
THE COUNCIL 10/12/09

Present: Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones (Chair)
Councillor W Tudor Owen (Vice-chair)

Councillors: Bob Anderson, Stephen Churchman, Anwen Davies, E T Dogan, Dyfed Edwards, Dylan Edwards, Elwyn Edwards, Huw Edwards, Trefor Edwards, T G Ellis, Alan Jones Evans, Alun Wyn Evans, Simon Glyn, Margaret Griffith, Alwyn Gruffydd, Siân Gwenllïan, Dafydd Ll Hughes, Huw Hughes, Louise Hughes, O P Huws, Aeron M Jones, Brian Jones, Charles Wyn Jones, Dai Rees Jones, Dyfrig Wynn Jones, Eric Merfyn Jones, Evie Morgan Jones, John Gwilym Jones, J R Jones, John Wynn Jones, W Penri Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, P.G.Larsen, Dewi Lewis, Dewi Llewelyn, Dilwyn Lloyd, June Marshall, Keith Marshall, J Wynn Meredith, Llinos Merks, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, W Roy Owen, Arwel Pierce, Peter Read, Dafydd Roberts, Caerwyn Roberts, Glyn Roberts, Gwilym Euros Roberts, Ieuan Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Liz Saville Roberts, Siôn Roberts, Trevor Roberts, W Gareth Roberts, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Guto Rhys Tomos, Ann Williams, Gethin Glyn Williams, Gwilym Williams, J.W.Williams, Owain Williams, R H Wyn Williams and Robert J Wright.

Also present: Harry Thomas (Chief Executive), Dilwyn Williams, Iwan Trefor Jones and Dafydd Lewis (Corporate Directors), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Dilys Phillips (Monitoring Officer/Head of Democracy and Legal Department), Arwel Ellis Jones (Senior Performance and Scrutiny Manager), Iwan Evans (Legal Services Manager), Geraint George (Head of Strategic and Improvement Department), Dewi Jones (Head of Education Department), Alwyn Evans Jones (Head of Human Resources Department), Gwenan Parry (Head of Customer Care Department), Aled Davies (Head of Regulatory Department), Meinir Owen (Corporate Efficiency Manager), Hefin Owen (Finance Manager – Development), Seimon Williams (Project Manager (School Re-organisation), Tony Bates (Strategic and Improvement Service) and Eleri Parry (Senior Committee Officer)

Apologies: Councillors Jean Forsyth, Keith Greenly-Jones, Gwen Griffiths, Selwyn Griffiths, Christopher Hughes, Sylvia Humphreys, Linda Wyn Jones and R L Jones

1 PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Councillor Huw Edwards.

2 MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 October 2009 as a true record, subject to noting the correction that the meeting had commenced at 1.00pm, not 2.00pm.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Distributed to members, prior to the committee - a guidance note by the Monitoring Officer regarding three issues before the Council, namely School Re-organisation in Tywyn, the Savings Strategy and the Council's Housing Stock Transfer Agreement with Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd.

School Re-organisation in Tywyn

It was noted that the local members had been advised on their individual positions, that school governors were permitted to speak and vote on the proposals and that some members had been given dispensations by the Standards Committee allowing them to speak and vote except on some particular schools.

Savings Strategy 2010 - 2013

If a discussion should arise on any specific proposal in the package, a member who had an interest in that proposal should declare the interest when the discussion would commence.

Housing Stock Ballot

It was noted that members who were on the Board of Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd and any member who was a Council tenant should declare an interest; however, they were entitled to speak and vote.

(i) Members declared a personal interest in the following items for the reasons noted:-

- Councillor Alun Wyn Evans in the item School Re-organisation in Tywyn, as his wife was a teacher at Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn.

The member was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and he withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

- Councillor Louise Hughes in the item School Re-organisation in Tywyn as her daughter was a pupil at Ysgol Llanegryn and she was on the school's board of governors.

The member had received dispensation by the Standards Committee to speak and vote provided that the dispensation did not extend to discussions on the future of the school where her child was a pupil. Therefore, she had the right to speak and vote on the schools apart from Ysgol Llanegryn, as long as they could be separated.

- Councillor Liz Saville Roberts in the item, Savings Strategy for 2010/2013 – Education Scheme - to raise income on post-16 transport (Scheme A5), as she was employed by a further education college and worked in the post 16 education sector.
- Councillors Stephen Churchman, Sian Gwenllian, Dafydd Roberts and W Gareth Roberts in the item, Savings Strategy for 2010/2013 – scheme to raise income on post-16 transport (Scheme A5), as they were parents of children who would be affected by the scheme.

