

MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September, 2012

- PRESENT:** Councillor R LI Jones - Chairman
Councillor G O Jones (Vice-Chairman)(on the day)
- Councillors W J Chorlton; Jim Evans; Lewis Davies;
R Anthony Dew; D R Hughes; K P Hughes; R LI Hughes;
W I Hughes; W T Hughes; Vaughan Hughes;
Aled M Jones; Eric Jones; G O Jones; H Eifion Jones;
O.Glyn Jones; Raymond Jones; R Dylan Jones; T H Jones;
Rhian Medi; C McGregor; A Mummery; Bryan Owen;
R L Owen; Bob Parry OBE; G O Parry MBE; Eric Roberts;
P S Rogers; E Schofield; Ieuan Williams; S Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive
Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Sustainable Development
Director of Community
Director of Lifelong Learning
Interim Head of Function (Resources)
Head of Service (Finance)
Head of Service (Property)
Head of Service (Policy)
Solicitor (ORH)
Committee Services Manager
- Commissioners Alex Aldridge, Mick Giannasi and Gareth Jones
- APOLOGIES:** Commissioner Byron Davies; Councillors E G Davies;
K Evans; Cliff Everett; Ff M Hughes; T LI Hughes(on
Council business); J V Owen; J Arwel Roberts; G W
Roberts OBE.

1. MINUTES

Confirmed as a true record, the minutes of the meetings of the County Council held on the following dates:-

- 3rd May, 2012
- 10th May, 2012
- 10th May, 2012 (AGM)
- 17th May, 2012
- 27th June, 2012

Arising thereon -

Councillor Aled Morris Jones wished it to be noted that he was not present at the 27th June meeting as he was representing this Council on other business.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None to declare.

3. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OR THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICES

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Councillors Alun Mummery and Vaughan Hughes, who were attending their first meeting of the County Council.

On behalf of the Council, the Chair congratulated Mr. Gareth Evans (Holyhead Weightlifting Club) who had competed at the London Olympic Games in July. Gareth finished eighth overall in Group 8, and broke the Welsh 'clean and jerk' record by lifting 158kg. He also equaled the Welsh record of 130kg in the 'snatch' but missed out on breaking the 10 year old British record with a failed attempt at 133kg. He expressed his appreciation to all those Volunteers who had made the Olympics such a success.

Congratulations were also extended to those who had been successful at the National Eisteddfod at Glamorgan and also at the Anglesey Show this summer and also to those secondary school pupils who had been successful in their O and A level results. Best wishes were also extended to those commencing their University careers.

Congratulations to Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes upon his appointment as President of the Football Association of Wales.

Congratulations also to the following award winners, in a competition held jointly by Eden Food Service and the County Council:-

Lyn Evans, Ysgol Kingsland, Holyhead – Primary School Cook of the Year 2011-12;

Gwen Johnson and Linda Samuels, Ysgol David Hughes – Secondary School Cook of the Year 2011-12;

Debra Roberts, Ysgol Beaumaris – Working in Partnership Award 2011-12.

The Leader and Councillor O. Glyn Jones were given the opportunity to congratulate the Housing Department with regard to the Chartered Institute of Housing "*Empty Homes Surgery*" project which had been short-listed for the Welsh Housing Award for developing and regenerating communities. During the judging process, the Judging Panel felt that the application was better suited to the award of "*Outstanding Leadership by a Local Authority*" and had therefore been transferred and short listed.

On a sadder note, the Chair extended his deepest sympathy to Mr. Matthew Maynard (of Menai Bridge), Mrs. Sue Maynard and their daughter Ceri and all the family and friends of Tom Maynard who died tragically in June aged 23 years. Tom Maynard, joined Surrey County Cricket Club from Glamorgan and was selected for the England Lions last winter. He was a prodigiously talented young batsman who had made an incredible start to his career and was clearly destined for far greater things.

Sympathy was extended to the family of Flight Lieutenant Hywel Poole from Bangor who was an RAF pilot killed in a mid-air Tornado crash in Scotland. Hywel, who was 28 years old, attended Ysgol David Hughes. Two of his colleagues were also killed in the accident and the Council's sympathy was extended to all the families.

Also to the family of Peter Richard Radcliffe Roberts aged 20 years from Holyhead who tragically died whilst serving on HMS Vigilant. The Chair mentioned that he had attended the funeral last Friday.

