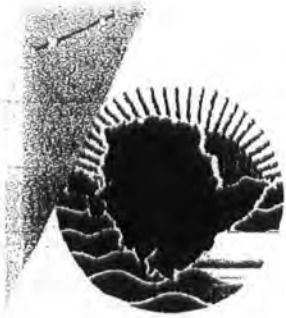


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Mr Dermot Jones  
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Dear Mr Jones.

Thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 following our discussion on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008. I would wish to correct certain assumptions which have been made following our discussion. If I can first relate to the conversation regarding the workshop undertaken by Dr. Zoe Radnor, Warwick Business School. I did mention to you that there was a section missing in the documentation. This relates to the second exercise which was undertaken namely "Gap Analysis". The rest of the document is in my view factually correct however I would have expected a summary in the Document from Dr Radnor herself. Is there such a document in existence?, If so I would appreciate having sight of it.

Dealing with the issues contained in the PWC draft Annual Letter, our conversation was not as simplistic as the question regarding the PWC findings outlined regarding Graigwen. Graigwen is only one of several issues highlighted by PWC where this Authority has serious Corporate Governance issues. I do believe that it is time for this administration to move on, Anglesey has a number of problems which this Executive is anxious to do something about.

- As a new Councillor and Executive Member, I have been dismayed by the obvious distrust shown to us by Senior Officers. There have been no attempts to brief us on the commitments made by the previous administration.
- An example of this was the Social Service overspend and the ramifications that followed in getting Consultants to determine what had gone wrong. In fact the position has not been resolved, there is an overspend yet again on the current budget and there is talk of some improvement plan to rectify the situation.

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- A further example was the Ombudsman's report on Housing Benefit maladministration. To tell the ruling group on the day of publication is careless and almost contemptuous. These issues were raised with you.

I did say to you that the 2006/2007 Annual letter made reference to member/officer conflict. This was incorrect as you pointed out to me, I now confirm that the 2006/2007 letter referred only to member conflict. The Annual letter for 2007/2008 does specifically refer to member/officer conflict.

As this letter covers part of our Administration, it pains me greatly but doesn't surprise me given that the issues surrounding Graigwen have eroded whatever trust and confidence there might be between the ruling Administration and certain members of the Corporate Management Team. It may be that we require a Police investigation into the issue as offences of misfeasance in Public Office would appear to be made out. It is then and only then that confidence in the Isle of Anglesey County Council would be apparent.

The current Executive were not given an opportunity by you to formally respond to the draft Annual letter. It is my understanding that members of the Executive prior to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 were given a briefing by you as to its content. If that is correct, it is a matter of grave concern that the impartiality of the Senior Officers have been compromised.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Clive McGregor