

Agenda

1. Confirmation of minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1.1 Grants and Community Services

An overview on managing community services (Holyhead Town Council / Beaumaris Town Council).

2. Training on the Code of Conduct

Letter dated 14 April 2014 from the Chair of the Standards Committee to Clerks of Town and Community Councils.

3. Website Development Grant

Update.

4. Centenary Fields

For information – letter dated 30 April 2014 from the Chairman of Fields in Trust and the Director General of the Royal British Legion.

5. Any Other Business

Town and Community Councils Liaison Meeting

Thursday, 23 January 2014 at 7.00 pm

Present

Arfon Owen
Margaret Thomas
Arnold Milburn
Marilyn Hughes
Gwyn Jones
Gareth Cemlyn Jones
Chris Gordon Topps
Jack Jones
Arfon Jones
John Jukes
Anna Jones
Cliff Everett
Dafydd Roberts
Geraint Parry
Eifion H. Jones
Elfed Jones
Ian Owen
Ted Thomas
Owen Davies
B Kotkowicz
Stan Zalot
Dafydd Griffiths
JE Lewis
Julia Dobson
Enid Mummery

Representing Town and Community Councils

Cylch y Garn
Llangefni
Llangefni
Amlwch
Amlwch
Llanfairpwll
Aberffraw
Llanerchymedd
Llanerchymedd
Llanerchymedd
Tref Alaw
Tref Caergybi
Dwyran
Llangoed a Llanddona
Pentraeth
Llanbadrig
Llanfihangel Esceifiog
Llanfihangel Esceifiog
Llanddyfnan
Beaumaris
Beaumaris
Llaneilian
Llangristiolus a Cerrigceinwen
Llanbadrig
Bro Rhosyr

Hefyd yn bresennol/Also Present:

Cllr Ieuan Williams
Cllr H.E. Jones
Cllr Alwyn Rowlands
Richard Parry Jones
Gwen Carrington
Clare Williams
Huw Jones

Leader, Isle of Anglesey CC
Portfolio Holder – Finance
Portfolio Holder – Corporate Governance
Chief Executive
Director of Community
Head of Function - Resources
Interim Head of Democratic Services

Apologies:

Trewalchmai Community Council
Menai Bridge Town Council
Cllr Meirion Jones

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th July 2013 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. Meeting the Challenges – Budget Consultation 2014/15

Councillor H.E. Jones, Portfolio Member for Finance summarised the context of the Council's medium term financial strategy and the key issues noting in particular the projected £7.5m of savings required during 2014/15. He also referred to the guidelines received from Welsh Government in relation to the Council's budget and requested the views of the Town and Community Councils on the proposed 5% increase in Council Tax. In conclusion, the Portfolio Holder highlighted the fact that the Council's proposals focused on protecting front line services.

Comments were then invited on the details in the consultation document. The main points raised by Town and Community Councils representatives are summarised below:-

Local Service and Joint Working

- Town and Community Councils have powers to raise revenue in order to provide local services. Town and Community Councils should be encouraged to work jointly together to manage local services e.g. public conveniences. More should be done to involve local communities to raise revenue. Town and Community Councils on Holy Island and further afield should work together to explore options (Holyhead Town Council).

Grants and Community Services

- Town and Community Councils should be able to access capital grants. However, rules concerning e.g. Cyfenter prohibit this. The new Leader Programme should allow Town and Community Councils to access grants. Holyhead Town Council have recently refurbished the Empire Cinema for community use and more should be done to share good practice (Holyhead Town Council).

- Use of Charitable Trust Budget and one-off payments to Town and Community Councils to provide services e.g. via capital grants. The Charitable Trust should consider this in the next financial year (Holyhead Town Council).

Action: Holyhead Town Council and Beaumaris Town Council to provide an overview at the next meeting on managing community services.

Assets

- The need to utilise Council assets in order to realise savings (Holyhead Town Council). The Leader of the Council noted that an Officer in the Economic Development Service had been appointed to develop local partnerships and to liaise with Town and Community Councils on such matters.

Community Benefits

- The issue of Community Benefits was raised in the context of major developments and scope to re-invest in community services (Holyhead Town Council). The Leader noted that a report on Community Benefits would be considered shortly by the Executive.

