

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 9 December 2025

PRESENT: Councillor Non Dafydd (Chair)
Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Geraint Bebb, Paul Ellis, Jeff M Evans, Neville Evans, Douglas M Fowlie, Glyn Haynes, Kenneth P Hughes, Robert LI Jones, Aled Morris Jones, Gwilym O Jones, Dyfed Wyn Jones, Jackie Lewis, Pip O'Neill, Derek Owen, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, Keith Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Ken Taylor, Alwen Pennant Watkin, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams, Sonia Williams and Arfon Wyn

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive,
Deputy Chief Executive,
Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,
Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,
Director of Social Services,
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,
Head of Housing Services,
Head of Adults' Services,
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,
Head of Highways, Waste and Property,
Committee Officer (MEH),
Webcasting Committee Services Officer (FT).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Carwyn Jones, John Ifan Jones, Euryrn Morris, Llio Angharad Owen, Liz Wood

Head of Profession (Human Resources) & Transformation,

1. MINUTES

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

- Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September, 2025
- Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 28 October, 2025

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair made the following announcements:-

- Congratulations were extended to everyone who was rewarded in the Môn Actif Awards held at Beaumaris Leisure Centre in October.
- Best wishes extended to Bodffordd Elderly Club on reaching a significant milestone recently – reaching their 50th birthday since the club was established. The Club has been supported by Mr Ellis Wyn Roberts throughout the years.
- Congratulations were extended to Jac Hughes, one of the Social Services Department’s users who will appear on the TV Programme “Y Cyfweliad” (The Interview) in the new year. Jac is known to everyone who has attended the Learning Disabilities forum for his valuable contributions.
- Congratulations were extended to the Communities Team within the Housing Service Department for winning a National Award at the 2025 Wales Safer Communities Awards in the Equalities, Inclusion and Cohesion category. This award is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the outstanding work of the staff, volunteers, and partners behind the Môn Diverse Community Hub. Their commitment to inclusion, safety, and community wellbeing reflects the very best of our island.
- Congratulations were extended to Elen Gwen Williams, who now lives on Anglesey, for winning the Dai Jones memorial prize for her project “Calon Cefn Gwlad” (The Heart of the Countryside). The work was praised for its focus on the community and heritage of agricultural Wales.
- The Chair referred to the North Wales tourism awards held recently in Llandudno with many Anglesey businesses succeeding – including Chateau Rhianfa, Ribride and Llanfairpwll Distillery. Holyhead Town Council were also honoured for their excellent work in welcoming cruise passengers to the town.
- Congratulations were extended to the Young Farmers of Anglesey for their success at Young Farmers’ Eisteddfod at Montgomeryshire in November.
- Congratulations were extended to Kenan Davies-Zorlu from Holyhead who is an Engineering student at Coleg Menai and who has received national recognition for his excellent progress in Mathematics.
- Congratulations were extended to Steffan Lloyd Owen for winning one of the most prestigious Opera competitions in the World in Paris recently.
- Congratulations were extended to Cari Hughes (Menai Track and Field) who won the Liverpool Cross Challenge 2025 – an 8km cross country race in November.
- Congratulations were extended to Mrs Susan Jones, Tregarnedd, Star, Llanfairpwll, on being chosen as President Elect of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society for 2027.

- Congratulations were extended to Mari Llion Jones on being chosen as an Ambassador Elect for the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society for 2027.
- Congratulations were extended to the Farmers' Union of Wales who are celebrating 70 years since they were established back in 1955.
- Congratulations were extended to the Old Ysgol Bodorgan Centre for their recognition for their voluntary services.
- Best wishes were extended to Mr Magee from Valley who has recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

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The Chair expressed her deepest sympathy with the family of the late Councillor Trefor LI Hughes MBE who passed away recently following a period of illness.

The Leader of the Council, fellow Elected Members who represents the Ynys Cybi Ward and other Members of the Council paid tribute to the late Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes MBE and referred to his humour, knowledge and friendship and their deepest sympathy was extended to his wife Janet, Gareth his son and family. The late Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes main interest and passion was football and he volunteered, from a young age, at the Bodedern Football Club and thereafter supported the football clubs on Anglesey over a number of years. He became the President of the Football Association in Wales in 2012. He also spent six years as an UEFA International Football Delegate a role which took him to football stadia around the World before stepping down in 2019. He was awarded the MBE in 2016 for his services to football and was also honoured with his acceptance to the Gorsedd of the Bards in 2007.

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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

No petitions received.

5. QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.12.4 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted – the following question on notice by Councillor Kenneth P Hughes to the Council Leader:-

'Following receiving an e-mail to draw my attention to the fact that there is a clash between the dates of the Royal Welsh Show in 2027 and the dates of the School Summer Holidays in Anglesey, which means that schools will be open for the first two days of the show. Is it possible for the portfolio holder to use his influence to try and find a resolution which ensures that there will be no clash between the dates of the show and the dates of school holidays in Anglesey in 2027, this being essential as Anglesey is the feature county in 2027.'

