

Ymgynghori ar y gyllideb - Eitem 5.1

SYLWADAU PELLACH

Budget Consultation – Item 5.1

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RECEIVED

Gethin Jones

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2014 21:59
To: BUDGET CONSULTATION

Er Sylw'r Cyngor

- angen trafodaeth gyda mudiad meithrin
- bob toriad ir blynnyddoedd cynnar yn effeithiopr cylchoedd
- nad polisi blanced ywr ffordd ymlanen, ond I ofyn I swyddogion y cyngor cynnal trafodaethau manwl gyda'r mudiad I weld lle gellid rhesymol, a cynllunio rgagblaen
- sefyllfa bresennol 33 CM yn mon yn cyflogi oddeutu 130 aelod o staff

bydd angen staff ychwanegol I scrhau y ratio 1:8 ar gyfer pob plenty yn yr ysgol.a oesarbediad arianol?

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TRANSLATION

Budget Consultation

For the attention of the Council

- Need discussions with Mudiad Meithrin.
- Annual cuts to the early years provision affects the Play Groups.
- That a blanket policy is not the way forward but to request Council Officers to enter into detailed discussions with the Organisation to establish where rationalisation s possible, and to plan ahead.
- Current position is that 33 Play Groups employ approximately 130 staff.

Additional staff will be required in the schools to secure the ratio 1:8 for every child. Is there a financial saving?



Mae'n anodd iawn gennym gredu y bydd y Cyngor yn gwneud unrhyw arbedion ariannol wrth gau'r Cylchoedd Meithrin. Ymddengys eich bod yn cael cryn fargen ar hyn o bryd petaem ond yn cymharu cyflog athro mewn ysgol â chyflog arweinyddion y Cylchoedd Meithrin ac eto mae'r un gofynion arnynt o ran cyflwyno gwaith y Cyfnod Sylfaen i'r plant. Yn ychwanegol at hyn mae'r pwyllgorau gwirfoddol, sy'n gymaint o asgwrn cefn i'r Cylchoedd, yn gorfod codi arian yn gyson er mwyn darparu adnoddau addysgol i'r plant. A fydd y Cyngor tybed yn darparu nawdd ychwanegol i'r Ysgolion er mwyn ymateb i holl ofynion y cynllun dysgu trwy chwarae a'r cynnydd sylweddol fydd yn nifer y plant dan 7 oed fydd yn yr ysgolion?

A ydych wedi ystyried goblygiadau'ch argymhellion ar yr iaith Gymraeg tybed? Mae nifer o blant Cylch Meithrin Henblas yn hannu o gartrefi di-Gymraeg ond wrth fynychu'r Cylch Meithrin a'r Cylch Ti a Fi caiff y plant gyfle i gymdeithasau ac i glywed yr iaith Gymraeg o oedran ifanc iawn. Trefnir gweithgareddau ar gyfer y teulu yn gyson gan bwyllgor y Cylch, gweithgareddau megis Ffair Haf, nosweithiau i ddathlu Gŵyl Ddewi, gwasanaethau Nadolig ayb a thrwy'r gweithgareddau hyn caiff teuluoedd gyfle i gymdeithasu trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Yn anffodus, ar wahân i weithgareddau a drefnir gan y Cylch Meithrin, prin iawn yw'r gweithgareddau a gynhelir yn yr ardal ar gyfer y gymuned ac mae hyn eto'n ategu'r angen gwirioneddol i gadw'r Cylch Meithrin yn agored.

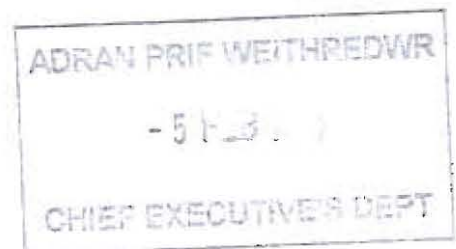
Mae gennym Gylch Meithrin hynod o lwyddiannus yma yn Llangristiolus, arweinyddion gweithgar, gofalus a chydwybodol a phwyllgor o rieni ymroddgar sy'n rhoi o'u gorau yn wirfoddol er lles addysg eu plant. Mae adroddiadau arolygon diweddar ESTYN a AGGCC wedi bod yn gadarnhaol iawn a ffurflenni gwerthuso gan rieni yn profi gymaint y mae'r Cylch Meithrin yn ei olygu iddynt.

