- In the 2012/13 financial year (up to that time)
 - Secondary overspending was £417k
 - Primary overspending was £106k
- Overspending forecast by 31:3:13 was
 - Secondary £511k
 - Primary £130k
- Redundancies had happened in the Secondary Sector with a cost of £60k, to be paid by the Education Department
- Prospects for 2013/14 budget – it was hoped the primary budget would balance, with no overspend

The debate was opened and the following comments noted:

- Concern that it was taking too long to introduce guidance for schools; Governors had a responsibility to the school. The support from the LEA was very good when there was a problem of a deficit at a school, but it was important the message went out that everyone had to be treated with the same firmness. Every school had to come under the same rules and guidance.

cychwyn y flwyddyn ariannol 2013/14 efo cyllideb a chostau cyfatebol. Bydd angen gweithredu yn y cynradd yn ogystal er mwyn i gyllideb 2013/14 gyd-fynd a'r gwariant. Ond mae'n bwysig cofio fod cyllideb integreiddio yn cael ei gyrru gan ofynion.

- O ystyried beth rydym wedi ei glywed mewn perthynas â'r gorwariant integreiddio eleni, fydd yna unrhyw oblygiadau i'r gyllideb uwchradd yn 2013/14?

Eglurodd GJ fod cynnydd o 2.08% yn mynd i fod tua £300k i'r uwchradd; mae gorwariant integreiddio uwchradd yn £500k ac fe fydd hyn yn dod o'r cwantwm uwchradd, felly mae'n golygu y bydd y gyllideb oddeutu £200k yn llai.

- Teimlo nad diffyg o safbwynt rheolaeth dysgu yw hyn ond ar gyllideb na chafodd ei datganoli i'r ysgolion uwchradd tan eleni. Fyddai'n bosibl i Gyngor Sir Ynys Môn edrych ar falansau'r Cyngor i weld os ellir cyfarfod a'r diffyg am eleni yn unig?

Nododd GL y byddai'n rhaid edrych ar y lefel o falansau cyn gwneud unrhyw benderfyniad.

- Mae'r gyllideb a osodwyd dros y 6 mlynedd diwethaf wedi methu; mae ateb eleni ond nid yw wedi bod i gymorth i ni fel ysgolion

6. Rheolaeth Gyllidol mewn Ysgolion

Atgoffwyd y Fforwm fod trafodaeth wedi ei chynnal yn y cyfarfod diwethaf ynglŷn â sefydlu gwell trefn o fonitro rheolaeth gyllidol mewn ysgolion ac i ddatblygu'r cydweithio rhwng Adran Gyllid, AALI a phenaethiaid mewn perthynas â gorwariant ysgolion unigol. Nodwyd fod dogfen drafft wedi ei pharatoi ar nod yw ceisio cael ysgol i ofyn y cwestiwn iddi hi ei hun, ydi ansawdd rheolaeth gyllidol ni yn foddhaol? Bwriad wedyn yw bod yr ysgolion sydd angen arweiniad pellach yn cydweithio efo'r AALI fel y gellir dod i fyny efo datrysiad i'r broblem. Bydd y ddogfen yn cael ei threialu cyn dod a hi gerbron y Fforwm. Gofynnwyd am farn y Fforwm ar hyn a nodwyd y sylwadau isod:

- Edrych fel rhywbeth rhyngweithiol. Beth yw'r camau sydd yn eu lle i arbed ysgolion rhag mynd i ddiffyg? Oes camau ar gael i osgoi diswyddo gorfodol?

Rhoddodd GJ drosolwg o'r cynllun oedd yn ei le ar gyfer ysgolion oedd yn wynebu diffyg/diswyddo llynedd gan nodi'r blaenoriaethau. Roedd gofyn i'r ysgolion weithio efo'r AALI i lunio Cynllun Busnes. Ar hyn o bryd nid oes sicrwydd y bydd cynllun cyffelyb ar gael ar gyfer 2013. Eleni bydd yr AALI yn gofyn i'r ysgolion baratoi cynllun busnes eu hunain ac mae gwybodaeth wedi cael ei rannu efo'r uwchradd yn barod ac fe fydd yn cael ei rannu efo'r cynradd 6:2:13. Eglurwyd fod trafodaethau yn cael eu cynnal i weld os bydd ar gael i'r ysgolion ond fe fydd angen cael y wybodaeth mor fuan â phosibl.

- Rydym fel Fforwm a Phenaeithiaid yn gwerthfawrogi fod y Cyngor wedi gwneud pob ymdrech posibl i ddiogelu cyllideb Addysg/Ysgolion ac i adlewyrchu blaenoriaethau Llywodraeth Cymru. Rydym fel ysgolion yn awyddus iawn i gyd weithio efo'r AALI a'r Cyngor.
- Cais fod y cynnig a wnaed uchod, sef "Fyddai'n bosibl i Gyngor Sir Ynys Môn edrych ar falansau'r Cyngor i weld os ellir cyfarfod a'r diffyg am eleni yn unig?" yn cael ei wneud yn gynnis ffurfiol gan y Fforwm i'r Cyngor. Eiliwyd hyn a chytunwyd i'w wneud yn gynnis ffurfiol gan y Fforwm.

GJ noted the Welsh Government was at that time looking at Governors' duties and very keen they should take on more of a role of 'critical friend' for the schools.

GJ explained that the LEA, with schools' assistance, had been able to take steps to try to rectify the primary and secondary integration budget. Between then and 31:3:13, posts of assistants in the secondary sector would have to be cut. The aim would be to begin the 2013/14 financial year with the budget matching the costs. The same will also have to be done in the primary sector by 31:3:13 so that the 2013/14 budget matched the expenditure. But it was important to remember that integration is driven by requirements.