The members were of the opinion that they were prejudicial interests, and they withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on those items.

(ii) Members declared a personal interest in the following items for the reasons noted:-

- Councillor Dewi Owen in the item, School Re-organisation in Tywyn, as he was a governor at Ysgol Aberdyfi and Ysgol Pennal.
- Councillor Arwel Pierce in the item on Schools Reorganisation in Tywyn as he had been the head teacher of Ysgol Llanegryn, Ysgol Llwyngwrl and Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn and his wife had been the head teacher of Ysgol Brynchrug.

- Councillor John Pugh Roberts in the item, School Re-organisation in Tywyn, as he was a governor at Ysgol Corris.
- Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones in the item, School Re-organisation in Tywyn, as she was a governor at Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn. Also in the item, The Council's Housing Stock Transfer Agreement with Cartefi Cymunedol Gwynedd Cyfyngedig since she was a member of the Board of Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd.
- Councillors Brian Jones, Dewi Lewis and John Wyn Williams in the item, The Council's Housing Stock Transfer Agreement with Cartefi Cymunedol Gwynedd Cyfyngedig since they were members of the Board of Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd.
- Councillors Trefor Roberts and Eryl Jones Williams in the item, The Council's Housing Stock Transfer Agreement with Cartefi Cymunedol Gwynedd Cyfyngedig since they were Council tenants.
- Those Councillors who were members of the Council Members' Pension Scheme, in the item Savings Strategy 2010/2013 – scheme not to offer pensions to Council members (DaC14).

The members were of the opinion that they were not prejudicial interests, and they did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Condolences were expressed to Councillor Glyn Roberts following the loss of his mother.

Also, the Chair expressed condolences to everyone else that had lost loved ones recently and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect and sympathy.

- (b) The following were congratulated:-

- (i) Gwynedd Council on gaining the Members Support and Development Charter;
- (ii) Councillor Dyfed Edwards, Council Leader on being chosen as Local Government Politician of the Year;
- (iii) Councillor W. Gareth Roberts on reaching the final round of *Fferm Ffactor*;
- (iv) Gwynedd Council's School Meals Service was one of five Local Authorities throughout Britain who had been nominated 'Best Performer for Education Catering' by the Association for Public Service Excellence.

5 SCHOOL RE-ORGANISATION IN TYWYN

- (a) In accordance with Procedural Rule 15(1), the following petitions were submitted:-

- (i) A petition signed by 800 people calling on Gwynedd Council to stop the intention of re-organising primary education within the county, and closing at least 25 schools. They also called on the Council, along with the Wales Assembly Government, to fund education fairly and to presume against the closure of rural schools, in accordance with what was

being done by both Scotland and Northern Ireland's Devolved Governments and education authorities in England.

- (ii) A petition signed by 600 people calling on Gwynedd Council to keep Ysgol Aberdyfi open as far as the education provided there was of the highest standard.

The Chair gave thanks for the petitions which would be transferred to the relevant service.

- (b) Submitted – the report of Iwan Trefor Jones, the Corporate Director outlining proposals for the Primary School Re-organisation in Tywyn, providing the reasoning behind the proposals and seeking the Council's approval to move to a period of statutory consultation on the proposals.
- (c) The Corporate Director provided a detailed presentation providing the background and context of the Tywyn Catchment-area and Gwynedd Council Primary School Re-organisation strategy.

It was reported that the Council had approved the strategy for Re-organising the County's Primary Schools in April 2009.

He explained that the strategy's main aim was to ensure the best possible experiences and education to all children across the primary education system. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that children were in suitable classes; that they were in an education environment of the highest standard; quality leadership across the county; developing and strengthening the Welsh language; developing a network of community schools and making the best use of human and financial resources.

There had been agreement that there was a need to plan the change by each individual catchment-area, prioritising catchment-areas where the need for change was most prominent, and Tywyn was identified as the first catchment-area to be reviewed. It was explained that the Tywyn area had witnessed a substantial reduction in the number of children, and that six of the eight schools in the catchment-area had fewer than thirty children, and also received protection from the Council.

A great emphasis was placed in the strategy on being inclusive and to plan the change with local representatives. This was achieved through the Catchment-area Review Panel, meetings with individual schools and sessions for children and young people. Also, attempts had been made to ensure that the public and the local community were aware of the developments.