The Chair on behalf of the Council extended his deepest condolences to Councillor R.Dylan Jones upon the loss of his mother.

The Chair also took the opportunity of sympathising with any Member or member of staff who had suffered bereavement. Members and officers stood in silent tribute as a mark of their respect.

Finally, the Chair thanked everyone for their support during his recent charity walk from St.Cybi's Church in Holyhead to St.Seiriol's Well at Penmon. The amount raised was now over £2,000. He also mentioned that the RAF Freedom Parade would be held at Holyhead on 17th November, 2012

The Chief Executive drew the Council's attention to the statement made by the Minister for Local Government and Communities to the Assembly on 19th September, 2012 where he outlined a change to the electoral arrangements in Anglesey from May 2013, by reducing the number of elected members from the present 40 to 30 members, to be based in 11 multi-member wards.

This Council had recently discussed the proposals put forward by the Boundary Commission and had resolved to accept their recommendations. The Minister had also stated that he had received the 28 comments made on the consultation document including the response of this Council.

The Chief Executive reported that the Minister now intended to issue an Order in the Senedd to bring these changes into force in readiness for this Council's elections in May 2013. This Council could now commence planning for those elections and the first task would be the formation of a register of electors which needed to be completed by 15th October. The Council would then move to ensuring adequate publicity within the communities to these changes in a clear and transparent manner, including the location of polling stations, what was expected of voters and the opportunities available to the public to stand as candidates in the election.

4. MINUTES FOR INFORMATION – SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Submitted for information, the minutes of the meetings of the Sustainability Board held on the following dates:-

- 28th May, 2012
- 16th July, 2012

RESOLVED to note the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Board held on 28th May and 16th July, 2012, respectively, subject to the name of Councillor Bob Parry, OBE being included in the list of those members present at the meeting held on 16th July, 2012.

5. QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.12.2.1

None received.

6. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The Chief Executive presented the following petitions to the Chair of the Council:-

1. Petition to reinstate Cemaes Bay beach toilets (Over 340 signatures).
2. Petition to the opposition of the erection of commercial wind turbines in the area of Llanfechell and Mynydd Mechell (Over 300 signatures).

3. Petition in favour of a children's park in Malltraeth (Over 30 signatures).

RESOLVED that the petitions be referred to the following Committees for consideration:-

- 1. Executive Committee**
- 2. Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee**
- 3. Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee**

7. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2011-12

Submitted – The report of the Interim Head of Function (Resources) on the annual treasury management review for 2011-12. The Audit Committee considered the report on 24 July and resolved to accept the report and approve its contents for referral to the County Council.

RESOLVED to note the annual treasury management report for 2011-12 together with the prudential indicators for the year which have been scrutinised by the Audit Committee.

8. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011-12

Submitted - The report of the Interim Head of Function (Resources) on the Statement of Accounts including the Annual Governance Statement. The Audit Committee on 25 September, 2012, had resolved as follows:-

- *to confirm acceptance of the Statement of Accounts;*
- *to confirm that no further provision be made at this time, in respect of after care at the Penhesgyn waste site;*
- *to confirm that no amendments be made in respect of accounts payable.*

RESOLVED to confirm acceptance of the Statement of Accounts for 2011-12 and the views put forward by the Audit Committee on the 25th September.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE : MENAI BRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL REPORT

Reported - That the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on 3rd September, 2012 had resolved to recommend to the County Council that it *'approves the Menai Bridge Conservation Area Character Appraisal for adoption as Supplementary Planning Guidance.'*

RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation of the Board of Commissioners in this respect.

10. CORPORATE PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Submitted - The report of the Head of Service (Property) on changes proposed by the Board of Commissioners on 23rd July, 2012, to the Asset Management Plan in accordance with Section 3.2.2.1.3 of the Council Constitution.

Councillor H.Eifion Jones requested that a report be brought back to the Executive as regards reference under Page 4 of the report of 23rd July that *'the rationalisation of Property Task and Finish Panel developed a list of properties to be disposed of, but it was recognised that this constituted essentially the first phase of quick disposals.'*

RESOLVED

- **To endorse the recommendations of the Board of Commissioners of 23rd July, 2012 with regard to the Corporate Property and ICT Asset Management Plan;**
- **That the Head of Service (Property) be requested to report back to the Executive in due course with an update on the work previously carried out by the Property Task and Finish Panel.**

11. MOTION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.2.2.12 OF THE CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED to note that the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Aled Morris Jones and Selwyn Williams had been withdrawn.

