

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual extraordinary meeting of the held on 29 July 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Glyn Haynes (Chair)
Councillor Dafydd Roberts (Vice-Chair)

Councillors R Dew, Jeff Evans, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws, A M Jones, Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, G O Jones, R Meirion Jones, Alun W Mummery, Bryan Owen, Bob Parry OBE FRAGS, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Nicola Roberts, P S Rogers, Dafydd Rhys Thomas and Robin Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive,
Deputy Chief Executive,
Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,
Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,
Director of Social Services,
Head of Highways, Waste and Property,
Head of Democratic Services,
Architectural Services Manager (GT),
Committee Officer (MEH).

ALSO PRESENT: None

APOLOGIES: Councillors Richard O Jones, J A Roberts and Ieuan Williams.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair made the following announcements:-

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the brother of Councillor Aled M Jones who had an accident recently.

Condolences was extended to Councillor Alun Mummery and his family on the loss of his great grand-daughter recently.

Condolences was extended to Councillor T LI Hughes MBE and his family on the loss of his brother-in-law recently.

Condolences was extended to any Member of the Council or Staff who have suffered a bereavement.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Dylan Rees declared a personal interest in Item 3 – Canolfan Addysg y Bont – Roof Repairs. Having attained legal opinion Councillor Rees was able to take part and vote in respect of this item.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED to adopt the following:-

“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.”

3. CANOLFAN ADDYSG Y BONT, LLANGEFNI – ROOF REPAIRS

Submitted – a report by the Head of Highways, Waste and Property in relation to the above.

The Portfolio Holder for Highways, Waste and Property said that it is necessary to carry out extensive repairs to the roof structure at Canolfan Addysg y Bont as it has been found that significant parts of the roof are unsafe owing to water ingress through the roof structure. The work to rectify the roof now needs to progress as a matter of urgency, so that the pupils may return to their school as soon as possible, and to reduce further deterioration to the structure.

The Head of Highways, Waste and Property and the Architectural Services Manager gave a verbal update on the current situation at Canolfan Addysg y Bont and presented the written report which had already been provided to Members. The Head of Highways, Waste and Property further reported on the alternative arrangements being considered to accommodate the pupils following the school holidays and until the remedial work has been completed.

It was confirmed that legal negotiations in respect of liability are taking place at present.

Further questioned were asked by Members, to which Officers responded.

The Members of the County Council were in agreement that the well-being of the pupils affected by the roof repairs required at Canolfan Addysg y Bont are paramount and any disruption to their education should be kept to the minimum reasonably possible.

Following the vote with 21 in favour and 2 abstaining it was RESOLVED to authorise the:-

- release of up to £1.5m from the Council's General Reserves in order to undertake the remedial works to provide a new roof finish;
- Head of Service (Highways, Waste and Property) to undertake such works that are necessary to identify the reasons as to why the roof construction is defective and to make the necessary arrangements for the design and the construction of the remedial works;
- Head of Service (Highways, Waste and Property) in consultation with the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer and the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer to continue with a claim to recover the cost of the remedial works and all other associated costs from any party(ies) deemed liable for the defective construction of the roof.

**COUNCILLOR GLYN HAYNES
CHAIR**