- Bearing in mind what they had heard about integration overspending that year, would there be any implications for the secondary budget in 2013/14?

GJ explained that an increase of 2.08% would be about £300k for secondary; integration overspending in secondary was £500k and this would come from the secondary quantum, which therefore meant the budget would be about £200k less.

- It was felt this was not a deficit in terms of the management of teaching but of a budget that was not delegated to the secondary schools until that year. Would it be possible for Anglesey County Council to look at the Council balances to see whether the deficit could be met for that year only?

GL noted that the level of balances would have to be looked at before coming to any decision.

- The budget set over the last 6 years had failed; there was a solution that year but it had not been of help to schools as such.

6. Budgetary Control in Schools

The Forum was reminded that a discussion occurred at the previous meeting regarding establishing a better system for monitoring budgetary control in schools and to develop the collaboration between the Finance Department, LEA and heads in relation to overspending by individual schools. It was noted a draft document had been prepared and the aim was to try to get the school to ask itself the question of whether the quality of its budgetary control was satisfactory. The intention then was that schools requiring further guidance would collaborate with the LEA to find a solution to the problem. The document would be trialled before bringing it before the Forum. The Forum's view on this was requested, and the comments below were noted:

- It looked as if it was interactive. What steps were in place to prevent schools having to go into deficit? Were there steps available to avoid compulsory redundancy?

GJ gave an overview of the plan in place for schools facing a deficit/redundancy the previous year, noting the priorities. The schools were required to work with the LEA to draw up a Business Plan. There was no guarantee at that time that a similar plan would be available for 2013. During the current year, the LEA would be asking the schools to prepare their own business plan; information was already being shared with the secondary sector and would be shared with primary 6:2:13. It was explained discussions were being held to see whether it

Nododd Cyng J Chorlton ei fod yn fodlon trafod y mater o fewn y Cyngor yng nghyd-destun ei swyddogaeth o Ddeilydd Portffolio Cyllid. Pwysleisiodd pwysigrwydd cofio fod Addysg a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn cael blaenoriaeth ond ar ddiwedd y dydd dim ond un gyllideb sydd ac mae angen ei rhannu'n deg.

- Sut fydd gofynion disgyblion AAY yn cael eu cyfarfod o ystyried y torri nôl fydd yn y gyllideb integreiddio o ganlyniad i'r gorwariant dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf? Fydd hyn yn golygu y bydd mwy o ddisgyblion yn symud o'r prif lif i Ysgol y Bont?

Eglurodd GJ na fydd hyn yn arwain at fwy o ddisgyblion yn trosglwyddo i Ysgol y Bont.

7. Cytundebau Lefel Gwasanaeth a Cyfansoddiad y Fforwm

i) Cytundebau Lefel Gwasanaeth

Mae'r cytundebau lefel gwasanaeth wedi cael eu hadolygu ond nid oes trafodaeth wedi ei chynnal efo'r ysgolion, felly dim mewn sefyllfa i rannu unrhyw wybodaeth bellach efo'r Fforwm yn y cyfarfod yma.

ii) Cyfansoddiad y Fforwm

Yn dilyn cais yn y cyfarfod diwethaf eglurodd GJ nad yw wedi llunio papur ar gyfansoddiad y Fforwm gan ei fod yn teimlo fod angen trafodaeth gychwynnol cyn symud ymlaen. Yn ogystal eglurodd ei fod yn awyddus i gynnwys penaethiaid cynradd, uwchradd ac arbennig yn y drafodaeth. Cyflwynwyd papur byr yn amlinellu'r sefyllfa gyfredol, ond mae angen trafodaeth bellach ar gyfnodau aelodaeth, ydym am newid a.y.b.

Agorwyd y drafodaeth a nodwyd y sylwadau isod:

- Beth yw'r broses o ddewis llywodraethwyr a chynrychiolydd o ysgolion bach o dan 50?

Eglurwyd fod llywodraethwyr wedi cael eu dewis yn wreiddiol trwy ofyn i bob ysgol am enwebiadau.

- Mynegi gwerthfawrogiad o safon y 2 gyfarfod diwethaf, mae sylwedd wedi bod iddynt ac wedi rhoi llawer i ni feddwl am wedyn. Mae'n broblem i gael aelodau, llywodraethwyr ddim yn mynychu fel sylwebyddion, felly ddim yn gwybod beth yw'r Fforwm. Angen edrych sut ellir ennyn diddordeb.
- Gwerthfawrogi'r papur. Teimlo fel penaethiaid yn awr mae gennym ddylanwad yn y Fforwm a llais ar y gyllideb.
- Mae'r agwedd wedi newid o fewn y Cyngor hefyd, trafodaethau ar y gyllideb yn digwydd yng nghynt yn awr ond byddai'n werth dechrau hyd yn oed ynghynt na hyn.

8. Unrhyw fater arall

i) Beth yw'r drefn ar gyfer cadw ysgol ar agor mewn tywydd drwg? Pa gymorth sydd ar gael i ysgolion?

Eglurodd GJ fod angen ystyried nifer o agweddau

- Sicrhau fod y wybodaeth gywir ynglŷn pha ysgolion sydd ar agor/cau yn cael ei basio ymlaen i'r swyddfa

would be available to the schools, but the information would need to be available as soon as possible.

- The Forum and Heads appreciated that the Council had made every possible effort to safeguard the Education/Schools budget and to reflect the Welsh Government's priorities. As schools, they were very keen to collaborate with the LEA and the Council.
- A request that the proposal made above "Would it be possible for Anglesey County Council to look at the Council balances to see whether the deficit could be met for that year only?" Be made a formal proposal from the Forum to the Council. This was seconded and it was agreed to make it a formal proposal from the Forum.

