

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, 2012

- PRESENT:** Councillor R.Ll.Jones – (Chairman)
Councillor E.G.Davies - (Vice-Chairman)
- Councillors W.J.Chorlton; Jim Evans; Lewis Davies;
R.Anthony Dew; D.R.Hughes; K.P.Hughes; R.Ll.Hughes;
W.I.Hughes;Vaughan Hughes; Aled M Jones; G.O.Jones;
O.Glyn Jones; T.H.Jones; C.McGregor; A.Mummery;
Bryan Owen; J.V.Owen; Bob Parry OBE; G.O. Parry MBE;
Eric Roberts; P.S. Rogers; S.Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive
Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Lifelong Learning
Head of Function (Legal and Administration)
Head of Service (Education)
Committee Services Manager
Communications Officer
- Commissioners Alex Aldridge and Mick Giannasi
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors C.Ll.Everett, K.Evans, Ff.M.Hughes,
W.T.Hughes, E.Jones, H.E.Jones, Rhian Medi, R.L.Owen,
G.W.Roberts,OBE, J.A.Roberts, E.Schofield, I.Williams.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None to declare.

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

On behalf of Councillor Aled Morris Jones, the Chair congratulated Dyfed Pritchard from Rhosybol and Aled Pennant from Llangristiolus on their success upon becoming champions of the *“Welsh Tarmac Rallying Championship.”* They were the first from Anglesey to ever win this Championship.

The Leader of the Council congratulated the Chair upon his recent charity walk from St.Cybi’s Church in Holyhead to St.Seiriol’s Well at Penmon. The walk had raised over £2,000.

3. ESTYN POST INSPECTION ACTION PLAN

Reported - That the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee on 21st September, 2012, had upon consideration of a paper,upon steps that had been taken to formulate a post-inspection plan,resolved:-

“That the quality of the planning as outlined in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report was appropriate and sufficiently detailed to formulate a robust action plan that will satisfy in full the recommendations made by Estyn.”

Prior to consideration of the report by the Director of Lifelong Learning, the Chief Executive drew the Council's attention to the statement made by Leighton Andrews, Minister for Education and Skills on 3rd October, 2012. With the full support of the Minister for Local Government and Communities, the Minister had yesterday established a Recovery Board to sustain and advise the Welsh Government Commissioners and to challenge and support the Council's officers and members in respect of Anglesey's education services.

The Recovery Board would be chaired by Professor Mel Ainscow, Professor of Education and Co-Director of the Centre for Equity at Manchester. He was the Chief Adviser for the Greater Manchester Challenge, previously a head teacher, a local education authority inspector and a lecturer at the University of Cambridge.

The Board would also include Geraint Rees, Executive Head Teacher of Glyn Derw and Michaelston Federation. Further Board members would include a senior education official from the Welsh Government and Dr. Chris Llewellyn from the WLGA. The Board would hold its first meeting during October 2012 and thereafter provide the Minister with reports in respect of progress being made. The Minister would be keeping the structure and membership of the Board under review and add additional members if considered necessary.

Submitted - The report of the Director of Lifelong Learning, providing members with an overview of the steps taken to respond to Estyn's report on the quality of local education services for children and young people, and to present the post-inspection Action Plan for acceptance.

Reported - That Estyn's report on the quality of Local Authority education services for children and young people on Anglesey was published at the end of July, 2012 (Appendix 1 to the report). The overall judgements on Current Performance and the Prospects for Improvement were noted as unsatisfactory, and these were referred to at Paragraph 1.2 of the Director's report. As a result, Estyn was of the opinion that the Authority fell into the follow-up category of requiring special measures.

The Council was expected to produce by 9th October, 2012, an Action Plan (PIAP) to Estyn to show how it would address the 7 recommendations contained within their report. The report summarised the actions taken to produce the PIAP submitted for members to consider (Appendix 2 of the report).

Expected improvements for each of the recommendations had been formulated - and these were highlighted at the end of each recommendation on pages 8-11 of the Director's report. A detailed action plan for each recommendation had also been produced (pages 12-39 of the report) and a monitoring programme was included at the end of each section of the action plan. This information would be useful to the Recovery Board and to the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee.

A performance matrix to record three year performance data for key indicators and highlight planned improvements over a two year period (pages 40-45 of the report) had been produced, together with an outline project management plan, highlighting actions to be taken, associated timelines, possible areas of overlap and the key individuals with overall responsibility for leading on each action (page 46 of the report).

The Council, with WLGA and Welsh Government support had commissioned external consultants ISOS to assess capacity and capability to address the outcomes of the Estyn inspection. A copy of their initial report was attached (Appendix 3 of the report) (*The Chair extended a warm welcome to Mr. Leigh Sandals, ISOS Partnership who addressed the Council in this respect*).

The Council was also working with the Hay Group to develop a robust Organisational Development Plan. As part of this partnership, the educational expert within the Hay Group had focused on the contents of the PIAP and had submitted comments which were included at Appendix 4 of the report.

Various issues were raised by members and a response was provided at the meeting by the Director of Lifelong Learning.

RESOLVED to note the decision of the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee on 21st September, 2012, and to accept the contents of the post-inspection Action Plan as the Council's response to the Estyn report.

4. NEW ANGLESEY ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Reported by the Chief Executive - That the Council's Senior Leadership Team, during the past few weeks, had been working with specialist external consultants from the Hay Group, to develop a transformation plan entitled "*The Roadmap to the New Anglesey.*" The report set a clear direction for the priorities of the new Anglesey Council and outlined the main matters to receive attention by Members and Officers working together to address the opportunities and challenges facing the Island and its citizens.

The process of developing this framework plan involved consultation with Commissioners and the Shadow Executive and the Council was invited to comment on the contents of the report in terms of vision, aims and objectives, fitness for purpose of the recommended processes together with the matters that should be the main focus of attention.

RESOLVED to adopt the plan as a framework for action and forward planning to create an effective Council for the future.

The meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR R LI. JONES
CHAIR**