The Leader of the Council said it is the government that sets out school holidays timetable rather than County Councils. He noted that the schools in Powys have been allowed to start their summer holidays before the start of the Royal Welsh Show in Builth Wells. The Member of Parliament Llinos Medi and Rhun ap Iorthwerth, AS Member have sent a joint letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education requesting that Anglesey Schools should be allowed to close before the start of the show in 2027 as Anglesey is the feature county and that every feature county in the future should be afforded the same provision. The Leader assured that he would inform the Members of the Council of the response received by the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language said that the only flexibility available is that school Governors and Headteachers can choose the dates for the five training days afforded to schools. He noted following discussions with Education Catchment Officers it has been agreed to allow the two days training days for pupils to attend the Royal Welsh Show 2027. However, the Portfolio Member stressed that it is a matter for the School Governors to decide and support the release of the two training day sessions to allow pupils to take part in the Show as Anglesey is the feature county in 2027.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

- Submitted – a Notice of Motion by Councillor Jeff Evans:-

"A recent Marie Curie report " dying in poverty" found that 28% of working people and 16% of pension age people are in poverty, in their last year of life; these rates significantly higher than people not in the final/ last year of life.

End of life Charity, Marie Curie, worked with Manchester City Council as to 'pioneering 'Council Tax Plans, and said the Council was the first in England to offer full exemption for people with a terminal illness.

Manchester's proposals set out plans for the Council to change its Discretionary Council Tax Policy, to explicitly include a commitment to support people who have been diagnosed with a terminal condition.

Manchester's initiative is intended to ease the burden on family carers and goes a long way to help/ assist with unseen costs, where there is a palliative diagnosis, including powering home medical devices and allowing/ having heating on longer and higher, to help manage symptoms.

Marie Curie is 'urgently' seeking more Councils to adopt a similar approach to Manchester, to help people live out their last months, weeks, days without worrying about Council Tax Bills.

A number of other Councils have now adopted similar proposals to support people with a terminal illness and in the final year of life.

I am submitting this ' Notice of Motion' on behalf of the Independent Group Councillors, requesting that Anglesey County Council, adopts similar proposals as now accepted and in place in Manchester City Council."

Councillor Paul Ellis seconded the motion.

The Leader of the Council said that he was supportive of Marie Curie's initiative for support of people with a terminal illness and in the final year of life, and it will be considered as part of budget setting process.

Councillor Nicola Roberts said that she supported the Motion and reminded that Citizens Advice is available to support people in poverty and illness and there is support for people through the Council Tax Discretionary Relief Scheme.

Councillor Robert LI Jones said that there is a need to consider the implications of the discretionary relief as noted within the Motion and he questioned as to whether the Council Tax exemption would cease on the death of a person and what effect it would have if the person was already in receipt of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. He further questioned whether the discount would be for the person or on the property with other people living in the dwelling and liable for Council Tax.

Councillor Aled Morris Jones said that there is an adequate period to consider the implications of the proposal to next years budget. The Council Tax Reduction Scheme, which is supported by Welsh Government, is available and it would not burden the taxpayers of Anglesey. He noted that the Motion before the Council is to show dignity to persons that have a terminal illness and in the final year of their life.

The Leader responded that scheme is available to support people, but the Motion is the request by Marie Curie to treat people with dignity in the final months of their lives. He noted that any proposals will be considered as part of the budget setting process.

It was AGREED, in principle, to support the Marie Curie initiative to seek full exemption from paying Council Tax to people with a terminal illness in the last year of their lives.

Councillor Robert LI Jones did not vote in favour of the Motion.

- Submitted, a Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackie Lewis:-

'As an elected member for Talybolion Ward, I very much welcome the UK Government's announcement that Small Modular Reactors will be located at Wylfa.

Anglesey has a proud tradition of energy production at Wylfa Nuclear Power Station, providing quality employment for the residents of Anglesey for decades.

However, we are aware of the possible impacts on communities and residents living nearby and therefore I ask the County Council to ensure the project delivers maximum local benefits, and to reduce and mitigate any negative impacts.

We must listen to the views, needs and concerns of residents as the Wylfa project progresses.

I therefore ask Anglesey Couty Council to work diligently to ensure that the economic benefits and employment opportunities are predominantly for the residents of Anglesey by:

- *Ensuing employment and supply chain opportunities for local people and businesses;*
- *Working with the Learning Department and partners at Coleg Llandrillo Menai and Bangor University to ensure that our young people have the necessary skills;*
- *Creating circumstances that will allow young people and their families who have already left the island to return;*
- *Ensuring that our language and culture is a golden thread throughout the process.'*

Councillor Robin Williams seconded the motion.

