THE EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Bryan Owen (Leader)(Chair)

Councillor K.P.Hughes (Vice-Chair)

Councillors W.J.Chorlton, R.Ll.Hughes, T.Lloyd Hughes,

O.Glyn Jones, G.O.Parry, MBE, R.G.Parry, OBE.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive

Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Community
Director of Lifelong Learning
Director of Sustainability
Head of Function (Resources)

Head of Service (Policy)(Items 4 & 5 only) Head of Service (Property)(Item 8 only)

Solicitor (TR) (Item 8 only)

Senior Property Officer (GJ)(Item 8 only)
Senior Engineer (Structures)(RT)(Item 7 only)
Programme Manager (Schools Modernisation) (EB)

(Items 9 & 11 only)

Committee Services Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors R.Ll.Jones, Raymond Jones and J.V.Owen (Item

8 only); E.Schofield, S.Williams.

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor K.P.Hughes declared an interest in Item 9 of these minutes and was not present at the meeting during any discussion or voting thereon.

2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER.

The Chief Executive referred to the article that had appeared in the local press on Friday last regarding the proposed closure of the Holyhead and Llangefni Main Post Offices. He requested the Executive's views in this respect so that he could respond to the consultation document once it was received from Post Office Ltd.

RESOLVED that once consultation is received from Post Office Ltd, authority be given to the Chief Executive in agreement with the Leader of the Council, to respond in the strongest possible terms to the proposed closure of the Holyhead and Llangefni Main Post Offices.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive held on 7th and 14th January, 2013 be confirmed as true records.

4 THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Policy) seeking approval of the updated work programme for the period 18 February to July 2013. Minor amendments and additions to the work programme were referred to at the meeting by the officer.

RESOLVED to confirm the updated work programme for the period 18th February to July 2013, together with the minor amendments and additions referred to at the meeting by the Head of Service (Policy).

5 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Policy) providing an update on the results of the consultation conducted on the Single Integrated Plan whose aim was to develop a long term vision and a set of key priorities for improving the Social, Economic and Environmental well-being of the area in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Measure 2010. The document in its final form would need to be submitted to the County Council for approval.

RESOLVED

- To note the observation of the Local Service Board that the Plan should be approved;
- To recommend to the County Council that it approves the final version of the Single Integrated Plan.

6 NATIONAL PENSIONERS CONVENTION DIGNITY CODE.

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Adults' Services) seeking the Executive's approval to become a signatory to the Dignity Code of the National Pensioners Convention and to commit to applying its aspirations in all aspects of the Authority's activities.

RESOLVED

- That the Authority signs up to the National Pensioners Convention Dignity Code as referred to at Appendix A of the report;
- To commit to applying the aspirations of the NPC Code in all aspects of the Authority's activities.

7 FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Highways and Waste Management) seeking Executive approval to accept the contents of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and to forward it to the County Council for approval.

RESOLVED to recommend to the County Council that it approves the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

8 LEASES AT NEWRY BEACH, HOLYHEAD

Reported by the Head of Service (Property) – That the Council had received a request from the developer in connection with the proposed waterfront development at Newry Beach, Holyhead to enter into negotiations with a view to surrender/transfer of the Council's leasehold interest in the area. Officers were aware of strong local interest in this matter and had sought guidance from the local members with parts of the lease area within their wards. Executive approval was sought at this stage to enter into discussions with the developer. No formal decision was required at this stage.

Councillors R.LI.Jones, Raymond Jones, and J.V.Owen were afforded the opportunity of addressing the meeting and made their individual objections and views known as regards the matter and also referred to the strong local objections to the proposed waterfront development. Concern was raised as to who would ultimately be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the deteriorating Holyhead breakwater. A request was made to the Executive that the matter should be referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Some of the Executive members considered that it was premature for the matter to be either considered or referred to Scrutiny until officers had held discussions with the developer.

RESOLVED that authority be given to officers to commence negotiations with the developer for the surrender/transfer of the Council's leasehold interest at Newry Beach, Holyhead and that a further report be brought back to the Executive for determination.

9 MODERNISING ANGLESEY SCHOOLS - NORTH WEST ANGLESEY

Submitted – The report of the Director of Lifelong Learning on possible options for formal consultation as part of the review of primary education provision in the North West Anglesey area. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 15 January, 2013 recommended Option 5, namely a new area school for Llanfachraeth, Llanfaethlu and Llanrhuddlad.

RESOLVED to support Option 5 (namely a new area school for Llanfachraeth, Llanfaethlu and Llanrhuddlad) as the Executive's preferred option for formal consultation on the review of primary education provision in North West Anglesey subject to the identification of both funding and a suitable site for the development prior to the commencement of the formal consultation process.

10 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test.

11 CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT NORTH WALES

Submitted – A report by the Director of Lifelong Learning seeking the Executive's approval to implement the Construction Procurement North Wales project for the North Wales region as a condition of grant funding from the 21st Century Schools Programme. Each North Wales authority was required to approve the project prior to implementation.

RESOLVED to agree to the proposed Procurement Strategy for Construction Work in North Wales, to include construction projects over £4.35m for the 21st Century Schools programme and also for other construction works over £4.35m, on condition that:-

- the invitation to tender for the framework agreement declares that Anglesey Council's use will be reviewed case by case;
- the Council receives clarity on who will be liable if a legal challenge arises.

The meeting concluded at 11:25 a.m.

COUNCILLOR BRYAN OWEN CHAIR