Coun. J Chorlton noted he was prepared to discuss the matter in Council in the context of his function as Finance Portfolio Holder. He emphasized the importance of bearing in mind that education and Social Services were given priority but at the end of the day there was only one budget and it needed to be shared fairly.

- How would the requirements of ALN pupils be met bearing in mind the cutting back that would happen in the integration budget as a result of the overspending over the previous years? Would this mean more pupils moving from the mainstream to Ysgol y Bont?

GJ explained this would not lead to more pupils transferring to Ysgol y Bont.

7. Service Level Agreements and the Constitution of the Forum

i) Service Level Agreements

The service level agreements had been reviewed but discussion had not occurred with the schools, so they were not in a situation to share any further information with the Forum at that meeting.

ii) Constitution of the Forum

Following a request at the previous meeting, GJ explained that he had not drawn up a paper on the constitution of the Forum because he felt initial discussion was needed before proceeding. In addition, he explained he was keen to include primary, secondary and special school heads in the debate. A brief paper was presented, outlining the current situation, but further discussion was needed on the lengths of time for membership, whether they were going to change etc.

The debate was opened, and the comments below were noted:

- What was the process for selecting governors and representatives from small schools of less than 50?

It was explained that governors were originally selected by asking every school for nominations.

- Appreciation was expressed of the standard of the 2 previous meetings, there had been a substance to them and they had given much to be considered later. It was a problem to get members, governors did not attend as observers, so did not know what the Forum was. There was a need to see how to generate interest.

- Trafodaethau yn cymryd lle ar sefydlu trefn gorfforaethol ar gyfer y dyfodol
- Mae'n gyfrifoldeb ar y cyd rhwng yr ysgol a'r gwasanaethau canolog.
- Mae blaenoriaeth yn cael ei roi i raeau'r prif ffyrdd
- Yn eu hanfod, yr ysgolion sydd yn gyfrifol am sicrhau eu bod ar agor ac yn ddiogel
- Nodyn wedi mynd allan i'r holl ysgolion yn gofyn a ydynt yn dymuno prynu bocs graean, dim ond 1 ysgol sydd wedi ymateb.
- Penderfyniad pryd i agor/cau yn un anodd i ysgolion ei wneud
- Yn gyffredinol, cyfrifoldeb yr ysgol yw cymryd pob cam rhesymol fel bod yr ysgol ar agor.

Ategodd Pennaeth Uwchradd fod cwmnïau bysiau yn gwrthod mynd ar hyd y lonydd sydd heb gael eu graeanu felly nid yw'r plant yn gallu dod i'r ysgol.

9. Cyfarfod nesaf

Dyddiad i'w gadarnhau.

- The paper was appreciated. It was felt as heads that they now had influence at the Forum and a voice on the budget.
- The attitude within the Council had also changed; discussions on the budget now happened earlier but it would be worth starting earlier still.

8. Any other business

i) What was the procedure for keeping a school open in bad weather? What assistance was available for schools?

GJ explained that a number of aspects needed to be considered.

- Ensuring that accurate information was passed on to the office regarding which schools were open/closed
- Discussions were going on regarding establishing a corporate system for the future
- It was a joint responsibility between the school and central services
- Priority was given to gritting the main roads
- In essence, the schools were responsible for ensuring they were open and safe
- A note had gone out to all schools asking them whether they wished to buy a grit box, only 1 school had responded
- The decision on when to open/close was a difficult one for schools to make
- Generally, it was the school's responsibility to take every reasonable step to get the school open.

A Secondary Head added that bus companies refused to send their vehicles along ungritted roads, so children were unable to get to school.

9. Next meeting

Date to be confirmed.

Cyfarfod Cyswllt Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned
29.01.13

**Cyfarfod Cyswllt Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned
Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 29 Ionawr 2013 (7.00 yh)**

Presennol:	Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned
Stan Zalot	Biwmares
J E Lewis	Bodffordd; Llangristiolus
Cliff Everett	Caergybi
R E Hughes	Llanbadrig
Elfed Jones	“ “
Geraint Parry	Llanddona; Llangoed
Jack Jones	Llanerchymedd
John Jukes	“ “
R E Rowlands	Llanfaelog
Ian Owen	Llanfihangelesceifiog
Einion Parry Williams	“ “
Arnold Milburn	Llangefni
Margaret A Thomas	“ “
Jack Abbott	Trearddur
Michael Dolan	“ “
Edward Williams	“ “
Anna Jones	Tref Alaw
Edna M Jones	Trewalchmai
Margaret Price	“ “
Neil R Tuck	Y Fali
Gwenda Owen	“ (Hefyd yn cynrychioli'r Cyngor Sir ar eitem 2)

Cyng Bryan Owen
Cyng W J Chorlton
Gwen Carrington
Gill Lewis

Clare Williams
Huw Jones
Gwenda Owen
Mary Sillitoe
Rhian Wyn Hughes

Hefyd yn bresennol:
Cyng T H Jones

Ymddiheuriadau:
Marilyn Hughes
Linda Frazer-Williams
Gwenda Parry
Cyng G O Parry MBE

Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn
Arweinydd (Cadeirydd)
Deilydd Portffolio – Cyllid, TGCh ac AD
Cyfarwyddwr Cymuned
Pennaeth Swyddogaeth Dros Dro –
Adnoddau
Pennaeth Swyddogaeth – Adnoddau
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth – Polisi
Swyddog Tai Gweigion (eitem 2)
Hwylusydd Tai Gwledig
Swyddog Polisi

Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn

Amlwch
Porthaethwy
Moelfre
Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn

**Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2013 (7.00 pm)**

Present:

Stan Zalot
J E Lewis
Cliff Everett
R E Hughes
Elfed Jones
Geraint Parry
Jack Jones
John Jukes
R E Rowlands
Ian Owen
Einion Parry Williams
Arnold Milburn
Margaret A Thomas
Jack Abbott
Michael Dolan
Edward Williams
Anna Jones
Edna M Jones
Margaret Price
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Gwenda Owen

Town and Community Councils

Beaumaris
Bodffordd; Llangristiolus
Holyhead
Llanbadrig
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Llanddona; Llangoed
Llanerchymedd
" "
Llanfaelog
Llanfihangelesceifiog
" "
Llangefni
" "
Trearddur
" "
" "
Tref Alaw
Trewalchmai
" "
Valley
" (Also representing the County
Council re. item 2)

Cllr Bryan Owen
Cllr W J Chorlton
Gwen Carrington
Gill Lewis
Clare Williams
Huw Jones
Gwenda Owen
Mary Sillitoe
Rhian Wyn Hughes

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Leader (Chair)
Portfolio holder –Finance, IT and HR
Director of Community
Interim Head of Function - Resources
Head of Function - Resources
Head of Service – Policy
Empty Homes Officer (item 2)
Rural Housing Enabler
Policy Officer

Also present:

Cllr T H Jones

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Apologies:

Marilyn Hughes
Linda Frazer-Williams
Gwenda Parry
Cllr G O Parry MBE

Amlwch
Menai Bridge
Moelfre
Isle of Anglesey County Council

1. Cofnodion

Cadarnhawyd cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 18 Hydref 2012 fel rhai cywir.

Mater yn codi:

Siarter Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned ar y Cyd

Gofynnodd J E Lewis (Bodffordd; Llangristiolus) beth oedd statws y Siarter uchod. Eglurodd y Pennaeth Gwasanaeth – Polisi bod y Siarter wedi'i chymeradwyo gan Fwrdd Comisiynwyr y Cyngor yn 2012 a'i bod felly yn weithredol. Ychwanegodd Arnold Milburn (Llangefni) bod angen i bob Cyngor Tref a Chymuned fabwysiadu'r Siarter yn ffurfiol hefyd.

2. Tai Gweigion a Thai Gwledig

Cafwyd cyflwyniadau gan Hwylusydd Tai Gwledig a Swyddog Tai Gweigion y Cyngor, yn amlinellu'r sefyllfa ddiweddaraf mewn perthynas â'r uchod ynghyd ag ymagwedd y Cyngor tuag at fynd i'r afael â'r heriau y mae'n eu hwynebu.

Pwysleisiwyd bod gan y Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned rôl allweddol i chwarae mewn cynorthwyo'r Cyngor Sir trwy ddarparu gwybodaeth leol a chodi ymwybyddiaeth yn lleol am beth sydd ar gael i berchenogion eiddo gwag a phrynwyr tro cyntaf. Diolchodd y swyddogion i gynrychiolwyr y Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned am y cymorth a gafwyd ganddynt yn y gorffennol ac fe'u hanogwyd i barhau i weithio mewn partneriaeth gyda'r Cyngor.

Dilynydwyd y cyflwyniadau gyda sesiwn cwestiwn ac ateb.

Dywedodd Cliff Everett (Caergybi) bod angen i bolisi gosod tai'r Cyngor fod yn fwy hyblyg, yn arbennig o ran y cyfyngiadau oed a roddir ar rai eiddo a hefyd y system dyrannu pwyntiau.

Gweithredu: Gwasanaethau Tai i adnabod a rhoi sylw i rwystrau posib o ran cwrdd ag anghenion tai ym mholisi gosod tai'r Cyngor.

3. Cwrdd â'r Heriau – Ymgynghoriad ar y Gyllideb 2013/14

Agorodd y Cyng W J Chorlton y drafodaeth ar y ddogfen ymgynghorol ar y gyllideb trwy bwysleisio bod gweithio mewn partneriaeth yn bwysicach nag erioed os yw'r ynys am fynd i'r afael â'r heriau dirfawr o ganlyniad i'r dirywiad economaidd a gwneud y defnydd gorau o'r adnoddau sydd ar gael.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matter arising:

Joint Town and Community Council Charter

J E Lewis (Bodffordd; Llangristiolus) enquired as to the status of the above Charter. The Head of Service – Policy explained that the Charter had been approved by the Council's Board of Commissioners in 2012 and was therefore operational. Arnold Milburn (Llangefni) added that all Town and Community Councils also needed to formally adopt the Charter.

2. Empty Homes and Rural Housing

The Council's Rural Housing Enabler and Empty Homes Officer gave presentations outlining the current situation with regard to the above and the Council's approach towards addressing the challenges it faces.

It was emphasised that Town and Community Councils had a key role to play in assisting the County Council by providing local knowledge and raising awareness locally as to what is available to owners of empty properties and first-time buyers. The officers thanked Town and Community Council representatives for the assistance they had provided in the past and encouraged them to continue to work in partnership with the Council.

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session.

Cliff Everett (Holyhead) stated that the Council's housing allocations policy needed to be more flexible, particularly with regard to age restrictions placed on certain properties and the current points allocation system.

Action: Housing Services to identify and address potential barriers to meeting housing need in the Council's housing allocations policy.

3. Meeting the Challenges – Budget Consultation 2013/14

Cllr W J Chorlton opened the discussion on the budget consultation document by stressing that partnership working was more important than ever if the island is to tackle the immense challenges caused by the economic downturn and make the best use of the resources available.

Yna fe wahoddwyd sylwadau gan y llawr. Ceir crynodeb isod o'r prif bwyntiau a godwyd gan gynrychiolwyr Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned.

