

MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December, 2012

PRESENT:

Councillor R LI Jones - Chairman
Councillor E.G.Davies (Vice-Chair)

Councillors W J Chorlton; Jim Evans; R Anthony Dew;
C.L.Everett; K P Hughes; R LI Hughes; T.LI.Hughes;
W I Hughes;Vaughan Hughes; Aled M Jones; Eric Jones;
G O Jones; H Eifion Jones; O.Glyn Jones; R Dylan Jones;
Rhian Medi; C McGregor; A Mummery; Bryan Owen; R L
Owen; Bob Parry OBE; G O Parry MBE; J.Arwel Roberts;
P S Rogers; E Schofield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Sustainable Development
Head of Function (Legal and Administration)
Head of Service (Policy)
Head of Service (Finance)
Solicitor to the Monitoring Officer
Committee Services Manager

APOLOGIES:

Councillors Lewis Davies, Derlwyn Hughes, Ff.M.Hughes,
Tom Jones, Eric Roberts, Ieuan Williams, Selwyn Williams.

Presentations – The Chair of the Council presented the Anglesey Annual Sports Awards for 2012 to the following categories:-

Girl of the Year – Christie Pritchard, Gwalchmai
Boy of the Year – Sam Henderson, Holyhead
Team of the Year – Llanfair Hotshots
Sports Person of the Year – Sarah Emily Livett, Benllech
Volunteer of the Year – Aled Thomas, Llandegfan
Outstanding Achievement in Sport – Gareth Evans, Holyhead (Weightlifter)

The Chair also took the opportunity of thanking Sian Mai Jones, Principal Officer, Sports Development for her work in organising the Awards Ceremony.

1. MINUTES

Confirmed as a true record, the minutes of the meetings of the County Council held on the following dates:-

- 27th September, 2012
- 4th October, 2012
- 23rd October, 2012

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor R.G.Parry,OBE, declared an interest in Item 7 of these minutes and was not present at the meeting during any discussion or voting thereon.

3. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COMMISSIONERS OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICES

The Chair congratulated Mrs.Beth Roberts of Holyhead who had been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to music and the community in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June. Mrs.Roberts had been involved in music all her life and had taught at Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi and Ysgol Morswyn as well as giving tuition at home. She received the medal at the Anchorage Hotel from the Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd, Huw Morgan Daniel.

A warm welcome back was extended to Councillor R.L.Owen following his recent indisposition.

On behalf of the Council, the Vice-Chair extended his deepest condolences to the Chairman and his wife following the loss of his brother in law Mr.Tony Jones.

The Chair also took the opportunity of sympathising with any Member or member of staff who had suffered bereavement. Members and officers stood in silent tribute as a mark of their respect.

On a happier note, the Chair paid tribute to Mr.Meirion Jones who would be retiring at the end of this month. Meirion had worked as the Solicitor to the Monitoring Officer for 11 years. He was well known to all the members and the Council was very much appreciative of his work for the Authority over those years. Meirion was retiring so as to give more time to his poetry and on behalf of the County Council he was wished a long and happy retirement.

Councillor Aled Morris Jones took the opportunity of wishing the Chair every success over his busy Christmas schedule. He also congratulated the Leader of the Council on leading the Authority back to democratic control and further congratulated him upon being the first Leader of this Council to recently address a meeting of the WLGA.

The Chair also reminded members that an extraordinary meeting of the Council would be held at 10:00a.m. on 14th December, 2012.

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4. MINUTES FOR INFORMATION – SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Submitted for information, the minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Board held on 1st October, 2012.

The Chief Executive mentioned that revised Terms of Reference were in the process of being drawn up as part of the Phase 2 intervention by Commissioners, leading up to the May elections in May 2013.

RESOLVED to note the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Board held on 1st October, 2012.

5. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The Chief Executive presented the following petitions to the Chair of the Council:-

1. Petition with 141 names calling for the establishment of safe-crossing facilities for walkers and the disabled between the surgery and the Post Office in the village of Llanfaelog;
2. Petition with 73 names opposing the decision of the Council to end bus service 25/45 through the village of Pencarnisiog.

Councillor O.Glyn Jones was afforded the opportunity of speaking on the above petitions and he requested the Portfolio Holder and the Director of Sustainable Development to act upon their contents as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED that the petitions be referred to the Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

6. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

(a) Democratic Services Committee

Reported – That the Democratic Services Committee at its meeting on 18th October, 2012, had resolved to recommend to the County Council :-

“That it extends the remit of the Committee to undertake responsibilities for the Member training and development programme, including their I.T.skills and support;

That the Committee holds three general meetings in addition to its Annual Meeting each Municipal Year, with the right to arrange further meetings as required.”

RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation of the Democratic Services Committee in this respect.

(b) Review of Fraud and Corruption Rules

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Audit) which were considered and approved by the Audit Committee on 25th September, 2012 and by the Executive on 15th October, 2012.

RESOLVED to accept the contents of the report.

7. PLANNING MATTERS PROCEDURE RULES

Submitted - A joint report by the Legal Services Manager and the Head of Service (Planning and Public Protection) requesting the Council to make permanent changes to the Planning Matters Procedure Rules following the end of a 12 month trial period.

Reported – That the Executive at its meeting on 3rd December, 2012, had resolved to recommend to the Council *“that the changes made to the Council’s Constitution by the Minister to the Rules (for a trial period of 12 months from 20 November, 2011) be extended for a further trial period of 12 months.”*

Councillor Aled Morris Jones expressed some concerns as regards the possible effect these rules would have in ensuring that meetings of the Planning and Orders Committee were quorate, as a result of the reduction in the number of Members that would serve on this Council after the 2013 Election.

RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation of the Executive in this respect and that the extension to the trial period be for a further 12 months as from today's date.

8. DELEGATIONS

Submitted – The report of the Chief Executive setting out any changes to the scheme of delegation relating to Executive functions made by the Executive since the last ordinary meeting (Rule 4.4.1.2. of the Executive procedure Rules of the Constitution refers).

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

The meeting concluded at 2:45p.m.

**COUNCILLOR R LI. JONES
CHAIR**