

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 30 September 2022

- PRESENT:** Councillor Dafydd Roberts (Chair)
Councillor Margaret Murley Roberts (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Geraint Bebb, Paul Ellis, Jeff Evans, Neville Evans, Douglas M Fowlie, Glyn Haynes, T LI Hughes MBE, A M Jones, Carwyn Jones, Dyfed W Jones, G O Jones, John I Jones, Alun W Mummery, Pip O'Neill, Derek Owen, Llio A Owen, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Keith Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Ken Taylor, Alwen Watkin, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams, Liz Wood.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Deputy Chief Executive,
Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,
Director of Social Services,
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,
Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation,
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,
Head of Housing Services,
Head of Adults' Services,
Accountancy Services Manager (BHO),
Service Strategy & Business Manager (GP),
Communications Officer (GJ),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Mr John R Jones (Chair of the Standards Committee)
Mrs Gill Murgatroyd (Independent Member of the Standards Committee)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Llinos Medi, R LI Jones, Euryn Morris,
Dafydd Rhys Thomas
- Chief Executive, Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer.

1. MINUTES

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

- 24 May, 2022 (Ordinary Meeting)
- 24 May, 2022 (First Annual Meeting)

- 31 May, 2022 (Adjourned Annual Meeting)

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

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 the Social Services staff working on the County Council's Cartrefi Clyd scheme. The scheme has been shortlisted for the Children in Care Award and the ceremony will be held on the 24th of November.
- Congratulations was extended to the Beaumaris Brass Band who came third in National Brass Band Championship of Great Britain in Cheltenham on the 18th of September.
- Congratulations was extended to Mrs Gwenllian Owen, the Council's Visitor Economy and Coastal Areas Manager, for recently completing an Ultra Challenge. She walked 50km from Runnymede to Henley-on-Thames as part of the Thames Path Challenge to raise money for St David's Hospice. Mrs Owen has raised more than £550 for the patients and families receiving care.
- The Chair referred that he congratulated Casi Evans from Penysarn, recently for being selected to Wales' Under 16 Football Squad to play against Denmark, Finland and Switzerland over the Easter period. Since then Casi, who is a pupil at Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, Amlwch, has recently represented Wales' Under 16s Team in the United States and Wales' Under 17s Team in Croatia.

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The Chair welcomed Mr Marc Berw Hughes, the newly appointed Director of Education, Skills and Young People, to the full County Council and wished him well in his post.

The Chair further said that Estyn has recently published their report on Education Authority. The report is highly praising of the education services provided by the Authority.

The Chair referred that the County Council is currently consulting publically on its new Council Plan. He asked the elected members to encourage electors to take part in the consultation process.

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The Chair, on behalf of the County Council, extended his deepest condolences to the Royal Family following the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

Condolences were extended to any Member of the Council or staff who have suffered a bereavement recently.

Members and Officers stood as silent tribute.

4. ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Submitted – the report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer in relation to the above.

The Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer reported that Section 57 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 introduced provisions enabling the appointment of elected members to be assistants to the Executive (assistants). The operation of Section 57 can only be implemented by a decision of the full Council. No more than three assistant executive members can be appointed at any one time with no remuneration for the role. All other terms and conditions shall be decided by the Leader.

It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendations at A.2 of the report.

5. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The first Annual Report of the Standards Committee was presented by Mr John R Jones, the Chair of the Standards Committee.

Mr Jones said that the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ('the Act') has introduced new duties on the Standards Committee and Council in relation to improving standards of conduct of Councillors and Co-opted Councillors both in the Council and in respect of Town and Community Councillors. He noted that the report outlines the duties introduced by the Act and the work the Standards Committee has undertaken in preparation for the main provisions, which will be in the form of Regulations, and which have been subject to consultation by the Welsh Government. The Standards Committee have responded to the consultation and the Committee's response was attached as Appendix A to the report. Mr Jones further said that the report also outlines the work the Committee has undertaken in accordance with its responsibilities in 2021/2022 and the Work Programme for 2022/2023 was submitted from the Council's approval.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **to accept the report and to note the new duties imposed on the Standards Committee and Leaders of Political Groups introduced in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021;**
- **to accept the report on the Activities of the Standards Committee in 2021/2022;**
- **to endorse the Standards Committee's Work Programme for 2022/2023.**

(Councillors Paul Ellis, Jeff Evans, Douglas M Fowlie, Aled M Jones, Derek Owen and Liz Wood abstained from voting).

6. CORPORATE SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022

Submitted – a report by the Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation in respect of the above.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Corporate Business and Customer Experience presented the report, and noted that the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act requires each council in Wales to keep its performance under review, that is the extent to which it is exercising its functions effectively; it is using its resources economically, efficiently and effectively and its governance is effective for securing the first two matters. Each council is expected to undertake this duty through self-assessment and must publish a report on the outcome of the self-assessment. In keeping with this requirement the Council's first self- assessment for 2021/22 has been prepared.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the report.

7. REGIONAL AND LOCAL MARKET STABILITY

Submitted – the report of the Director of Social Services as presented to the Executive at its meeting held on 27 September, 2022.

The Portfolio Holder for Children (Social Services) and Youth Services presented the report which is a requirement within Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014). He noted that there are challenges faced by local authorities following the pandemic and during the cost of living crisis. He further said that due to the ageing population of the Island this can put added pressure on Social Services.

It was RESOLVED to approve the North Wales Market Stability Report and the Market Stability Report for Anglesey.

The meeting concluded at 2.30 pm

**COUNCILLOR DAFYDD ROBERTS
CHAIR**