- Angen rhoi gwybodaeth fwy manwl i bartneriaid am oblygiadau costau er mwyn eu cynorthwyo i wneud penderfyniadau mwy gwybodus o ran y posibilrwydd o gymryd drosodd y cyfrifoldeb am redeg toiledau cyhoeddus (Llangefni; Y Fali).
- Cyfeiriwyd at y posibilrwydd o gael Cynghorau Cymuned cyfagos yn gweithio gyda'i gilydd i redeg toiledau cyhoeddus (ee Y Fali ac ardal Ynys Cybi) – byddai modd cychwyn trafodaethau unwaith y byddai gwybodaeth fanwl am y costau ayyb ar gael.
- Byddai cau toiledau cyhoeddus yn groes i Gynllun Rheoli Cyrchfan y Cyngor (Biwmares)
- Awgrymwyd y gallai Cynghorau Cymuned weithio mewn partneriaeth gyda sefydliadau lleol a gwneud cais am grantiau gan Ymddiriedolaeth Elusennol Ynys Môn i redeg toiledau cyhoeddus (Caergybi)
- Cyfeiriwyd at yr opsiwn o gael cymunedau'n rhan o bartneriaeth '50-50' gyda'r Cyngor Sir – mae hyn yn weithredol yn barod ym Miwmares (Biwmares).
- Angen edrych ar godi tâl am ddefnyddio toiledau cyhoeddus (Llanfihangellesceifiog)
- Angen symleiddio'r broses a lleihau amserlenni o ran sefydlu a rhoi mentrau cymdeithasol ar waith (Llangefni).
- Cynnal a chadw dros y Gaeaf (graeanu ayyb) – Byddai modd i wirfoddolwyr helpu i glirio llwybrau, lonydd stadau ayyb mewn partneriaeth gyda'r awdurdod lleol (Llangefni).
- Pam mae pedwar o'r pum cyngor tref wedi gweld gostyngiad arfaethedig yng nghyfradd praeseptau 2013/14?

Gweithredu: Eglurhad ysgrifenedig i'w gylchredeg i'r pum Cyngor Tref.

- Awgrym y gallai Cynghorau Cymuned gymryd mantais o'u pwerau i gynyddu praeseptau er mwyn ariannu mentrau newydd (Caergybi).
- Angen gostwng costau craidd. Mae'r cynnydd i lwfansau aelodau (sydd wedi'i osod yn genedlaethol gan Banel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol) yn rhoi argraff wael (Trearddur).

Comments were then invited from the floor. The main points raised by Town and Community Council representatives are summarised below.

- Need to provide partners with more detailed information about cost implications to help them make better-informed decisions as to whether or not it would be possible to take over the running of public conveniences (Llangefni; Valley).
- The possibility of neighbouring community councils working together to run public conveniences (eg Valley and Holy Island areas) was raised – discussions could begin once detailed information on costs etc was made available.
- The closure of public conveniences would be contrary to the Council's Destination Management Plan (Beaumaris)
- It was suggested that Community Councils could work in partnership with local organisations and apply for grants from the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust to run public conveniences (Holyhead)
- Reference made to the option of communities entering into a '50-50' partnership with the County Council – this is already operational in Beaumaris (Beaumaris).
- Need to look at introducing charges for using public conveniences (Llanfihangelceifiog)
- Need to simplify the process and shorten timescales for setting up and implementing social enterprises (Llangefni).
- Winter maintenance (gritting etc) - Volunteers within individual communities could help clear pathways, estate roads etc. in partnership with the local authority (Llangefni).
- Why have four of the five Town Councils have seen a proposed reduction in the 2013/14 precept rate?

Action: Explanation to be circulated in writing to the five Town Councils.

- Suggestion that Community Councils could take advantage of their powers to raise precepts to fund new initiatives (Holyhead).
- Core costs need to be reduced. The increase in members' allowances (which has been set nationally by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales) gives a bad impression (Trearddur).

- Angen sicrhau bod Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned yn cael eu tynnu i mewn i brosesau gwneud penderfyniadau ar y cychwyn (Y Fali; Biwmares)

Dywedodd Stan Zalot bod Cyngor Tref Biwmares yn bwriadu cyflwyno adroddiad cynhwysfawr i'r Cyngor Sir mewn ymateb i'r ddogfen ymgynghori a gofynnodd am ymateb ffurfiol i'r adroddiad hwnnw.

Cafwyd sicrwydd gan y Pennaeth dros dro – Adnoddau y byddai ymateb yn cael ei ddarparu ac fe ychwanegodd y bydd y Cyngor hefyd yn rhoi adroddiad at ei gilydd a fydd yn cynnwys yr holl sylwadau a dderbyniwyd.

Gweithredu: Cyngor Tref Biwmares i gael ymateb ffurfiol i'w sylwadau ysgrifenedig wedi iddynt ddod i law y Cyngor.

4. Unrhyw Fater Arall

4.1 Trefniadau Gweithio ar y Cyd

Yn rhinwedd ei rôl fel swyddog arweiniol o ran datblygu'r bartneriaeth gyda Chynghorau Tref a Chymuned, nododd y Cyfarwyddwr Cymuned ei bwriad i ddatblygu'r trefniadau hyn ymhellach trwy fynd allan at y cymunedau. Gan na fyddai'n ymarferol ymweld â phob un Cyngor Cymuned yn unigol, awgrymodd y dylid clystyru cymunedau gyda'i gilydd i sefydlu cyfarfodydd ar sail ardal ac y byddai modd datblygu rhaglen waith yn ystod 2013/14.