Increase in Council Tax

- In relation to the proposed 5% increase in the Council Tax, clarification was requested on what a 1% increase would equate to in monetary terms (Llangoed Community Council).
- The 5% increase was considered fairly reasonable and would equate to an increase of 86p per week for a Band D property (Llangefni Town Council).
- The impact of 5% Council Tax rise in real terms for local residents was raised and scope to raise revenue e.g. charging for the use of public conveniences (Beaumaris Town Council).

Education

- School budgets and use of savings arising from closure of Ysgol Llanddona. Reference was made to the strategic outline programme and modernisation strategy considered recently by the Executive. The Leader drew attention to strategic proposals in the following areas:

- Holyhead, Beaumaris, Llannau and the South West area.
- Use of vacant school buildings and what are the Council's intention e.g. use for social housing (Aberffraw Community Council).
- Staffing Levels in schools and ratio of teacher to classroom assistants (Aberffraw Community Council).

Toursim

- Council Attractions – reduction in opening hours. Concern about the implications of proposals on tourism and the contribution of tourism to the local economy (Beaumaris Town Council).
- Importance of tourism to the Island referred to and local facilities e.g. public conveniences.

Public Conveniences and Housing

- Public conveniences in Church Bay and management of the facility during the winter. Community Council awaiting a response from the Council (Cylch y Garn Community Council).
- If this provision is to be transferred to Community Councils then the Council should provide a financial contribution (Llangristiolus and Cerrigceinwen Community Council).
- Grants for Businesses re: public conveniences. Clarification requested on status of grant and this would need to be communicated to Town and Community Councils. Also signage on buildings which are part of the scheme should be more visible (Amlwch Town Council).

Action: Information to be provided to Town and Community Councils

- Housing development in Newborough and closure of public conveniences. Facilities should be provided for public conveniences due to close proximity to Ynys Llanddwyn. Also access issues to be addressed if housing development is to proceed (Newborough Community Council).

Maritime Service

- Maritime Service and the level of beach wardens required (Aberffraw Community Council).
- In relation to beach wardens, the Council should consider the role of voluntary bodies e.g. RNLI (Beaumaris Town Council).

Social Care

- Social Care – The current consultation on Older Adult Social Care was referred to and the importance of dialogue with local communities at the outset (Beaumaris Town Council).

Level of Detail in consultation document and other observations

- Insufficient details to comment fully and not enough background information in the document e.g. what does a reduction of £104k in relation to public conveniences provision mean in reality (Llaneilian Community Council).
- Timescale of consultation raised and limited time to respond.

3. Any Other Business

Llanfairpwll Community Council drew attention to a public meeting held on 24 January 2014 in the village regarding transmission lines.

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MONITORING OFFICER

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Dear

**HYFFORDDIANT AR Y CÔD YMDDYGIAD
I AELODAU CYNGHORAU TREF A
CHYMUNED**

**TRAINING ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR MEMBERS OF TOWN AND
COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Yn dilyn ymlaen o'n llythyr blaenorol ynghylch yr uchod, rydym yn ysgrifennu atoch i ddarganfod a fyddwch ar gael ar gyfer hyfforddiant y mae'r Cyngor yn bwriadu ei drefnu ar gyfer clercod y Cynghorau Cymunedau yn yr hydref. Mi fydd yr hyfforddiant yn canolbwyntio ar egwyddorion allweddol y Côt Ymddygiad, yn arbennig, yr ymrwymiad i drin eraill â pharch ac ystyriaeth, a'r angen i ddeall y gwahaniaeth rhwng diddordebau personol a rhagfarnus, a beth sydd angen ei ddatgan, pryd a sut.

Following on from our previous letter with regard to the above, we are writing to you to see if you're available for training the Council is intending to arrange for Community Council Clerks in Autumn. The training will be concentrating on the key principles of the Code of Conduct, particularly the requirement to treat others with respect and consideration, and the need to understand the difference between a personal and a prejudicial interest, together with what needs to be declared, when and how .

Ein bwriad yw y bydd y clercod wedyn yn rhannu'r hyfforddiant gydag eraill yn eu cyngor/cynghorau.

The aim subsequently would be for the clerks to share the training with others in their council/councils.

Darperir yr hyfforddiant yn Saesneg ond bydd sleidiau Cymraeg ar gael a gellwch ofyn cwestiynau neu wneud ymholiadau yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Bydd

The training will be conducted through English, however, there will be Welsh slides available and you will be able to present questions and queries in Welsh or English.

cyfieithydd ar gael yn ystod y sesiwn hefyd.

