

CYFARFOD ARBENNIG O CYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN

Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar Dydd Iau, 23 Mai 2013

- YN BRESENNOL:** Cynghorydd Robert Ll Jones (Cadeirydd)
Mr E G Davies (Is-Gadeirydd)
- Y Cynghorwyr Lewis Davies, R Dew, Jeffrey M.Evans, Jim Evans, Ann Griffith, John Griffith, D R Hughes, K P Hughes, T Ll Hughes, Vaughan Hughes, W T Hughes, Victor Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws, A M Jones, Carwyn Jones, G O Jones, H E Jones, R.Meirion Jones, Raymond Jones, Alun W Mummery, R G Parry OBE, Dylan Rees, J A Roberts, Nicola Roberts, P S Rogers, Alwyn Rowlands, Dafydd Rhys Thomas a Ieuan Williams
- WRTH LAW:** Prif Weithredwr
Dirprwy Brif Weithredwr
Cyfarwyddwr Dysgu Gydol Oes
Pennaeth Swyddogaeth (Adnoddau) a Swyddog Adain 151
Pennaeth Swyddogaeth (Cyfreithiol a Gweinyddiaeth)
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Cyllid)
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Polisi)
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Priffyrdd a Rheoli Gwastraff)
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Gwasanaethau Oedolion)
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Gwasanaethau Plant)
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Uned Ddarparu)
Pennaeth Gwasanaeth (Tai)
Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Adnoddau Dynol (CE)
Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Pwyllgor (JG)
- HEFYD YN BRESENNOL:** Lesley Griffiths, AC (Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Busnes Llywodraeth Leol), Comisiynydd Alex Aldridge OBE, Comisiynydd Byron Davies OBE, Comisiynydd Mick Giannasi, Gareth Jones (Comisiynydd), Mr Steve Pomeroy (Pennaeth Gwelliant Llywodraeth Leol), Ms Lisa Hughes (Rheolwr Ymyrraeth Polisi), Ms Sioned Rees (Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr - Partneriaethau Allanol), Mr Gareth Chestney (Swyddog Gwelliant Rhaglennu), Huw Lloyd Jones (Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru), Andy Bruce (Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru), Marc Roberts (AGGCC), Michael Wilson, Islwyn Jones, Dilys Shaw, Cynghorydd Raymond Evans (Pwyllgor Safonau), Mr Richard Barker (Aelod Lleyg o'r Pwyllgor Archwilio) a Mrs Sharon Warnes (Aelod Lleyg o'r Pwyllgor Archwilio).
- YMDDIHEURIADAU:** Y Cynghorydd Richard Owain Jones

1 DATGANIAD O DDIDDORDEB

Dim i'w datgan.

2 DERBYN UNRHYW GYHOEDDIADAU GAN Y CADEIRYDD NEU'R PRIF WEITHREDWR

Rhoes y Cadeirydd goeso cynnes i'r Gweinidog dros Lywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth a'i staff i'r cyfarfod heddiw. Hefyd, rhoes goeso cynnes i'r Comisiynwyr, aelodau'r Pwyllgor Safonau, Aelodau Lleyg y Pwyllgor Archwilio a chynrychiolwyr o Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru ac AGGCC.

3 ANERCHIAD I'R CYNGOR GAN Y GWEINIDOG DROS LYWODRAETH LEOL A BUSNES Y LLYWODRAETH

Rhoes y Gweinidog dros Lywodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth anerchiad i'r Cyngor ar ddyfodol y Cyngor ar ôl Mai 2013. Dyma destun anerchiad y Gweinidog:-

"We are all well aware of the history of the problems which plagued this Council. Problems that were both serious and long-running. They related, in the main, to poor member behaviour and a lack of strategic direction. The situation within the Council was dire and could no longer be tolerated. It demanded vigorous and sustainable action to restore the Council's standing and its ability to meet the needs of the people of Anglesey.

In 2009, the Auditor General for Wales produced a highly critical inspection report which the Welsh Government could not and did not ignore. As a result, in 2009 a Ministerial Recovery Board was established to help the Council address its problems.

In early 2011, the Recovery Board concluded the Council was unlikely to achieve a sustainable recovery in the foreseeable future. This prompted a special re-inspection by the Auditor General. Again, his findings and recommendations were damning. The concerns and difficulties were played out over many months. My predecessor as Local Government Minister, Carl Sargeant, was left with no choice other than to appoint in March 2011, five Commissioners to run the Council on his behalf.

I know it was not an easy decision for him to make. It was totally unprecedented. No other Local Authority in the UK has ever had all of its powers withdrawn. However, it was the right choice given the seriousness of the Council's problems. Such drastic action was essential in order to protect the future of the Council and most importantly the citizens of Anglesey.

However, that brave decision proved to be a turning point. Since the appointment of the Commissioners, the Council has completely turned itself around and made remarkable progress. It is clear everyone involved in the recovery programme has benefitted greatly from the Commissioners' oversight and expertise.

