

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16 April 2013

- PRESENT:** Councillor Robert Llewelyn Jones (Chair)
Councillor Eurfryn Griffith Davies (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors W J Chorlton, R Dew, Jim Evans, Keith Evans, C LI Everett, Mrs Fflur Hughes, K P Hughes, R LI Hughes, W I Hughes, W T Hughes, Eric Jones, G O Jones, O Glyn Jones, Raymond Jones, R Dylan Jones, T H Jones, Rhian Medi, Alun W Mummery, B Owen, J V Owen, R L Owen, R G Parry OBE, G O Parry MBE, J A Roberts, Eric Roberts, P S Rogers, E Schofield, Ieuan Williams and H W Thomas
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive
Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Lifelong Learning
Director of Community
Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer
Head of Function (Legal and Administration) (Items 1-5 only)
Head of Service (Policy) (Items 1-5 only)
Senior Solicitor (Childrens' Services) (Items 6 & 7 only)
Committee Services Manager (JG)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors T LI. Hughes, A M Jones, H E Jones, C McGregor, G W Roberts OBE and Selwyn Williams;
Corporate Director (Sustainable Development)

The meeting was opened by a prayer offered by Councillor G.O.Jones

1 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Head of Function (Legal and Administration) and the Head of Service (Policy) declared an interest in Item 7 of these minutes and were not present at the meeting during any discussion or voting thereon.

2 **TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COMMISSIONERS OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

None to declare.

3 **PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING MEMBERS BY THE CHAIR**

The Chief Executive paid tribute to the following Councillors who had declared their intention to retire as Councillors prior to the Council elections this May:-

Councillor Cliff Everett

Councillor Cliff Everett was elected as a Labour Member for the Holyhead Town Ward in 1991 and had been a former Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Principal Scrutiny Committee and the Executive.

Councillor Fflur M. Hughes

Councillor Fflur M. Hughes was elected as a Plaid Cymru member for the Cefni Ward in May 1999 and had been a former Chair of the Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee and former Chair of the Housing and Social Services Committee.

Councillor W.I.Hughes

Councillor W.I.Hughes was elected as a Plaid Cymru member for the Bodffordd Ward in 1999. He had served on the Executive in the past as the Portfolio Holder for Housing.

Councillor Eric Jones

Councillor Eric Jones was elected member for the Llanfihangel Ysceifiog Ward in 2007 and had been Chair of the General Grants Committee and a former Vice-Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Tom Jones

Councillor Tom Jones was elected member for the Llanfechell Ward in 2004. He had been an Executive member with responsibility as Portfolio Holder for Finance. He had also been the Chair of the Audit Committee and the Appointments Committee.

Councillor Clive McGregor (unable to be present today)

Councillor Clive McGregor was elected to the County Council in May 2008 and represented the Llanddyfnan Ward. He was appointed Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transportation and Maritime upon entering the Council. In April 2009, he was elected Leader of the Original Independents' Group and was Leader of the County Council between May 2009 to May 2011.

Councillor Rhian Medi

Councillor Rhian Medi was elected as a Plaid Cymru member for the Cyngar Ward in 2008. She had been a former Chair of the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee and also the Executive at its inception in 2000.

Councillor J.V.Owen

Councillor J.V.Owen was elected to the Isle of Anglesey Borough Council in 1976 and was elected Mayor of the Borough Council between 1985-86. He was elected as member for the Parc a'r Mynydd Ward, Holyhead in 2008. He was the current Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism and Property Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor R.L.Owen

Councillor R.L.Owen was elected as member for the Beaumaris Ward in May 1999. He had served as a Beaumaris Town Councillor since 1986 and was Mayor of Beaumaris between 1996-97. Councillor Owen was Chairman of the County Council in 2002-03, during the visit by Her Majesty The Queen as part of her Golden Jubilee visit to Beaumaris. He also served as Chairman of the Planning and Orders Committee. He had also served as the former Chair of the Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee and was currently its Vice-Chair.

Councillor G.O.Parry,MBE

Councillor G.O.Parry,MBE had been a member of the Valley Community Council since 1976. He had been the Chairman of the Association of Local Councils, Gwynedd for five years. He had been a member of the Isle of Anglesey Borough Council since 1982 and of this Council since 1996.

