

# CYFARFOD ARBENNIG O GYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN

## Cofnodion y Cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 8 Rhagfyr, 2011

- PRESENNOL:** Cynghorydd G.O.Jones – Cadeirydd  
Cynghorydd R.Ll.Jones - Is-Gadeirydd
- Cynghorwyr W.J.Chorlton, E.G.Davies; Lewis Davies; R.Anthony Dew; B.Durkin; Jim Evans; K.Evans; R.Ll.Hughes T.Ll.Hughes W.I.Hughes; K.P.Hughes; Aled M Jones; Eric Jones; O.Glyn Jones; Raymond Jones; T.H.Jones; C.McGregor; Bryan Owen; R.L.Owen; J.V.Owen; Bob Parry OBE; G.O. Parry MBE; J.P. Williams; S.Williams.
- WRTH LAW:** Prif Weithredwr;  
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol/Swyddog Monitro  
Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Pwyllgor  
Swyddog Cyfathrebu.
- HEFYD YN BRESENNOL:** Y Comisiynydd Gareth Jones
- YMDDIHEURIAD:** Cynghorwyr C.Ll.Everett, Ff.M.Hughes, H.E.Jones, R.Dylan Jones, Eric Roberts, P.S.Rogers, E.Schofield, Ieuan Williams.

Agorwyd y cyfarfod gyda gweddi gan y Cynghorydd E.G.Davies

Croesawyd yr Uwchgaptan Owain Luke, Bataliwn 1<sup>af</sup>, Catrawd Frenhinol Cymru yn gynnes iawn i'r cyfarfod.

### 1. DATGANIAD O DDIDDORDEB

Nid oedd unrhyw ddatganiad o ddiddordeb

### 2. DERBYN UNRHYW GYHOEDDIADAU GAN Y CADEIRYDD, ARWEINYDD Y CYNGOR, BWRDD COMISIYNWYR NEU BENNAETH Y GWASANAETH TAL

Dim i'w adrodd.

### 3. CATRAWD FRENHINOL CYMRU – RHYDDFRAINT Y SIR

Adroddwyd gan y Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Polisi) – Bod cais wedi'i gyflwyno i'r Cyngor Sir ar 13 Medi 2011, yn nodi'r broses ar gyfer rhoi Rhyddfraint Sir Ynys Môn i Gatrawd Frenhinol Cymru, yn dilyn penderfyniad a basiwyd gan y Cyngor ar 8 Mawrth 2011. (Roedd copi o'r adroddiad hwnnw wedi'i amgáu fel gwybodaeth gefndirol yn nodi'r gweithdrefnau angenrheidiol a'r trefniadau arfaethedig).

Roedd yr adroddiad yn cyfeirio at bwerau'r Cyngor o dan Adran 249 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 mewn perthynas â rhoi Rhyddfraint y Sir i Gatrawd Frenhinol Cymru a'r angen i gael mwyafrif o ddwy ran o dair o'r Cyngor er mwyn pasio'r penderfyniad. Ar 13 Medi 2011 fe benderfynodd y

Cyngor y dylai Arweinyddion y Grwpiau drafod y materion hyn cyn 8 Rhagfyr. Pe bai'r Cyngor yn penderfynu rhoi'r Rhyddfraint hwnnw i'r Gatrawd, cynigwyd y byddai Seremoni'r Rhyddfraint a'r Parêd yn cael ei gynnal yng Nghaergybi yn 2013.

Y Cynghorydd Aled Morris Jones - *"Mr Chairman, Major Owain Luke of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal Welsh, Leader, Chief Executive, Members, Commissioner and Senior Officers of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.*

*It is my honour and privilege to propose the granting of the Freedom of the County of Ynys Môn to the Royal Welsh Regiment, which will confer the rights of the Regiment to march through the streets of this ancient County on all ceremonial occasions with colour flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed and the presentation of a Freedom Scroll to mark the occasion.*

*Let us dwell for a minute on what the colours mean to the Regiment and to our country. Adorned on the colours are engagements ranging from the Napoleonic War, Waterloo, Crimean War, South African War, First World War, engagement such as Mametz Wood in 1916, Paschendale, Palestine, the Second World War, crossing of the Rhine, North Africa, Burma 1943-45 and the Korean War, and more recently Iraq and the ongoing operations in Afghanistan. All of these are linked to the history of our country.*