In recognition of this, last October the number of Commissioners was reduced from five to three and also their presence in the Council. And most importantly day to day running was handed back to you, the Council.

Since then you have continued to do well. You have demonstrated you have matured as a Council taking considered and appropriate decisions and have the capacity to operate effectively without external control. For instance:

- (i) You appointed a new senior leadership team which is progressing well on your transformation programme;*
- (ii) You became the first Local Authority in North Wales, and only the second in Wales, to achieve the Welsh Housing Quality Standard;*
- (iii) In March, you approved your budget for 2013-14 in a mature and effective manner; and*
- (iv) You recently secured highly commended for the Management Consulting Association's Public Sector Change Management Project of the year.*

These are just some of your recent achievements, which are all the more significant for a Council that was so damaged only four short years ago.

As you know my decision about the future of the Council was deferred until after your election earlier this month.

I think everyone will agree the election went extremely well. Each seat was well-contested, with a 106 candidates standing in 30 seats. The 50.5% turnout was also significantly higher than any other election which took place in the UK on the same day.

I believe this level of turnout says something powerful about the strength of democracy on the Island. And how much its people care about who represents them. The people of Ynys Mon have spoken and have placed their trust and their hopes in you.

The election left no party or group with an overall majority. Who forms the administration is not a matter for me. What does matter to me is that the Council continues to perform well and build on the good work done in recent months under the stewardship and guidance of the Commissioners. Whoever forms the new administration this afternoon, I am confident a stable and effective administration will follow.

This afternoon you will vote for a new Leader and a fresh start. You have an opportunity to move forward and embark on a new chapter for the Council. A new beginning which allows you to leave your previous deep-seated problems truly in the past. You can move forward with confidence and a sense of achievement.

While ongoing support will be given as you move forward under your own direction, you have clearly demonstrated to me, my predecessor and the Commissioners, you are more than capable of delivering a sustainable recovery and continuing improvement. Taking all of this into account, I am now convinced you can manage your own affairs without external intervention. I am very pleased the Commissioners and the Auditor General for Wales share my view.

I am therefore delighted to announce my Ministerial intervention will formally end on Friday 31st May.

Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in the recovery process. It has been a huge achievement. It is a testament to all involved: Council Officers and Members, Commissioners and, of course, my colleague Carl Sargeant.

I am confident for you as a Council and about what the future holds. I am convinced you can become an exemplar within the Local Government family and others can learn from your successes.

However, you still face tough challenges as all Local Authorities do, particularly in this unprecedented financial climate. I urge you to liaise closely with the Welsh Local Government Association to establish the level of support you will require after today. I also encourage you to build on the effective relationship you have developed with the Wales Audit Office during the recovery process. My officials and I as Minister stand ready to help, advise and support you as you complete the good work you have begun.

I very much look forward to hearing about your developments over the coming months and wish you all good luck."

Diolchodd yr Arweinwyr Grŵp a'r Cynghorydd Aled Morris Jones (Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymreig) i'r Gweinidog am ddod â'r ymyrraeth i ben gan dalu teyrnged i'r Comisiynwyr am eu mewnbwn gwerthfawr. Talwyd teyrngedau hefyd i'r Rheoleiddwyr ac i staff y Cyngor.

Roedd y Prif Weithredwr yn croesawu cyhoeddiad y Gweinidog a dywedodd fod Ynys Môn wedi dangos awydd ac ymrwymiad i newid ers i bwerau democrataidd gael eu rhoddi'n ôl ym mis Hydref 2012. Roedd o'n hyderus fod yr Awdurdod yn awr yn fwy na thebol i reoli ei fusnes ei hun. Roedd cynnydd da'n cael ei wneud o ran gwella gwasanaethau ac roedd yr Awdurdod wedi ymateb yn gadarnhaol i'r arweiniad a gafwyd gan y Comisiynwyr a'n rheoleiddwyr.

Roedd yr Awdurdod bellach wedi sefydlu rhaglen drawsnewid uchelgeisiol a fyddai'n gatallydd ar gyfer gwella gwasanaethau'n sylweddol ar ran pobl Ynys Môn.

Achubodd ar y cyfle hefyd i ddiolch i'r Comisiynwyr, Aelodau, Rheoleiddwyr a staff y Cyngor.

Ar ran bawb a oedd yn bresennol, diolchodd y Cadeirydd i'r Prif Weithredwr am y modd yr arweiniodd yr Awdurdod drwy amser anodd iawn. Cyflwynodd rodd i'r Comisiynwyr i'w hatgoffa am eu hamser yn Ynys Môn a dywedodd fod croeso cynnes iddynt hwy ac i'r Gweinidog ymweld â'r Ynys unrhyw bryd yn y dyfodol.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 10.30 am

**Y CYNGHORYDD R LL JONES
CADEIRYDD**