He had been Borough Mayor during 1990-91 and had also been involved with the Citizens Advice Bureau since 1974 and served as the Chair of the North Wales as well as the Holyhead CAB. He had been the Leader of the County Council between 1999 to 2002 and was the current Portfolio Holder for Education.

Councillor G.Winston Roberts,OBE (unable to be present today)

Councillor G.Winston Roberts, OBE was first elected as a member of the former Ynys Mon Borough Council in 1976 and served the Authority until the creation of Unitary Authorities in 1996. During that period he played a prominent role within the Council, holding the Chairs of the Economic and Tourism Development Committee, the Environmental Health Committee and of the Personnel and Performance Review Committee.

In May 1995, he was elected as a member of this Council and became the Council's first Chairman and Leader. He had twice been elected Mayor of Amlwch Town Council. He was the current Chair of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust Investments and Contracts Committee.

The Chair thanked all the retiring members for their valued contribution and wished them well for the future.

The Chair on behalf of the County Council presented the members in question with crystal glass plaques with the Council logo as a memento of their service to Local Government and also presented a bouquet of flowers to the wives/partners who were able to be present today.

The Leader of the Council paid tribute to the retiring members and thanked them for their support over the last few years with the recovery process.

Councillor Keith Evans was also afforded the opportunity of paying his own tribute to the retiring members and wished them well for the future.

4 NORTH WALES POLICE

The Chair extended a warm welcome to the Police Commissioner.

A presentation was provided to the Council by the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales, Mr. Winston Roddick, CB, QC, regarding his invitation to North Wales residents to share their views on local policing and crime.

Views expressed would be used in the development of a Police and Crime Plan that would set out a clear direction for the police service in North Wales over the next few years.

The Police Commissioner wanted this Plan to reflect the needs of the North Wales public and sought to obtain the views of the local community about policing matters concerning them.

Following the Commissioner's address, the members of the Council were provided with a question and answer session with particular regards to problems being encountered on the Island. Mention was also made that consideration should be given to erecting a commemorative plaque at perhaps the new Llangefni Police Station for the late Dr.Tom Parry Jones of Menai Bridge, the inventor of the electronic breathalyser.

The Chair thanked the Commissioner for his address and on behalf of the Council wished him well in his new post and looked forward to further visits by the Commissioner during his term of office.

5 TREASURY MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 2 MONITORING REPORT

Submitted – the report of the Head of Function (Resources) on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy : Mid Year Review Report for 2012/13.This report was presented to Council in order to comply with the recommendations of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

The Council had resolved that this report be also considered by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee considered the content of the report at its meeting on 12 December, 2012 and resolved to accept its content and to refer it to the County Council.

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report, which has also been scrutinised by the Audit Committee.

6 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.”

7 HEADS OF SERVICE STRUCTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Reported verbally by the Deputy Chief Executive upon the recommendation of the Executive held yesterday in this respect and which resolved *‘to support the recommendations contained in the report and to endorse them to full Council.’*

Reported by the Deputy Chief Executive – That a key component of the Transformation Plan was to review the Heads of Service management structure of the Council in line with the priorities emerging from the Plan and the way in which the Council would need to operate to deliver these priorities over the term of the next Council post May 2013.

Re-designing the Heads of Service Structure was the next stage of the process. This report sets out the case, design principles, key considerations, the proposed new structure (with a rationale), and the details on implementation for a new Heads of Service Structure.

A general consultation would then take place after the election, with staff and stakeholders on the service changes agreed by Council, and a detailed implementation plan would be drawn up.

As stated in the report, concern had been expressed regarding the implementation of the HOS Review prior to the completion of Job Evaluation. It was proposed therefore that an implementation date of 1st October be set for the new HOS structure and that this should also be the implementation date for Job Evaluation, for the purpose of back pay and salary protection arrangements.

RESOLVED to support the recommendations contained in the Deputy Chief Executive’s report.

(Councillor Rhian Medi wished it to be recorded that she had abstained from voting on the matter).

The meeting concluded at 3:50 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR R.LI.JONES
CHAIR**