Croesawyd y cynnig uchod gan y cynrychiolwyr Cyngorau Tref a Chymuned a oedd yn bresennol ac fe gytunwyd y dylid trafod y mater yn fwy manwl yn y cyfarfod cyswllt nesaf.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 8.35 yh.

- Need to ensure that Town and Community Councils are brought into decision-making processes at the outset (Valley; Beaumaris)

Stan Zalot stated that Beaumaris Town Council intended to submit a comprehensive report to the County Council in response to the consultation document and requested a formal response to that report.

The Interim Head of Function – Resources gave an assurance that a response would be provided and added that the Council would also be compiling a report incorporating all views received.

Action: Beaumaris Town Council to be provided with a formal response to its written representations following its receipt.

4. Any other business

4.1 Joint Working Arrangements

In her capacity as the Council's lead officer in developing the partnership with Town and Community Councils, the Director of Community noted her intention develop these arrangements further by going out to communities. As it would not be practical to visit all Community Councils individually, she suggested that communities be grouped together to establish area-based meetings and that a work programme could be developed during 2013/14.

The above proposal was welcomed by the Town and Community Council representatives present and it was agreed that the matter should be discussed in more detail at the next liaison meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.

DETHOLIAD O'R COFNODION O GYFARFOD PWYLLGOR GWASANAETHAU DEMOCRATAIDD 4/12/2013

Cyflwynwyd – adroddiad gan y Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Democraidd Dros Dro mewn perthynas â'r uchod.

Adroddwyd bod cynigion arbedion mewn perthynas â'r Gwasanaethau Democraidd wedi eu cynnwys yn y ddogfen ymgynghorol dan wasanaeth y Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr. Mae'r agweddau hyn eisoes wedi cael sylw gan y Pwyllgor Sgriwtini Corfforaethol yn y cyfarfod ar 28 Ionawr 2013. Y prif arbedion mewn perthynas â'r Gwasanaethau Democraidd yw'r cynigion i roi'r gorau i ddefnyddio amlenni lle mae'r costau postio wedi eu talu ymlaen llaw, a hynny trwy'r Awdurdod cyfan. Mae'r amlenni hyn wedi bod yn cael eu darparu i'r aelodau etholedig ers 1996, ar gais, fel bod modd iddynt gyflawni eu dyletswyddau. Yn ystod 2011/12 dim ond 6 o Aelodau a ofynnodd amdanynt ac fe gostiodd £185. Roedd yr adroddiad hefyd yn cyfeirio at y canllawiau a gyhoeddwyd gan Banel Annibynnol Cymru ar Gydabyddiaeth Ariannol yn ei adroddiad blynyddol ar gefnogi gwaith Aelodau awdurdodau lleol.

Ar hyn o bryd, mae'r Cyngor yn darparu'r cymorth isod i'r Aelodau yn rhad ac am ddim:-

- Offer TGCh – ipads(cynllun peilot ar gyfer Aelodau'r Pwyllgor Gwaith), gliniaduron, peiriannau argraffu a nwyddau traul.
- Band eang a llinellau ffôn.
- Deunydd a phapur ysgrifennu, ar gais
- Gwasanaethau post.

Mater a godwyd gan yr Aelodau:

- Mynegwyd pryderon ynghylch gwrthdaro posib rhwng band eang preifat a band eang y Cyngor yng nghartrefi'r Aelodau. Ymatebodd y Rheolydd Gwasanaethau TGCh na ddylai unrhyw wrthdaro technegol ddigwydd oherwydd bod y dechnoleg bellach wedi datblygu ac nad oes angen gwahanu'r llinellau ffôn neilltuol.

Yn dilyn trafodaethau manwl **PENDERFYNWYD:**

- **Cymeradwyo'r arbedion a gynigir mewn perthynas ag amlenni lle mae'r costau postio wedi eu talu ymlaen llaw;**
- **Cyflwyno adroddiad i'r Pwyllgor ar ôl yr Etholiadau i'r Cyngor Sir ym Mai 2013 ynghylch darparu cysylltiadau band eang a rheoli diogelwch data.**

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE 4/2/2013

1 IMPLICATIONS TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IN RELATION TO BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2013/14

Submitted – a report by the Interim Head of Democratic Services in relation to the above.

It was reported that savings proposals in relation to Democratic Services are included within the Consultation Document under the Deputy Chief Executive service. These aspects have already been scrutinised by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 28 January, 2013. The main savings identified relating to Democratic Services are proposals to end the use of pre-paid envelopes across the Authority. Pre-paid envelopes have been provided to Members since 1996, on request, to fulfil their duties. During 2011/12 only 6 Members requested pre-paid envelopes with a cost of £185. The report also referred to guidance issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in their Annual Report on supporting the work of local authority Members.

At present the Council provides, without charge, the following support to Members :-

- ICT equipment – ipads (pilot scheme for Executive Members), laptops, printers and consumables;
- Broadband and Telephone lines;
- Stationery on request;
- Postal Services.

Issue raised by Members :-

- Concerns expressed to possible conflict between Council and private broadband at Members home addresses. The ICT Services Manager responded that no technical conflict should incur as technology has advanced with no need for the separation of the dedicated phone lines;

Following indepth discussions it was **RESOLVED:-**

- **To support the savings proposed in relation to pre-paid envelopes;**
- **That a report be submitted to this Committee after the May 2013 County Council Election on the provision of broadband connections and data security management.**

14:00pm, 7fed o Chwefror 2013
Llynonn, Canolfan Fusnes Ynys Môn, Llangefni.

1. Ymgynghoriad: Cwrdd â'r Heriau – Cyllideb 2013 – 2014

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd Mrs Gill Lewis i gyfarfod y Bartneriaeth er mwyn rhoi cyflwyniad ar Ymgynghoriad 'Cwrdd â'r Heriau - Cyllideb 2013-14'.

