

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 7 December 2021

- PRESENT:** Councillor Glyn Haynes (Chair)
Councillor Dafydd Roberts (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors R Dew, Jeff M Evans, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes MBE, Llinos Medi Huws, A M Jones, Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, Richard Owain Jones, G O Jones, R LI Jones, R Meirion Jones, Alun W Mummery, Bryan Owen, R G Parry OBE FRAGS, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, J A Roberts, Nicola Roberts, P S Rogers, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Ieuan Williams and Robin Williams
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,
Deputy Chief Executive,
Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,
Director of Social Services,
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,
Head of Housing Services,
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,
Head of Highways, Waste and Property,
Programme, Business Planning and Performance Manager (GM),
Licensing and Corporate Safety Manager (SH),
Policy and Welsh Language Manager (FO),
Communications Officer (GJ),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- ALSO PRESENT:** None
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Eric W Jones, Alun Roberts and Margaret Murley Roberts.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor R O Jones declared a personal interest in respect of Item 5 – Notice of Motion by Councillor Jeff M Evans and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor J Arwel Roberts declared a personal interest in respect of Item 5 – Notice of Motion by Councillor Jeff M Evans and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were confirmed as correct:-

- 26 October, 2021 (Extraordinary)
- 22 November, 2021 (Extraordinary)

3. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chair made the following announcements:-

- Congratulations was extended to those involved in arranging the Winter Fair in Builth Wells and to everyone from Anglesey who were successful in the Show.
- Congratulations was extended to Isaac Floyd-Eve from Holyhead High School for being elected as the Anglesey representative on the Welsh Youth Parliament.
- The Chair wished to thank the Council Staff, Elected Members and Health and Care staff as well as all key workers in the local communities for all their work in dealing with the prevention of the spread of Coronavirus.

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Condolences were extended to any Member of the Council or Staff who had suffered a bereavement.

Members and Officers stood as silent tribute.

4. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

There were no petitions received.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.13.1 OF THE CONSTITUTION

- Submitted – the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Jeff M Evans, endorsed by Councillors Robert Ll Jones, Peter Rogers and Bryan Owen:-

'My intent is to seek the support of Anglesey County Council in seeking reassurance and positive action from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Board, the Welsh Ambulance Service and Welsh Government in provision of effective Health Support Services, including the Ambulance Service to meet the needs and demands of the community, thus combatting the difficulties and decline in health services, which are having such a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of the community.'

Councillor Jeff Evans expressed his grave concerns in the delays in attaining services by the Welsh Ambulance Service. Councillor Evans gave examples of his own family's experiences recently and to the many hours they had to wait for the Ambulance Services. He noted that he had discussed the matter the Chief Officer of the Community Health Council and his response was that the Notice of Motion accurately describes the concerns of the Members of the Community Health Council.

Councillor Bryan Owen seconded the motion and said that Councillor Jeff Evans has submitted the Notice of Motion due to his own experiences in having to wait hours for the Ambulance Service to attend to his family during their recent illness. However, he noted that the service is under immense pressure

and the pandemic has contributed to further pressure on the Health Service as a whole but it is unacceptable for people in having to wait many hours for the Ambulance Service to attend to patients. He further said that he considered that a letter needs to be sent to the Ambulance Service and Welsh Government to express concerns that there is a dire need to improve the waiting time for patients.

The Leader said that the pressures on the Health Service is of national concerns. She noted that the issues within the Notice of Motion has been raised with the Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and through the WLGA as part of the Leaders of Local Authorities across North Wales. Concerns have also been raised as to the pressures on the Emergency Services within the meetings of North Wales Leadership Group with membership of the Wales Ambulance Service, North Wales Fire & Rescue Service in attendance. The Leader highlighted that it is important to recognise the pressure on the Health and Emergency Services during extreme pressures and with the added demands due to the pandemic.

The Members of the Council were unanimously in support of the Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor Jeff Evans and it was :-

RESOLVED to support the motion.

- Submitted – the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Robert Ll Jones, endorsed by Councillors Aled Morris Jones, Bryan Owen, Kenneth P Hughes and Peter Rogers:-

'I am asking for our County Council to make a NET ZERO CARBON BUILDINGS DECLARATION, together with PLANNED ACTIONS TO DELIVER COMMITMENTS STARTING WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, TOMORROW IS TOO LATE'

Councillor Bryan Owen seconded the motion.

Councillor R Ll Jones said that the COP26 held in Glasgow recently made a commitment to tackle the Climate Emergency. He further said that it will be Local Councils that will be tasked to reduced carbon emissions in their areas and he requested the Council to support his motion to make a net zero carbon buildings declaration with immediate effect.

Councillor Dafydd R Thomas, as the Climate Change Champion said that the Authority declared a Climate Emergency in September, 2020 and to be a Carbon Neutral Authority by 2030 and this will incorporate all the County Council's buildings. He further said that the Executive resolved to the development and implementation of a new corporate Climate Change Programme to enable the Authority to transition into a carbon neutral organisation by 2030. The Executive also approved the recruitment of a corporate Climate Change Programme Manager to lead on development and delivery which is now in post. He said that the Authority has spent over £2.4m in reducing carbon footing. Councillor Thomas said that the Council has already made considerable steps towards a Carbon Neutral Authority by 2030 and did not consider that the motion be supported.

Following the vote of 16 against, 6 for and 3 abstained:-

The motion was not carried.

- Submitted – the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Richard Dew, endorsed by Councillor Llinos Medi Huws:-
 - *To require all public fireworks displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people;*
 - *To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.*
 - *To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display.’*

Councillor Richard A Dew said that the public use of fireworks has become more frequent to celebrate different occasions but it must be recognised that vulnerable people and animals are affected due to noise nuisance. He further said that having advance notice of public events taking place can allow residents to take the necessary precautions to safe guard vulnerable persons and animals.

The Leader, Councillor Llinos M Huws seconded the motion.

The Members of the Council were unanimously in support of the Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor Richard A Dew and it was :-

RESOLVED to support the motion.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE PROMOTION STRATEGY

The report by the Chief Executive, as presented to the Executive on 29 November, 2021 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendations within the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy.

7. TRANSITIONAL PLAN

The report by the Deputy Chief Executive, as presented to the Executive on 29 November, 2021 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendations within the Transitional Plan.

8. STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2022-2025

The report by the Head of Regulation and Economic Development, as presented to the Executive on 29 November, 2021 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendations within the Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-2025.

The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm

COUNCILLOR GLYN HAYNES
CHAIR