*The Regiment is also embedded into the culture of Wales. Several writers and poets have served with the Regiment, Siegfried Sassoon, Robert Graves, David Jones, Hedd Wyn a'r Gadair Ddu yn Eisteddfod Birkenhead. Also Sir Kyffin Williams served with the Regiment and a portrait of a Welsh Fusilier was loaned to the County Council on the opening of Oriel Syr Kyffin Williams.*

*There is also humour and let me give you one example. The RWF have a unique uniform which includes a flash and I quote:-*

*"The Army Council attempted to remove the flash during the First World War citing the grounds that it would help the Germans identify which unit was facing them. As Fusilier Robert Graves reported, "the regiment retorted by inquiring on what occasion since the retreat from Corunna, when the regiment was the last to leave Spain, with the Keys of the town postern in the pocket of one of its officers, had any of His Majesty's enemies seen the back of a Royal Welch Fusilier?" – and there the matter rests.*

*The Welsh have been called an unconquerable race this spirit is embodied in the motto of the Regiment which is "Gwell angau na chywilydd" – since the inception of the Victoria Cross award during the Crimean War, 43 Victoria Crosses have been awarded, the citation simply reads 'For Valour'.*

*Our thoughts as an Island are with you Major Luke and your comrades as you prepare to embark on another tour of Afghanistan in April, 2012, the granting of the Freedom means to the people of Anglesey that we will be able to show our appreciation, our thanks and admiration of what Her Majesty's Armed Forces and the Regiment in particular does for our communities."*

*Major Owain Luke "Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is a sincere pleasure to be here today at this meeting to represent my Commanding Officer and the Regiment more widely. It is an honour to hear that Ynys Môn will confirm the freedom of the Isle on the Royal Welsh.*

*It was a double pleasure for me in that if I was not here today, I would be taking part in a 12 mile loaded march in the rain carrying 40kg. Thank you for that and your hospitality feels all the warmer as a result.*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Royal Welsh is of course the Royal Welch Fusiliers of old with strong links to Wales going back 300 years. I can therefore think of no finer place for the national regiment of Wales to parade than Mon – Mam Cymru. But even today, we still recruit many of our soldiers from North Wales in general and Anglesey in particular.*

*I currently have the honour to command B Company where there are 3 men from Anglesey under my command. When I told one of them where I was going today, he was at first disbelieving, but then delighted to hear of the possibility of holding the Freedom Ceremony in Holyhead and that he was looking forward to taking part in the parade himself. While we are excited corporately that the Regiment will be granted the Freedom of the Isle of Anglesey, there are also many in our ranks who will be pleased to re-affirm their own links with Anglesey in front of their family and friends.*

*So, thank you very much Chairman and County Council members for your generous decision today. It promises to be a great day and should herald the start of even closer relations between the Royal Welsh and the people of Anglesey. But just as importantly, ahead of our forthcoming operational tour of duty in Afghanistan in April 2012 it is indeed heartening to know that your community supports us. I'm sure you are looking forward to being on that parade in Holyhead in April 2013 and I hope to be able to meet some of you again then. Thank you very much indeed."*

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Councillor A.Morris Jones - *"It is very appropriate that we grant the Freedom on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the formation of the British Legion, whose work is ongoing.*

*One cannot be help but be moved with the images that we saw over the Remembrance week-end. It is thanks to the work of these men and women that we are able to go about our business safe, secure and without fear. The Regiment will depart for the East next year we look forward to the Freedom Ceremony in 2013, but we wish you a safe return to the shores of these islands.*

*A Royal Welch Fusilier in Palestine in 1917 composed these words:-*

*"Yn y dwyreiniol barth o'r byd yr wyf fi heno'n canu  
Pe byddai modd fe roddwn naid a disgyn draw yng Nghymru"*

*(In Eastern parts of the world I recite these tales)  
(If it were possible I would leap and land again in Wales)*

*This Fusilier was my grandfather.*

*Mr Chairman, I move the motion that the Isle of Anglesey County grants the Freedom to the Royal Welsh Regiment."*

## **PENDERFYNWYD**

- **Yn unfrydol, i roi Rhyddfrait Sir i Gatrawd Frenhinol Cymru.**
- **I gadarnhau y byddai Seremoni Ryddfrait a'r Parêd yn cael eu cynnal yng Nghaergybi ar 27 Ebrill 2013.**

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 12:05pm

**CYNGHORYDD G.O.JONES  
CADEIRYDD**