

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 12 December 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Glyn Haynes (Chair)
Councillor Non Dafydd (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Geraint Bebb, Paul Ellis, Jeff M Evans, Neville Evans, Douglas Massie Fowlie, Kenneth P Hughes, T LI Hughes MBE, R LI Jones, G O Jones, Dyfed Wyn Jones, Euryn Morris, Pip O'Neill, Llio Angharad Owen, Derek Owen, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, Keith Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Ken Taylor, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Alwen Pennant Watkin, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams, Sonia Williams, Liz Wood 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 Education, Skills and Young People,
Head of Highways, Waste and Property
Head of Housing Services,
Head of Adults' Services,
Head of Democracy,
Chief Property and Asset Officer (MH),
Communications Officer (GJ),
Committee Officer (MEH),
Webcasting Committee Services Officer (FT).

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Alun Tobias – Hugh James Solicitors

APOLOGIES: Councillors Carwyn Jones, John Ifan Jones, A M Jones, Jackie Lewis and Nicola Roberts

Director of Social Services,
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,
Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Dylan Rees declared a personal interest in Item 3 – Canolfan Addysg y Bont – Roof Repairs as he is a Governor at Canolfan Addysg y Bont and following legal advice he was able to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following :-

“Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from meeting during discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test”.

3. CANOLFAN ADDYSG Y BONT - ROOF REPAIRS

The Head of Highways, Waste and property presented the report previously circulated to Members.

The report explained the legal claims available to the Council to recover the costs of having replaced the failed sedum roof at Canolfan Addysg Y Bont, Llangefni.

It was noted that the work to replace the roof had been completed in January 2023, at a cost to the Council of £2.6 m. This sum having been released from the Council’s reserves.

Specialist external Solicitors were appointed to advise the Council on the prospects of recovering this expenditure, and independent expert evidence was commissioned.

As the final expert evidence does not adequately support the Council’s case, the specialist Solicitors (and Counsel) have advised against the issuing of court proceedings as this would unreasonably risk significant legal fees (up to £1.5m) if the Council is not successful.

The recommendation of Officers, therefore, was not to litigate this matter. It was also explained that, in addition to the costs of replacing the roof, the sum of £60k has also been incurred in external legal fees and expert evidence.

Members were then provided with an opportunity to ask questions of Officers, the Leader of the Council and relevant members of the Executive.

It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendations contained within the report.

The meeting concluded at 2.40 pm

**COUNCILLOR GLYN HAYNES
CHAIR**