Erfyniwn arnoch felly i ail-ystyried yr argymhellion a sicrhau dyfodol llewyrchus i addysg Blynyddoedd Cynnar plant ym Môn.

Yn gywir,

[Redacted signature]

Ysgrifennydd a Pherson Cofrestredig Cylch Meithrin Henblas



TRANSLATION

Correspondence from: Cylch Meithrin Henblas
Dated: 28 January 2014

Dear Mr Richard Parry Jones

Consultation on the Budget 2014 - 2015 Response to the Summary of Proposed Savings, Lifelong Learning (Appendix B)

I write to you on behalf of Henblas Nursery Group Llangristiolus to state our objections to the recommendations noted in the consultation document on the 2014/15 Budget concerning the reduction in the admission age of children to schools on Anglesey and also the support given for Early Years within the County.

Even though this consultation document has been published since the beginning of December it was only yesterday that our attention as a group was drawn to it. We believe that it is a disgrace that the Council could not have discussed the recommendations with Nursery Group officials before this especially when considering all the implications and the long term effects of what is being suggested here. We accept that the Council needs to make big financial cuts but we feel that you are losing credibility with the public in taking such steps and trying to pass adverse recommendations through the back door as it were. According to what we are given to understand, the Headmasters of the schools haven't had any time either to respond and to give their views on the recommendations.

Have you fully considered the implications of reducing the admission age to schools I wonder? We accept that this might be a reasonable option in SOME areas where the number of children is low but the situation is completely different here. Ysgol Henblas is full and according to the Governors, it is not possible to accept more children. Recently the Nursery Committee for this area looked at ways of trying to increase the number of sessions held every week in order to respond to the increase in the number of children who are keen to attend Nursery. Henblas Nursery Group takes in children when they are two and a half years old and the children stay here until they are four years old before moving into the reception class at Ysgol Henblas. There are 29 children at present who attend these sessions and others have already registered for September 2014. We have a Ti a Fi Group here as well and it is very successful where children of a very young age have an opportunity to socialise and to get to know the location before they come to the Nursery Group. However, if we lost children from 3 years old on in the Group, it would not be in a viable situation to continue.

We find it very difficult to believe that the Council will make any financial savings by closing the nursery groups. It appears that you are getting quite a bargain at the moment if we were to compare the salary of a teacher in a school and the wage of the Leaders of the Nursery Groups and yet they have the same pressures as regards presenting the work of the Foundation Period to children. Added to this are the voluntary committees which are the backbone of the Groups, which have to raise money all the time in order to provide educational resources for the children. Will the Council I wonder provide extra support for schools in order to respond to all the requirements of the learning through play scheme and the significant increase in the number of children under 7 years old that will be in the schools.

Have you considered the implications of your recommendations on the Welsh Language I wonder? A number of children at Henblas Nursery Group come from non Welsh homes but by attending the Group and the Ti a Fi Group these children have an opportunity to socialise and to hear the Welsh Language from a very early age. Activities are arranged for families

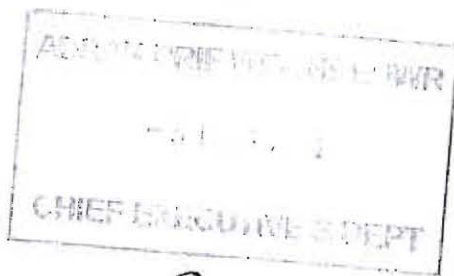
by the Groups Committee, activities such as Summer Fete, evenings to celebrate St David's Day, Christmas services etc. and through these activities families have the opportunity to socialise through the medium of Welsh. Unfortunately other than the activities arranged by the Nursery Group, events arranged within the area for the benefit of the Community are very infrequent and this only strengthens the real need to keep the Nursery Group open.