There was agreement that an open discussion was needed in moving forward. Thirteen options had been considered and the advantages and disadvantages of each option were carefully weighed up by the Catchment-area Review Panel and the County Advisory Panel. It was emphasised that the proposals had received the seal of approval of the Catchment-area Review Panel, the County Advisory Panel and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee and the Council Board.

The Director explained that the work of identifying suitable sites for the development of an Area School was in the pipeline; however agreement could not be reached unless the statutory procedure had been addressed.

He noted that the Assembly had capital programmes and grants for supporting the development of new area schools. Also, the Council had money within the capital

programme for developing new area schools, and that capital would not be an obstacle in the building of an area school.

It was noted that the activities to date had been part of the process of gathering information by forming initial proposals and that they were not a part of the statutory process of reviewing the provision in the Tywyn Catchment-area.

Should the Council approve the recommendations, he explained that the period of statutory consultation would take place in the communities. A report would be submitted to the Council in May, afterwards there would be an opportunity for the public to make formal objections and the report would be submitted to the Council in September 2010 for a final decision.

(ch) The recommendations in question were proposed and seconded.

(d) Submitted – the observations of Councillor Liz Saville Roberts, Portfolio Leader – Education.

The member explained that she was grateful to the residents of Bro Dysynni and local movements for their loyalty to their communities, however she emphasised that change had to take place in order to achieve the necessary improvements.

She referred to the problematic situation in Bro Dysynni, with pupil numbers declining consistently, problems in securing the presence of a competent head teacher, and education and culture had become more anglicised in some schools.

Reference was made to the Assembly's Circular which had been published at the end of the Catchment-area Review Panel's discussions. In accordance with the circular's requirements, she explained that it was intended to undertake a language and community assessment, early in the new year, prior to holding the statutory consultation meetings at the schools.

Additionally, she referred to an ESTYN report that would be published within a few months. She explained that the report would criticise the county's political leaders harshly, due to their sluggishness in making necessary decisions to ensure that expenditure was driven by the learning needs of the children of the county, rather than the structure of school buildings.

She referred to her intention to continue to campaign to ensure that education in Gwynedd was a priority and that it received sufficient resources, and to ensure that the neediest children in the county would benefit most from the resources.

She emphasised that the recommendations in question were not a final decision on the future status of Bro Dysynni schools. Instead, they were seeking the approval of the Council to move on to a period of statutory consultation, and she noted that the final proposals would return to the full Council for decision.

She encouraged members to support the radical recommendations which offered a future to Welsh medium rural education in Bro Dysynni.

(dd) Several members expressed their objection to the recommendations in question, and numerous observations were submitted.

A member suggested that the decision should be deferred, in order to discuss the education funding arrangements with the new Minister for Education, and in order to see what the state of the economy might be during the next two/three years.

Another member noted that he was very concerned regarding the presumption to close rural schools; he noted that local opinion was being ignored and he referred to ESTYN's commendation of the high standard of education at Bro Dysynni schools.

Another member explained that he was of the opinion that there were no educational, social, cultural or financial reasons for closing the rural schools of Bro Dysynni, and he expressed his dismay that sufficient relevant assessments had not been completed as part of the work.

- (e) The member for Bryncreug and Llanfihangel noted that the area was evidence of the demographic change that had happened over the years. He explained that a reduction had been seen in the number of children attending the schools, and that this had greatly affected school budgets and therefore, they had been relying on receiving financial protection from the Council. It was emphasised that this had caused general concern regarding the future of the schools and it had also substantially affected morale. Some parents had moved their children to larger schools to the detriment of the smaller schools.

He explained that it was difficult to plan for the needs of individuals in small rural schools, and that it was also difficult to offer children a wide range of balanced educational and social experiences. He emphasised that he had reached the conclusion that an Area School would be better at satisfying the needs of the area's children. He noted that the governors of both schools and the people of the area were in agreement that a new Area School should be established between Bryncreug and Llanegryn, in order to plan for the future, and to provide assurance that the provision was of the best possible standard for the area's children.

- (f) The local member for Aberdyfi referred to his objection to closing Ysgol Aberdyfi, and he expressed concern that closing the school would have a detrimental effect on the village. However, should the Council support the recommendations, he asked for Ysgol Aberdyfi to be closed at the same time as the closure of the four other schools in 2014, or when the new Area School would be erected.
- (ff) The member for Llangelynin explained that she was of the opinion that the Council had a presumption to close the area's rural schools. She noted that the proposals of the Portfolio Leader – Education were no different to the proposals submitted in 2008, and she was very discontented that the opinion of the local residents had not been taken into account when forming the proposals. She emphasised the importance of the contribution of a rural school to community life, and she was concerned that closing the school would have a detrimental effect on the area's economy. She referred to the high standard of education at Ysgol Llwyngwriil, and noted that the Welsh language was flourishing there. She explained that the road from Llwyngwriil to Llanegryn was narrow and dangerous and that parents were concerned regarding their children's safety.