Councillor Aled Morris Jones proposed an addition to the Motion to recognise and appreciate the work and initiative by Ms Gwen Parry Jones the former CEO of Great British Nuclear who has been instrumental in securing the location of Small Modular Reactors in the Wylfa Site and to invite her to a future meeting of the Council. He said that Ms Gwen Parry Jones has been involved in the nuclear sector for many years and it is a duty on the Council to show recognition for a person from Anglesey to ensure the future of the nuclear industry on the Wylfa site.

Councillor Derek Owen seconded the addition to the Motion.

The addition on the Motion was approved.

The Leader of the Council also wished to recognise the work by Ms Gwen Parry Jones as the former CEO of Great British Nuclear. He noted that listening the comments of the residents of the Island was important when Horizon was considering a new development on the Wylfa Site and the lessons learnt by the Economic Department as part of the Ynys Ynni project, need to be considered and the benefits from such a new development on the site is undertaken. The Authority will work closely with Great British Nuclear to reflect the ambitions of the local community and the Island.

Councillor Aled Morris Jones said that it is important that Great British Nuclear affords the Council specific dates, especially when the Development Consent Order is submitted by the company. He noted that whilst lessons need to be learnt from the Horizon project, it must be realised that the Great British Nuclear project is completely different as these will be medium sized reactors. The employment opportunities will result in 3,000 jobs during construction 1,000 jobs available thereafter. The final Investment Decision is important as well as when the construction will commence. He further said that there needs to be community consent and to ensure employment for future generations for the young people of Anglesey.

Councillor Kenneth P Hughes referred to the delegation from the UK Government and Welsh Government who attended Coleg Menai when the announcement was made that the SMRs were to be built on the Wylfa site and noted that it was disappointing that representation from the Authority were not invited to attend. He further said that it is hoped that the development will materialise on the Wylfa Site as there is a dire need for employment on the Island.

Councillor Sonia Williams said that it is hoped that some of the students that the delegations from both government met during their visit will be able to take advantage of the employment opportunities available from the development at Wylfa. She said that the Education Department should ensure that the children will be able to take advantage of the employment opportunities afforded from the development and to ensure that the Welsh language is paramount to any development on the site.

Councillor Gwilym O Jones said that it is hoped that there will be opportunities for local young people and for those who have had to move to work away to be able to return to their local communities.

Councillor Derek Owen said that the Community Councils, and especially those in the North of the Island, needs to be informed and supported during the development on the Wylfa Site.

Councillor Robert Ll Jones said that it must be considered that there are people on the Island who have their doubt as regards to nuclear developments and if there was a need for evacuation due to an incident on the Wylfa site, the infrastructure as regards to the bridges is a problem. He considered that people should be invited to the Council to explain their concerns as regards to the development on the Wylfa site. The Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer advised that,

while a decision for the Chair, she did not consider that the proposal was relevant to the Notice of Motion, as amended.

Councillor Ken Taylor said that there are significant issues that needs to be addressed as regards to what will be done with the waste from the site, if there is community and Island benefits from the new development and whether the Island's residents will have reduction in their electricity bills. He noted that following the closure of the former Wylfa site, the town of Amlwch is suffering from lack of financial gain from the closure of the site.

Councillor Pip O'Neill agreed that safety is paramount as regards to nuclear development on the site and caution is required as regards to pressure for timetable for dates as regards to the project at Wylfa.

The Leader of the Council said that there is respect to the people who have concerns as to the development on the Wylfa site and there is a need to listen and discuss such concerns. He considered strongly that there is also support for the development at Wylfa and people from the Island have had good employment on the former Wylfa site for several years; economic and employment benefits from the new development on the site should be welcomed to ensure that the future generation of young people will have the opportunity to gain employment and for some to be able to return to work on the Island.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Motion with the following addition to acknowledge the work undertaken by Ms Gwen Parry Jones, the former CEO of Great British Nuclear in her efforts to secure the location of Small Modular Reactors in the Wylfa Site and to invite Ms Gwen Parry Jones to a future meeting of the Council.

7. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – FINAL APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer as presented to the Executive 25 November, 2025 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

It was RESOLVED to approve the proposed amendment to the Constitution to provide for the final approval of the Council's Annual Accounts by the Governance and Audit Committee, in place of the Council.

8. TO APPOINT A CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer was presented for the Council's acceptance.

It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendations of the Standards Committee Selection Panel as follows:-

- **To appoint Mr David Davies as co-opted independent member of the Standards Committee with a term of office beginning on 12 December, 2025;**
- **In the event that a casual vacancy for an independent member of the Standards Committee arises during the next twelve months, to automatically appoint Dr Margaret Flynn to this role without need for further recruitment process, provided always that this candidate remains eligible for the role, and subject to satisfactory references being received prior to the appointment.**

**COUNCILLOR NON DAFYDD
CHAIR**