There will also be a translator available during the session.

Gwelwch isod restr o ddyddiadau arfaethedig ar gyfer yr hyfforddiant:

Please see below a list of proposed dates for the training:

29fed o Hydref 2014

29th October 2014

30fed o Hydref 2014

30th October 2014

Gadewch i mi wybod os gwelwch yn dda pa un o'r dyddiau uchod fyddai'n fwyaf hwylus i'ch clerck. Bydd yr hyfforddiant yn cael ei gynnal yn Swyddfeydd y Cyngor yn Llangefni.

Please let me know which of the above dates would be most convenient for your clerk. Training will be held at the Council Offices in Llangefni.

A fyddech cystal â rhoi awgrymiadau hefyd ynghylch pa faterion eraill ynglŷn â'r Côd y byddech yn hoffi i ni roi sylw iddynt yn yr hyfforddiant.

Also, please also let me know of any other matters relating to the Code of Conduct that you would like us to address in the training.

Edrychaf ymlaen at glywed gennych cyn gynted â phosib a dim hwyrach na 30 Mehefin 2014.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible and no later than 30 June 2014.

Cofion gorau

Best wishes

Mike Wilson
Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Safonau / Chair of the Standards Committee



CENTENARY FIELDS
CAEAU CANMLWYDDIANT

Commemorating World War I 2014-2018
Cofio'r Rhyfel Byd I 2014-2018

Mr Richard Parry Jones
Chief Executive
Isle of Anglesey County Council
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30 April 2014

Dear Mr Jones

The Centenary Fields Programme

The Royal British Legion and Fields in Trust are pleased to be leading a nationwide initiative aimed at securing recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in World War I.

The objective of this new programme is to encourage every local authority in the UK to nominate at least one recreational space to be dedicated as a Centenary Field to commemorate this significant milestone in our shared history and to create a tangible local legacy that will be valued by your local community for generations to come.

As the UK's largest Armed Forces charity and the Custodian of Remembrance, The Royal British Legion will be leading the nation in respecting the sacrifices made during World War I.

Fields in Trust – the operating name of the National Playing Fields Association – has been the leading independent charity campaigning to secure and improve playing fields for more than 85 years with the long standing support of the Royal Family.

Both organisations are therefore pleased to be working together to deliver the Centenary Fields programme, which aims to protect the war memorial parks and playing fields given in memory of those who lost their lives, or other green spaces that local authorities may want to dedicate. As well as providing an opportunity to commemorate the sacrifice made, this initiative is also in keeping with the spirit of the Armed Forces Community Covenant which you have committed to.

To join us in the Centenary Fields programme please:

1. Complete the enclosed form informing us of a) the name of any site(s) you would like to protect as Centenary Fields and b) the contact details of the appropriate member of your team.
2. Alternatively, please encourage the appropriate member of your team to contact Rhodri Edwards the Fields in Trust Cymru Manager at rhodri.edwards@fieldsintrust.org
3. Once an appropriate site has been agreed the local authority will be required to complete a deed of dedication to protect their nominated green space in perpetuity (a copy of this deed has been enclosed for your reference). Please note that this does not require any change to the ownership and management of the site which remains entirely at local level.

Each Centenary Field will be provided with signage indicating its designated status, enabling a local event to be arranged to mark the site's dedication as part of your Centenary commemorations.

In addition, Fields in Trust will be working to raise charitable funds to provide occasional improvement grants to sites protected as part of the Centenary Fields programme.

During these difficult economic times we believe that this programme has the dual merits of being inexpensive to implement whilst also appropriately recognising the enormous sacrifice made by earlier generations for us all.

We are both delighted that HRH The Duke of Cambridge will be supporting this campaign.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will join us in commemorating World War I through the Centenary Fields programme.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Phillips CBE
Chairman
Fields in Trust

Dr Chris Simpkins
Director General
The Royal British Legion

Cc Cllr Ieuan Williams, Leader of the Council



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The Centenary Fields programme will safeguard in perpetuity our war memorial parks, playing fields and other green spaces in memory of those who lost their lives in World War I.

Working with local authorities and landowners, this project will deliver a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made then by local people, while also protecting our green spaces for the future.

Please support Fields in Trust and The Royal British Legion to commemorate this important landmark in our history and help remembrance to live on through Centenary Fields.

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HRH The Duke of Cambridge
President, Fields in Trust