In response to allegations of not listening to the local community, a member of the working group explained that the Council had formed a detailed and advanced communications plan in order to discuss and seek the opinion of the communities. He emphasised that the Council had listened to communities and discussed with them, and that local opinion had been incorporated into the recommendations. Whilst accepting that some did object to the proposals, he explained that they had received a fervent

welcome by many in the area. It was emphasised that the change had to be planned carefully in order to stabilise the situation and to move on with confidence.

- (g) The member for Corris reported that the situation had created tension and stress in the area, and the delay had led to uncertainty for children, parents and teachers, and there had to be a decision on the issue. He referred to harsh criticism due to the sluggishness of the Council in making difficult decisions, and he expressed concern that there would be external intervention should the Council not make a decision on the issue.

The member explained that should the Council not approve the proposals, Ysgol Corris and Ysgol Penybryn would lose substantial amounts of money, and that this would lead to losing teachers and staff. He emphasised that he fully supported the proposals, and the community council, governors, parents and Ysgol Corris staff were also in support of them and that Ysgol Corris and Ysgol Pennal were looking forward to co-operating happily with each other in the future.

- (h) Proposed and seconded – the following amendment:-

- (i) that Ysgol Corris and Ysgol Pennal schools would remain open and move towards an arrangement of co-operation by September 2010;
- (ii) that Ysgol Abergynolwyn would close in July 2010 and the children transferred to Ysgol Bryncreug by September 2010;
- (iii) that Ysgol Aberdyfi would remain open and look towards formal co-operation with either Ysgol Penybryn or Ysgol Pennal by September 2010;
- (iv) that Ysgol Llanegryn would remain open and look towards formal co-operation with Ysgol Bryncreug by September 2010;
- (v) that Ysgol Llwyngwriil would remain open and look towards formal co-operation with Ysgol y Friog by September 2010;

In accordance with Procedural Rule 19 (6), the following vote was recorded on the above-mentioned amendment:-

In favour: (21) Councillors: Bob Anderson, Stephen Churchman, Anwen Davies, T G Ellis, Simon Glyn, Alwyn Gruffydd, Dafydd Ll Hughes, Louise Hughes, Aeron M Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Dilwyn Lloyd, Llinos Merks, Peter Read, Dafydd Roberts, Gwilym Euros Roberts, Siôn Roberts, Guto Rhys Tomos, Gethin Glyn Williams, Gwilym Williams, Owain Williams and Robert J Wright.

Against: (44) Councillors: E T Dogan, Dyfed Edwards, Dylan Edwards, Elwyn Edwards, Huw Edwards, Trefor Edwards, Alan Jones Evans, Margaret Griffith, Siân Gwenllïan, Huw Hughes, O P Huws, Anne Lloyd Jones, Brian Jones, Charles Wyn Jones, Dai Rees Jones, Dyfrig Wynn Jones, Evie Morgan Jones, John Gwilym Jones, J R Jones, John Wynn Jones, W Penri Jones, P.G.Larsen, Dewi Lewis, Dewi Llewelyn, June Marshall, Keith Marshall, J Wynn Meredith, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, W Roy Owen, W Tudor Owen, Arwel Pierce, Caerwyn Roberts, Glyn Roberts, Ieuan Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Liz Saville Roberts, Trevor Roberts, W Gareth Roberts, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Ann Williams, J.W.Williams and R H Wyn Williams.

Abstentions (1) Councillor Eric Merfyn Jones

The Chairman reported that the amendment had failed.

- (l) Proposed and seconded – an amendment that Ysgol Aberdyfi would remain open for the time being, and that the school would close at the same time as the closure of the four other schools in 2014, or when the new Area School would be erected.

A vote was taken on the proposal and the Chairman reported that the amendment had failed.