12. COMMISSIONERS 5th QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Commissioner Mick Giannasi presented the Commissioners 5th Quarterly Progress Report which provided a summary of the progress which the Commissioners had made during that time and set out what further work needed to be done going forward to sustain the recovery process.

The briefing also referred to setting out the revised recommendations which the Commissioners made about the potential for a return to democratic control; a summary of the Minister's response to those recommendations as provided in a statement to the Assembly on 24th September, and a brief outline of the way in which the next phase of the intervention would develop.

RESOLVED to accept the contents of the report.

13. DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL

(a)The Chief Executive referred to the statement made by the Minister for Local Government and Community on 25th September, 2012, as regards reducing the level of intervention.

He went on to mention that an extraordinary meeting of the Council next week would be considering a transformation plan entitled "*The Roadmap to the New Anglesey*" which would transform the method of working within this Council by establishing an appropriate implementation framework suitable for a modernised local authority, based on an effective arrangement, whereby Officers and Members, and engaging with the wider public, private and community sectors in an inclusive manner to deliver continuous service improvement for the residents of Anglesey.

The recent WAO Improvement Assessment letter had been very encouraging and supportive stating that the Council had made great steps towards getting to grip with some of the basic weaknesses that had been identified. The Authority was also experiencing good progress on the 10 Recovery themes established by the Commissioners and this no doubt had had an impact upon the Minister's decision in reducing the level of intervention.

On behalf of the Officers of the Council, the Chief Executive took the opportunity of thanking Commissioners Margaret Foster and Gareth Jones whose term of office would be expiring today. He thanked them for their work and the way in which they had completed their duties conscientiously and effectively and also the way they had dealt with us in a positive and sustainable manner. Their knowledge and experience had been of immense help to the Authority.

RESOLVED to note the verbal report by the Chief Executive.

(b)The Chief Executive reported verbally with regard to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. The IRP had been considering payments for the future and they were in a process of consultation. The WLGA would decide tomorrow on their stance as an Association and the Leader and Deputy Leader would be representing this Council at that meeting. He requested the Council to consider declaring that it was ready to support the WLGA's stance, since it was important to adopt the same stance as other Welsh Local Authorities in this respect. He further requested the Council to request the IRP to restore payments to the members of the Executive from 1st October, 2012, the date of the transfer back of powers to elected members.

Councillor Bryan Owen and G.O.Parry, MBE took the opportunity of expressing their appreciation to the Commissioners for their work. They also thanked Commissioners Margaret Foster and Gareth Jones, for their much valued contributions to the recovery process.

Commissioner Gareth Jones thanked the members for their kind words, expressed his gratitude to fellow Commissioners, thanked the members and officers and wished the Authority well for the future.

RESOLVED

- **That the Council supports the response of the WLGA on behalf of all member authorities in responding to the Draft Annual Report for 2013-14 and requests that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales accepts this as the Anglesey response when arriving at their final determination;**
- **That Council accepts the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in respect of the arrangements made under the IRP determinations specifically for Anglesey as outlined in their letter of 10th August, 2012, to remain effective until the elections of the Council on 2nd May 2013;**
- **To request the IRP to determine that the implementation of remuneration for Executive Committee members should be fully effective from the date of reinstatement of democratic governance (1st October, 2012) having regard to the fact that payments would be deferred until due process allows payments to be made.**

14. BETSI CADWALADR SERVICE REVIEW CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Chair extended a warm welcome to the following representatives of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board:-

1. Andrew Jones – Executive Director of Public Health
2. Sally Baxter – Assistant Director of Planning
3. Kathryn Thomas, Locality Matron, Llangefni.

By means of a slide show, Mr Andrew Jones, drew the Council's attention to the changes proposed in the public consultation document deposited between 20th August - 28th October, 2012 entitled "*Healthcare in North Wales is Changing*". The main messages of the proposed changes were in relation to the following:-

- Neonatal intensive care services
- Vascular services
- Older People's Mental Health
- Enhancing Care in the Community

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The Members were provided with an opportunity for a question and answer session following the presentation.

RESOLVED to note the contents of the presentation.

The meeting concluded at 5:15 pm

**COUNCILLOR R LI. JONES
CHAIR**