Cafodd ei grybwyll fod yr ymgynghoriad wedi ei ddsbarthu'n eang, ac, er bod yr ymgynghoriad bellach wedi cau, roedd amser i aelodau o'r Bartneriaeth gynnig sylwadau ar yr ymgynghoriad.

Rhodddwyd trosolwg o'r dogfennau ymgynghori ac fe gafodd y ddogfen ymgynghori ei osod yn ei gyd-destun.

Yn dilyn y cyflwyniad, cafodd aelodau'r Bartneriaeth amser i ofyn cwestiynau ar yr ymgynghoriad.

Nodwyd fod y gyllideb yn un heriol iawn, gydag angen i arbed £10miliwn mewn costau rhedeg, sy'n cyfartalu i ychydig yn llai na 8% o'r gyllideb i gyd. O ganlyniad i hyn, byddai angen gwneud nifer o newidiadau yn y dyfodol. Gwnaethpwyd y sylw y byddai cyllidebau'r dyfodol yn gallu bod hyd yn oed yn fwy heriol petai'r sefyllfa economaidd bresennol yn parhau.

Gofynnodd yr aelodau os oedd unrhyw benderfyniadau wedi cael eu gwneud ar Doiledau Cyhoeddus, fel cafodd ei adrodd yn y wasg wythnos diwethaf. Nodwyd nad oedd penderfyniad wedi ei wneud eto.

Cafodd ei grybwyll fod y gyllideb hon yn rhoi "amser i anadlu" i wasanaethau megis addysg a gwasanaethau cymdeithasol i baratoi ar gyfer newidiadau trawsnewidiol oedd yn darparu gwasanaethau mewn modd gwahanol. Cafodd cyfuniad ysgolion yng Nghaergybi ac yng Ngogledd Orllewin yr Ynys ei ddefnyddio fel esiampl o ddarparu gwasanaethau yn fwy economegol. Cwestiynodd rhai aelodau os fyddai cau ysgolion bach yn cael effaith andwyol ar ddiwylliant a demograffeg yr ardal a gallai greu rhagor o ofyn ar wasanaethau eraill y cyngor.

Nodwyd bwlch arall posib yn y gyllideb ar gyfer trwsio ffyrdd gwledig.

Cafodd Bid Twf Ynys Ynni ei drafod yng nghydestun y gyllideb arfaethedig. Cytunodd yr aelodau oedd yn bresennol fod gan y Rhaglen y potensial i ddenu llawer mwy o arian i'r Ynys na gwerth y bid twf.

The linkages with future EU funding priorities was also highlighted.

Cafodd y cysylltiadau gyda blaenoriaethau nawdd yr UE hefyd eu hamlygu.

Nodwyd y gallai ffactorau allanol, e.e. diswyddiadau / newidiadau yn y system budd-daliadau roi pwysau ychwanegol ar wasanaethau'r cyngor.

**14:00pm, 7th of February 2013
Llynonn, Anglesey Business Centre, Llangefni.**

1. Consultation: Meeting the Challenges – Budget 2013 – 2014

The Chair welcomed Mrs Gill Lewis to the Partnership meeting to present on the '*Meeting the Challenges – Budget 2013 – 2014*' Consultation.

It was mentioned that the consultation had been distributed widely, although the consultation period had now closed, should the Partnership members wish to suggest any comments on the consultation there was time for those comments to be considered.

Members were given an overview of the consultation documents and the budget consultation document was set in its context.

Following the presentation members of the Partnership were given time to ask questions on the consultation.

It was noted that this was a very challenging budget, with £10 million needed to be saved in running costs, which equates to just fewer than 8% of overall budget. As a result, many changes would have to occur in the future. Members commented that future budget could be even more challenging should the economic situation continue in its current trend.

Members questioned if any decisions had been made on Public Services, as reported in the press last week. It was noted that no decisions had been made as of yet.

It was mentioned that this budget gave a "breathing space" for services such as education and social services to prepare for transformational changes that delivered services in a different way. The amalgamation of schools in Holyhead and the North West of the Island was cited as an example of delivering services more economically. Some members questioned whether closing smaller schools would have a detrimental effect on the culture and demography of the areas and could in turn lead to a greater demand on other on other council services.

Members identified a possible future gap in funding to repair rural roads.

Energy Island Programme's Growth Bid was discussed in relation to the proposed budget. Members present agreed that the potential benefits warranted the growth bid, it was noted that the Programme had the potential to draw far more money to the Island than the value of the growth bid.

The linkages with future EU funding priorities was also highlighted.

It was noted that external factors, e.g. redundancies / changes in the benefit system could put additional demands on the council services.

Questions were raised regarding the situation with the council tax support situation - 100% support had now been secured for the 2013-14 financial year, no guarantee could be made for future financial years.

DETHOLIAD O GOFNODION PARTNERIAETH ADFYWIO ECONOMAIDD YNYS MÔN– 07/02/2013

Codwyd cwestiynau am y sefyllfa'n ymwneud â chefnogaeth treth y cyngor - mae cefnogaeth 100% wedi ei ddiogelu ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2013-14, ond ni ellir rhoi sicrwydd ar gyfer blynnyddoedd ariannol i'r dyfodol.

Anogwyd y Cyngor i edrych ar ymarfer da a gwersi a ddysgwyd gan Awdurdodau Lleol Lloegr, sydd wedi wynebu llawer mwy o doriadau nag Ynys Môn. Nodwyd fod hyn wedi ei wneud, gydag Awdurdodau Lleol Lloegr yn gwneud arbedion mewn gwasanaethau megis hamdden, priffyrdd a chynnal a chadw. Roedd nifer wedi mabwysiadu model darparu aml-wasanaeth.

Diolchodd aelodau i Mrs Lewis am fynychu cyfarfod y Bartneriaeth a chroesawyd y cyfle i drafod y ddogfen ymgynghori.

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The Council was encouraged to look at best practices and lessons learnt from English Local Authorities, who have faced a greater cut in funding than Anglesey. It was noted that this had been done, with English Local Authorities making savings in services such as leisure, highways and maintenance. Many had adopted a multi-service delivery model.

Members thanked Mrs Lewis for attending the Partnership meeting and welcomed the chance to discuss the consultation document.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON COMMITTEE 22 JANUARY, 2013

CONSULTATION ON THE 2013/14 BUDGET

The 2013/14 Budget Consultation Document, *Meeting the Challenges* was presented for the Committee's consideration and comment. The document set out the Executive's medium term financial strategy, priorities and Budget proposals for 2013/14 as well as outlining the challenges facing the Council in a context of austerity and reduced resources for public services. A summary of the 2013/14 budget proposals was attached as Appendix A to the document along with an outline of planned service savings at Appendices B1 and B2 and proposals for growth at Appendix C.

Representatives of the voluntary sector raised the following issues on the budget proposals as presented –

- Concern regarding the proposed £74k reduction in service level agreements with the voluntary sector and how this decision was reached
- Whether other funding sources e.g. European monies had been factored into the budget formulation process and cutback strategy. It was pointed out that the withdrawal of grant funding would have a likely impact in terms of joint planning and that the proposals as put forward did not appear to take account of nor make contingencies for this eventuality.
- Concern regarding the "salami slicing" approach to budget reduction whereby a general percentage cut – 7% in 2013/14 and 5% in 2012/13 – is applied indiscriminately across the board without sufficient regard to whether this is proportionate to the service and what that service does. The point was made that core Social Services funding to the voluntary seems to be a target for cuts year on year.
- The absence of the course of several years of any increase for inflation for voluntary sector funding.
- The expectation that the voluntary sector will continue to sustain the same level of service with reduced funding i.e. it will be expected to do the same amount of work with less money.
- The difficulty which the voluntary has in terms of challenging the extent of the budget cuts when it does not know on what basis the proposal had been made or the rationale for it. It was requested that the voluntary sector be given the opportunity for input at the point when the proposal is formulated rather than having to respond to it retrospectively.
- Concern regarding a corresponding reduction in the length of service agreement to contracts of one year's duration which it was felt is unrealistic and unfair both in terms of the expectations of Social Services for the organisation carrying out the work on their behalf and on the organisation itself.
- Concern regarding the implications of welfare reform.
- Whether the shift towards community focused care e.g. through initiatives such as MEC will directly impact on the Social Services budget.

The Officers responded to the points made and provided clarification and explanation of issues where appropriate. The Director of Community outlined the budget setting process and the expectation on each department within the Council to identify proposals for savings of 7% in order to contribute to a balanced budget which is a statutory obligation. All Heads of Service had been asked to identify the impact of 7% savings on their services. Members will be required to identify saving options from the information provided. It is not intended to "salami slice" across all service areas. She referred to the contact by letter which she had made with the voluntary sector prior to Christmas which explained the position. She said that the service proposals as set out have been accepted for the purpose of consultation and should they be approved subsequently via the democratic process then the challenge will be to identify means of implementing the £74k reduction in service level agreements with the voluntary sector with minimal impact and without undermining the sector's infrastructure in Anglesey. The Officer proceeded to draw the Committee's attention to piece of work which she was keen should be undertaken involving a substantive review of Social Services funding of the third sector encompassing opportunities and

risks which would then provide a sound information base in preparation for the 2014/15 budget setting process.

It was resolved –

- **To note the Executive's initial proposals in respect of the 2013/14 Budget and accompanying considerations as set out in the Meeting the Challenges Consultation document.**
- **To support the proposal that a substantive review of the Social Services funding of the third sector to cover risk and opportunities be conducted in the period from now until September, 2013.**

ACTIONS ARISING:

- **Head of Service (Policy) to collate the Liaison Committee's views with regard to the 2013/14 budget proposals for presentation to the Executive prior to its formulation of definitive proposals.**
- **Director of Community to liaise with the Chief Officer of Medrwn Môn in respect of the options available in terms of implementing the proposal for reduction in the service level agreements with the Voluntary Sector should this proposal be approved as part of the definitive 2013/14 Budget package.**

BUDGET CONSULTATION YMGYHORIAD CYLLIDEB - ACC

From: "hugo" ↓ [redacted]
To: <budgetconsultation@anglesey.gov.uk>
Date: 08/02/2013 11:30
Subject: ACC

Dear Sirs,

After reading many recent articles in the local papers and checking the accounts of many ACC departments mostly in the red and over spent. The competence of the heads of these departments need to be desired, if this was a private business these positions would no doubt be made vacant or the company would fail.

I also find it very hard to believe that these same people expect a pay rise even though be it an allowance, is this for their incompetency, maybe as Cllr Jeff Evans from Holyhead has done, or is about to and **not take** the full allowance, is the way to go, it will be interesting to see which councillors decide to do this.

I suggest that there is a pay cut for those heads of departments (in the red) in the region 10% -15% and the rest of the people working in these departments who earn over £20000 have a pay freeze till there department is back in the black.

The head of ACC is overpaid, the pay should be relative to the number of people in his area, not to a county.

This is public money and the Anglesey People should not be having a rates increase, year after year as seems to be the norm now, due to **incompetency of others.**

Regards

Mr Turner