- (j) In accordance with Procedural Rule 19 (6), the following vote was recorded on the original proposal

In favour: (45) Councillors: E T Dogan, Dyfed Edwards, Dylan Edwards, Elwyn Edwards, Huw Edwards, Trefor Edwards, Alan Jones Evans, Margaret Griffith, Siân Gwenllïan, Huw Hughes, O P Huws, Aeron M Jones, Anne Lloyd Jones, Brian Jones, Charles Wyn Jones, Dai Rees Jones, Dyfrig Wynn Jones, Evie Morgan Jones, John Gwilym Jones, J R Jones, John Wynn Jones, W Penri Jones, P.G.Larsen, Dewi Lewis, Dewi Llewelyn, June Marshall, Keith Marshall, J Wynn Meredith, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, W Roy Owen, W Tudor Owen, Arwel Pierce, Caerwyn Roberts, Glyn Roberts, Ieuan Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Liz Saville Roberts, Trevor Roberts, W Gareth Roberts, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Ann Williams, J.W.Williams and R H Wyn Williams.

Against: (18) Councillors: Bob Anderson, Anwen Davies, T G Ellis, Simon Glyn, Alwyn Gruffydd, Dafydd Ll Hughes, Eryl Jones-Williams, Dilwyn Lloyd, Llinos Merks, Peter Read, Dafydd Roberts, Gwilym Euros Roberts, Siôn Roberts, Guto Rhys Tomos, Gethin Glyn Williams, Gwilym Williams, Owain Williams and Robert J Wright.

Abstentions (2) Councillors Stephen Churchman and Eric Merfyn Jones

RESOLVED to approve the proposals for the re-organisation of Tywyn catchment-area primary schools, to proceed to consultation, namely;

- (i) **To establish a new area school either in the Bryncreg or Llanegryn area to be opened during the 2013/14 academic year and to close Ysgol Abergynolwyn, Ysgol Bryncreg, Ysgol Llwyngwriil and Ysgol Llanegryn when the new school is ready, and to move to a period of statutory consultation on the proposals during the spring of 2010.**
- (ii) **To close Ysgol Aberdyfi by September 2011 and offer a place for children who reside within the catchment-area at Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn, and to move to a period of statutory consultation on the proposals during the spring of 2010.**
- (iii) **To promote co-operation between Ysgol Pennal and Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, Corris.**

6 SAVINGS STRATEGY 2010-2013

- (a) In accordance with Procedural Rule 15(i) the Chair received a petition organised by the Ysgol Carmel Governing Body signed by approximately 200 people asking members to vote against any cut that could permanently affect the school's future and the education.

The Chair gave thanks for the petition which would be transferred to the relevant service.

- (b) Submitted – the reports of the Chief Executive and the Head of Strategic and Improvement Department on adopting the Savings Strategy for 2010/2011.

The Chief Executive reported that the public money situation was in a perilous state and that the Council would have to find very substantial savings for the next seven/eight years.

Based on assumptions, it was explained that the Council had allocated £16.2m in savings for the next three years; however, there was a possibility that there would be a need to find more savings for a longer period of time.

It was noted that the minimum of £16 million, the Council anticipated that would need to be realised over the next three years, would be generated from the following sources:- efficiency savings (74%), generating additional income (10%) and service cuts (16%).

(ch) The Leader specified on the significance of the categories in question, namely;

- Group A – schemes to be implemented and savings to be realised. It was noted that the majority of them were small schemes i.e. less than £50,000 and a low impact assessment, and / or supported by over 60% in the 'Yes' category in the sessions to obtain members' opinions;
- Group B - schemes to be implemented and savings to be realised, but further work was needed to develop and agree on a detailed plan, and report on any decision to the Council Board; It was noted that these schemes had received over 50% support for the 'Yes' and 'Likely' categories in the sessions to obtain members' opinions;
- Group C – needed to undertake further work in order to assess alternative options in the field during 2010/11, before reaching to a final conclusion rather than accepting the scheme in its present form;
- Group Ch – it was noted that these were not to be implemented at the time.

From the perspective of the Leisure Centres (DH5), the Leader explained that it was intended to hold a strategic review of the leisure field in its entirety and to consider options and choices that would secure an effective and efficient service in the future. Also, in relation to education for three year old children (Scheme A1), he explained that it was intended to hold further discussions with nursery organisations in order to agree on a nursery strategy for the future. It was also intended to undertake further work in relation to libraries and museums.

(ch) The recommendations in question were proposed and seconded.

(d) The Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee expanded upon the strategy's main phases and thanked everyone for their hard work in bringing the proposals before the Council.