We have a very successful Nursery Group here in Llangristiolus, hardworking, careful and conscientious Leaders and a committee of devoted parents who give of their best voluntarily for the benefit of their children's education. Recent inspection reports from Estyn and CSSIW have been very positive and appraisal forms from parents prove how much the Nursery Group means to them.

We implore you, therefore, to reconsider the recommendations and ensure a prosperous future for the early years education of the children of Anglesey.

Yours sincerely


Secretary and Registered Person Henblas Nursery Group



29.1.2014

DEAR SIR,

I BELIEVE THE COUNCIL IS THINKING OF IMPLEMENTING ANOTHER 5% INCREASE IN THE COUNCIL TAX. LAST YEAR WE HAD 5% THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, ALSO A 4.5% THE YEAR BEFORE. YOU JUST CANNOT SEEM TO GET YOUR FINANCIAL SIDE IN ORDER HERE IN ANGLESEY. YET IT WAS ONLY A YEAR AGO THAT YOU ENGAGED THREE PERSONNEL AT A COST OF £500,000. THIS I CONSIDER TOTALLY LUDICROUS. YOU WENT AHEAD EVEN AFTER PROTESTS BY MANY ON THE ISLAND. HOW IS IT THAT ERIC PICKLES CAN GET AWAY IN WESTMINSTER AND STATE, "THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX AGAIN THIS YEAR". WHY IS IT INCREASING IN WALES? MOST ENGLISH COUNCILS ARE HAVING TO MANAGE, WHY NOT US? YOU CAN WELL UNDERSTAND WHY WE MIGHT BE HAPPY TO GO ALONG WITH GYNNEDS. YOU WILL OPPOSE IT I AM SURE, BECAUSE YOU WILL WANT TO HOLD ON TO YOUR OWN POWER. MY WIFE AND I ARE PENSIONERS, 75 AND 71 AND LIVING ON A TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES OF £12000 PER ANNUM. WE ARE VERY UNHAPPY WITH THE WAY LLANGFNWI IS LOOKING AFTER US. I STRONGLY FEEL THAT EDUCATION AND THE POLICE SHOULD NOT FALL ON LOCAL TAXES, BUT SHOULD BE BORN BY THE NATIONAL EXCHEQUOR. LETS? BUT NOT LEAST COUNCIL PENSIONS SHOULD NOT FALL ON COUNCIL TAX PAYERS, BUT SHOULD BE SET UP IN THE PRIVATE INSURANCED WORLD. PLEASE LOOK AT LLANGFNWI'S NAGS STRUCTURE FIRST.

YOURS SINCERELY

[Redacted signature]

*Executive Consultation 2014/2015
Executive Department
Council Offices,
Llangefnï
Anglesey. LL77 7TW.*



Dear Sir,

My honest opinion and years of experience in service is get rid of senior Council officers of insider trading, use for private individual matters and private gain or passed to close family members. Council Members informed unpaid rent /which Bank / lowest payment made Through Property Merchant etc Council Houses .obtain repair grants rent out one has over ninety premises I suggest and Vote for Gwynedd to take over change contracts obtain best materials at cost do not keep to same suppliers some are also dishonest.

Officers in Council Offices work on Half Pay. Are use to obtain benefits in one form or another one way is to hold back development grants let a fellow mate get it .

Don't hide this Too many involved to obtain prosecution or again poor investigators

A Rate Payer

Gethin Jones

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2014 10:40
To: BUDGET CONSULTATION
Subject: Budget Consultation Document

Chief Executive's Dept
Anglesey County Council

Dear Sirs

I appreciate that there has been a consultation meeting concerning the proposed budget changes but I believe that there is still time for comments. I have read the document and appreciate that there is a need for reduction in the Council expenditure but I am also surprised that all the County Councils have not mentioned the fact that the British Government donates over 11 BILLION in foreign aid to other countries that do not need the aid. Some could provide aid for us, If that money was spent among Local Authorities we would not have this problem.

With reference to the proposed 5% increase in Council Rates it is a massive increase. Properties in Band D are often quoted but because we live in Beaumaris our Band is F and it is not related to the size of the property or facilities but because we live in Beaumaris. The increase on people in circumstance such as ours will cause hardships and reduce our ability to spend on other local activities and services.

The only direct service we have via our Rates is the clearing of our bins. I know for example that pavements here at Cae Mair have not been swept or cleaned for at least 20 years. The road sweeper calls occasionally - and we are the highest paying ratepayers in the town.

I totally oppose such a sharp increase.

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Beaumaris



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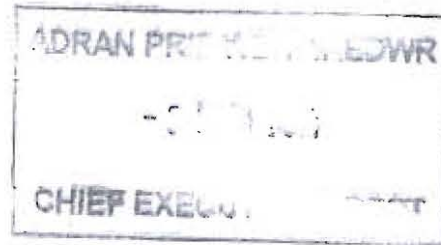
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Cefnogi Gwirfoddolwyr,
Grwpiau Gwirfoddol a
Chymunedol ar Ynys Môn
Supporting Volunteers,
Voluntary and
Community Groups on Anglesey

Cadeirydd / Chair: Dilys Shaw
Prif Swyddog / Chief Officer: John R Jones
Dirprwy Prif Swyddog / Deputy Chief Officer: Sian C Purcell

30 Ionawr 2014

Ymgynghoriad ar Gyllideb 2014/15
Swyddfa'r Prif Weithredwr
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Annwyl Gyfaill

Wynebu'r Her

Unwaith eto mae rhaid derbyn difrifoldeb sefyllfa gyllidol Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn sydd ddim yn wahanol i nifer o wasanaethau cyhoeddus yng Nghymru heddiw gan gynnwys y trydydd sector.

Mae'n anodd dadlau yn erbyn blaenoriaethau'r Cyngor a chroesawn y datganiad ynglŷn â chyflawni gwasanaethau mewn dulliau gwahanol, gan gyflawnwyr eraill - bydd angen help ar gymunedau i wynebu'r her hyn. Mae modd i Medrwn Môn ac eraill gynorthwyo. Mae comisiynu gwasanaethau yn cynyddu yn ei bwysigrwydd ac mae angen rhybudd digonol o unrhyw newidiadau er mwyn sicrhau bod gan fudiadau lleol gyfle i gystadlu a meithrin profiad ac arbenigedd i lwyddo i ennill tendr. Mae'n bwysig cylchredeg arian yn lleol.

Wrth edrych ar y rhagamcanion cyllidol mae cyfeiriad ar bwyslais cynyddol ar drefniadau partneriaethol. Oes modd derbyn esboniad pellach?

Wrth ystyried strategaeth gyllidol tymor canolig y Pwyllgor Gwaith oes modd edych ar sut gall y trydydd sector gynorthwyo i ddenu arian allanol, arian sydd ddim ar gael i'r sector statudol. Mae angen trosolwg strategol, partneriaethol i gyflawni hyn ac efallai nad yw'n briodol bod tro. Ond mae yna enghreifftiau o'r sector a'r Cyngor yn cydweithio i ddenu adnoddau ychwanegol - Heneiddio'n Dda, Lleisiau Lleol, Loteri Trefnadaeth. Wrth baratoi am y datblygiadau ynni mawr mae angen i'r Cyngor ystyried yn ofalus unrhyw fudd cymunedol a sut i ymgorffori dyheadau'r gymuned.



ARIENNIR GAN Y LOTERI
LOTTERY FUNDED



Mae cyfeiriad cyson yn y ddogfen at y Rhaglen Trawsnewid - rhaglen sy'n cyfeirio at newidiadau llywodraethol yn bennaf ond mae elfen 'edrych allan', sef y berthynas gyda phartneriaid. All y sector wirfoddol gyfrannu at hyn?

Wrth drafod Gweithgareddau Cyfredol mae yna son am Bartneriaethau Lleol - sut mae sicrhau bod y gymuned yn rhan weithredol o unrhyw bartneriaeth leol?

Mae mwy nag un mudiad wedi derbyn rhybudd yn dirwyn cytundebau i ben. Rhaid bod yn glir wrth adrodd pan bod y penderfyniadau hyn wedi'i cyrraedd ac ystyried yr effaith ar ddefnyddwyr y gwasanaeth.

Yn fy marn i nid oes digon o eglurdeb ynglŷn â'r broses tendro yn arbennig pan fo grant yn troi'n dendr, gyda'r holl waith sy'n gysylltiedig i gyflwyno tendr llwyddiannus neu aflwyddiannus.

Nid oes llinell gyllid penodol i'r sector wirfoddol yn y Grynoded o Arbedion Arfaethedig. Eleni mae'r sector wedi derbyn toriad o 5.2% yn ei gyllid gan yr Adran Gymuned ac wedi wynebu adolygiad o'r buddsoddiad. Mae angen adrodd ar yr adolygiad a thrafod gweithdrefnau i'r dyfodol. Gobeithio yn ystod 2014/15 ni fydd angen adolygiad arall a bydd monitro'r cytundebau yn briodol i faint y buddsoddiadau. Mae monitro yn holl bwysig oherwydd y cwtogiad yn y cynghorydd hynny oedd yn cynrychioli'r Cyngor ar gyrrff allanol.

Ond sylwer bod toriadau yng nghyllidebau'r Mudiad Meithrin, WPPA, yr Urdd a Ffermwyr Ifanc a grantiau i Neuaddau Pentref a Chanolfannau Cymunedol. Oes unrhyw drafodaeth ynglŷn ag effaith y toriadau? Sut mae rhesymoli darpariaeth Clybiau Ieuenctid - sef gwasanaeth pwysig sy'n defnyddio adnoddau cymunedol? Efallai mai'r defnydd gan y clwb ieuenctid neu'r grant yw'r gwahaniaeth rhwng agor a chau'r adnodd cymuned.

Gobeithio fod yr ychydig sylwadau o ddefnydd.

Yn gywir

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JOHN R JONES
PRIF SWYDDOG

TRANSLATION

Correspondence from: Medrwn Môn
Dated: 30 January 2014

Dear Friend,

Facing the Challenge

Once again one has to accept the seriousness of Anglesey County Council's financial situation which is not different to a number of public service in Wales today including the third sector.

It is difficult to argue against the Council's priorities and we welcome the statement regarding delivering services in different ways, by other providers – the communities will need help to face these challenges. It is possible for Medrwn Môn and others to help. Commissioning services is increasingly important and sufficient notice must be given of any changes in order to ensure that local organisations have an opportunity to compete and gain experience and expertise to succeed in winning tenders. It is important to circulate money locally.

In looking at the financial projections increasing emphasis is put on partnership arrangements. Is it possible to have a further explanation?

In considering the Executive's medium term financial strategy is there any way of looking at how the thirds sector can help to attract external funding, funds that are not available to the statutory sector. We need to have a strategic and partnership overview to achieve this and maybe that is not always appropriate. But there are examples of the sector and the Council working together to attract extra resources – Age Well, Community Voices and Heritage Lottery. In preparation for the large energy developments the Council needs to consider very carefully any community benefit and how to include the community's aspirations.

Constant reference is made in the document to the Transformation Programme – a programme that refers to governance changes in the main but there is also an element of 'looking outside', namely the relationship with partners. Can the voluntary sector contribute to this?

Whilst discussing current activities there is mention of local partnerships – how can we ensure that the community is an active part of any local partnership?

TRANSLATION

More than one organisation had notice of contracts coming to an end. We must be clear in reporting when these decisions have been made and consider the effect on service users.

In my opinion there is not enough clarity regarding the tendering process especially when a grant becomes a tender, with all the work there is connected with presenting a successful or unsuccessful tender.

There is no specific financial line for the voluntary sector in the Summary of Proposed Savings. This year the sector was subject to a 5.2% cut in its funding from the community department and has faced a review of the investment. We need to have a report on the review and discuss procedures for the future. I hope that during 2014/15 that we will not need another review and that the monitoring of the contracts will be appropriate to the sum of the investment. Monitoring is all important because of the reduction in those Councillors who represent the Council on external bodies.

But notice that there are cuts in the budgets of Nursery Schools, WPPA, the Urdd and Young Farmers and grants to Village Halls and Community Centres. Has there been any discussion regarding the effect of these cuts? How can one rationalise the provision of Youth Clubs – which is an important service that uses community resources? Maybe it is the use by the Youth Club or the grant that is the difference between opening and closing a community resource.

I hope that these few comments are of use.

Yours sincerely,

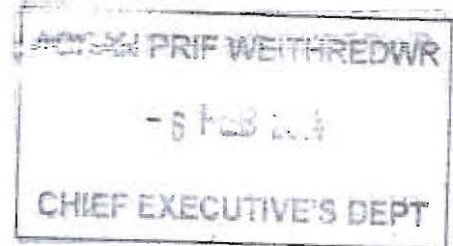
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4th February 2014



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Dear Sirs

Re: Proposed cuts to nursery education

I write to voice my concerns over the Council's intention to withdraw funding to the Mudiad Meithryn on Anglesey.

My son is currently being educated through the Meithryn at Ysgol Gymraeg Morswyn. He is doing amazingly well and count beyond ten in English and Welsh. He knows all his colours in both languages and is learning new words every day. His older brother also attended the Meithryn and it gave him a fantastic start to his education and prepared him for starting school.

The staff at Cylch Meithryn Morswyn are highly trained and do a fantastic job.

The withdrawal of funding will have a devastating blow on the children's education. Many schools will be unable to accommodate the children who are currently being educated through the Meithryn. Our own school, Ysgol Gymraeg Morswyn, does not have the spaces nor staff available to educate the Meithryn's


children. Where will they be expected to go? Who else will educate them to such a high standard?

It is unfair that the children's education will be affected by the Council's need to save money.

I ask you to urgently reconsider your plans to withdraw the funding to the Mudiad Meithryn. Please think of the children and their education.

Yours faithfully

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, mother of  aged 3

Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation to the proposition in the 'budget consultation 2014/15' of lowering the childrens age to start school from sept 2014 and closure of ALL of Cylch Meithrins on Isle of Anglesey

Firstly we believe that if this action takes place it will create problems for the local primary schools such as:

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As things are at present, we couldn't ask for a better educational start for our children, and we would be very upset if Cylch Meithrin would have to close.

In addition to the detrimental effect this will have on our children's education, the closing of all of the Cylch Meithrins on the Isle of Anglesey would adversely affect the 130 staff members that will be losing their jobs, this being very bad for the Island in general. There is already a short supply of employment opportunities here.

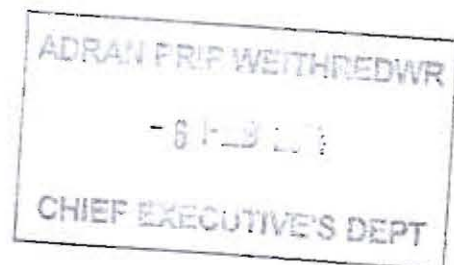
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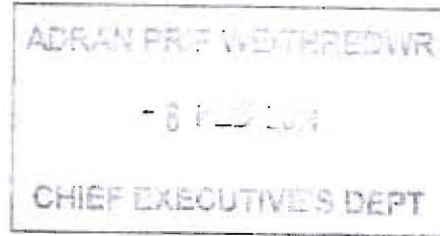


Mother of 2, Llanerchymedd.



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141 have signed petition.

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Recipient: Anglesey County Council

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* 1,365 wedi llofnodi deirdeb ar lein
1,365 signatures on on-line petition

Gethin Jones

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2014 10:14
To: BUDGET CONSULTATION
Subject: Response to 'Meeting the challenges budget 2014-2015'

Amlwch Town Council accept that cuts must be made and would appreciate that the following concerns be noted.

- 1]. Meetings held at Trescawen Hall - facilities at both the Council Offices and the Oriel
- 2]. Video Conferences
- 3]. Do Councillors travel 1st or 2nd class ?
- 4]. Toilets: the scheme where hotels receive £500.00 towards their costs so that the public are allowed to use their facilities – what is the total cost ?
- 5]. Legal costs: during last 12 months in relation to planning appeals ?
- 6]. How many agency employees ?
- 7]. How many empty properties un-sold ?

We thank you for extending the time for comments at the last Community liaison committee.

Yours Sincerely,
Marilyn Hughes (Town Clerk)