It was explained that the savings strategy had been considered by the Council Board on 1 December 2009, and following this the Improvement Working Group and the Principal Scrutiny Committee were both given the opportunity to consider the recommendations of the Board. It was noted that members of the Working Group and the Committee had accepted that the recommendations were logical under the circumstances, and were willing to implement primary school savings in 2010/11. However, they wished to revisit the situation in the following years and had recommended moving primary school savings to Group B for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

The proposer and seconder of the original proposals noted that they accepted the amendment of the Principal Scrutiny Committee to move the primary school savings for 2011/12 and 2012/13 to Group B, in order to consider and agree on the final level of the cut for these two years.

(d) Observations were submitted, and clarity sought by members regarding the number of schemes, and following officers and portfolio leaders' response and explanation, there was agreement regarding the majority of the strategy.

(dd) Objections to some schemes were noted.

(i) A member noted that he was dissatisfied regarding the scheme to raise income on post-16 transport by charging £5 a week to every individual living further than three miles from the school/college (Scheme A5).

In response, many members expressed concern regarding removing the substantial amount of £330,000 from the package without identifying something to replace it.

An amendment to remove the scheme to raise income on post-16 transport from Group A and to move it to Group Ch failed.

(ii) In relation to the scheme not to offer pensions to members (Scheme DaC14), a member noted that members were free to arrange a private pension and that the public should not burden the cost. It was suggested that the scheme be moved to the Group A category.

Another member noted that some members had given up their careers in order to become councillors and they were losing out financially, therefore, it was important that the pension scheme was available to them.

An amendment to move the scheme not to offer pensions to members (Scheme DaC14) from the Group CH category to the Group A category failed.

(iii) In response to the eagerness to achieve more savings, it was agreed that further work should be achieved in the next cycle on schemes to charge a fee at the county's busiest public toilets (Scheme PB11) and to reduce the Council's vehicle fleet (PB7) in order to maximise the savings.

The Portfolio Leader and the Chief Executive thanked the officers of the Strategic and Improvement Department, the members of the Savings Working Group and all Council members for their contribution in bringing the proposals before the Council in difficult circumstances.

RESOLVED to adopt the Savings Strategy for 2010/11 – 2012/13, namely:-

- (i) **to implement the schemes and realise the savings in Group A and B, to complete further work on the schemes in Group B to develop and agree on a detailed plan, and report on any decision to the Council Board, but to move the primary school savings for 2011/12 and 2012/13 to Group B. This means that in terms of primary schools, the full Council in 2010/11 would consider and agree on the final level of the cut and the implications of acting in the context of the financial situation at that time.**
- (ii) **not to accept the schemes in Group C in their current form, and to authorise the completion of further work on the schemes in Group C, in order to assess alternative options in the field during 2010/11, before coming to a final conclusion regarding the schemes;**
- (iii) **not to take any further action on the schemes in Group Ch at present.**

7 THE COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH CARTREFI CYMUNEDOL GWYNEDD CYFYNGEDIG

Submitted - the report of Dafydd Lewis, Corporate Director.

It was reported that the Council was required to prepare a comprehensive Housing Stock Transfer Agreement which outlined all the relevant issues involved with establishing Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd, to be submitted for the Assembly's approval. The Agreement would be signed by the Council and Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd on the date of the transfer.

It was noted that the Care Scrutiny Committee and the Council Board had approved the Agreement and had agreed on issues requiring discussion between the Council and the new body.

RESOLVED

- (a) To approve the Housing Stock Transfer Agreement to be submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government.**
- (b) To authorise the Corporate Director to act on any further changes to the Agreement, which could become evident following discussions with Cartrefi Cymunedol Cymru.**

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

- (i) Submitted – the following notice of motion received by Councillor Dafydd Ll Hughes under Procedural Rule 13 along with an organisational notice under Procedural Rule 13(12) requesting that the matter be discussed at the Council without being referred to the relevant committee first:-

RESOLVED to discuss the proposal at this meeting.

Proposed and seconded – the following motion:-

“Following the appointment of a new Chief Constable for North Wales, I would like to ask my fellow councillors to agree to extend an invitation to the Chief Constable and the Chairman of North Wales Police to a full meeting of Gwynedd Council, at the earliest opportunity, in order for us to know what the vision on policing is here in Gwynedd.”

RESOLVED

- (i) to adopt the proposal to extend an invite to the Chief Constable and the Chairman of North Wales Police to a full meeting of Gwynedd Council at the earliest opportunity, in order for us to know what the vision on policing is here in Gwynedd.**
- (ii) To authorise Dafydd Lewis, Corporate Director to act on the proposal**

The meeting commenced at 1.00 p.m. and concluded at 4.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN