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# THE COUNCIL 16/12/10

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**Present:** Councillor W Tudor Owen (Chairman)  
Councillor John Gwilym Jones (Vice-chairman)

**Councillors:** J Endaf Cooke, Anwen Davies, E T Dogan, Dyfed Edwards, Elwyn Edwards, Huw Edwards, Trevor Edwards, Alan Jones Evans, Alun Wyn Evans, Gwen Griffith, Margaret Griffith, E Selwyn Griffiths, Alwyn Gruffydd, Siân Gwennllïan, Huw Price Hughes, O P Huws, Aeron M Jones, Anne Lloyd Jones, Brian Jones, Charles Wyn Jones, Dai Rees Jones, Dyfrig Wynn Jones, Eric Merfyn Jones, Evie Morgan Jones, John Wynn Jones, Linda Wyn Jones, R L Jones, Richard Lloyd Jones, Penri Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, P.G.Larsen, Dewi Lewis, Dewi Llewelyn, June Marshall, Keith Marshall, J Wynn Meredith, Dewi Owen, W Roy Owen, Arwel Pierce, Peter Read, E Caerwyn Roberts, Ieuan Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Liz Saville Roberts, Siôn Selwyn Roberts, W Gareth Roberts, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Paul Thomas, 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 O. Williams, Dafydd Lewis and Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Directors), Dilys Phillips (Monitoring Officer/Head of Democracy and Legal Department), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Iwan Evans (Legal Services Manager), Arwel Ellis Jones (Senior Manager – Performance and Scrutiny), Dewi Jones (Head of Education Department), Aled Davies (Head of Regulatory Department), Gwyn Morris Jones (Head of Highways and Municipal Department), Seimon Williams (School Organisation Project Manager) and Eleri Parry (Committees Team Leader).

**Apologies:** Councillors Stephen Churchman, Dylan Edwards, T G Ellis, Jean Forsyth, Simon Glyn, Keith Greenly-Jones, Louise Hughes, Sylvia Humphreys, J R Jones, Dilwyn Lloyd, Llinos Merks, Linda Morgan, Dafydd Roberts, Glyn Roberts, Trevor Roberts and Guto Rhys Thomas

## 1 PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Councillor Selwyn Griffiths.

## 2 MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 October 2010 as a true record.

## 3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

- (i) Members who were school governors declared a personal interest in relation to the Item "Review of Gwynedd Schools Reorganisation Process", as it could affect the review of the schools reorganisation structure.

The members were of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest and they participated fully in the discussion on the item.

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

- Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones in the item, School Reorganisation in Tywyn, as she was the chair of the Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn governing body.
- Councillor Ioan Thomas in the item, School Reorganisation in Tywyn, as he was a member of the governing body of Ysgol y Gelli and Ysgol Santes Helen. Also in the item Review of Licensing Policy as he had a premises licence and a licence to sell alcohol.
- Councillor Richard Lloyd Jones in the item, School Reorganisation in Tywyn, as he was a Transport Company Manager in the area.

The members were of the opinion that these were not prejudicial interests and they participated fully in the discussion on the item.

(iii) The following members declared a personal interest in the following items for the reasons noted:-

- Councillor Alun Wyn Evans in the item School Reorganisation in Tywyn, as his wife was a teacher at Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn.
- Councillor Aeron Maldwyn Jones in the item Review of Licensing Policy, as the arrangements for licensing also included hackney licences and he was a hackney licence holder.

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

(iv) The Head of Democracy and Legal Department declared an interest in the item Collaboration/Savings, on her own behalf, and on behalf of the officers present, as the matter could affect their posts in due course.

#### **4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(i) Councillors Richard Lloyd Jones, Diffwys a Maenofferen Ward and Paul Thomas, Bowydd a Rhiw Ward were welcomed to their first meeting of the Full Council.

Also, Nigel Griffiths from the Wales Audit Office was welcomed to the meeting.

(ii) Condolences were expressed to Councillor Gethin Glyn Williams following the loss of his mother, Councillor Siân Gwenllïan on the loss of her father and Councillor Owain Williams following the loss of his mother-in-law.

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.

- (iii) Mr Llew Davies, the Deputy Head at Ysgol Cae Top was congratulated for receiving the Teacher of the Year Award, and also Cara Haf Townend from Ysgol Llanaelhaearn for winning a mini bus for her school in an art competition held by the Berol company.
- (iv) Councillor Liz Saville Roberts, who was celebrating her birthday on the day of the committee, was wished a happy birthday, and also Councillor Evie Morgan Jones who had celebrated his birthday the previous day.
- (v) All Council staff were thanked for their special efforts in ensuring the continuation of services during the severe weather.

At the request of the Senior Portfolio Leader - Environment, the Head of Highways and Municipal Department reported on the salt supply available in the county for gritting during the expected severe weather.

- (vi) The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### **Changing the order of the agenda**

A member requested to change the order of the agenda, in order to discuss the report on the "Review of the Gwynedd Schools Reorganisation Process" before the report on "School Reorganisation in Tywyn".

**RESOLVED not to change the order of the agenda.**

#### **5 RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Submitted - the report of the Monitoring Officer on re-appointing members to the Standards Committee.

It was reported that the terms of office of two independent members of the committee would come to an end on 23 February 2011, and that both members were eligible for re-appointment for a further term of four years.

There was unanimous support to re-appoint both members, however the Standards Committee was asked to look at the membership of the committee in the future in relation to having a balance of men and women members.

**RESOLVED to re-appoint Mr Gwilym Ellis Evans and Mr Sam Soysa as members of the Standards Committee to serve for a period of four years from 24 February 2011.**

## **6 JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Democracy and Legal Department on apportioning seats on the Joint Planning Policy Committee according to political balance.

It was reported that the Council had resolved to form a Joint Planning Policy Committee with 14 members, seven members from Gwynedd Council and seven members from Anglesey Council according to the political balance.

The Leader of the Labour Group expressed discontent as there was no representation from the Labour Group on the committee, and he pressed for the Council's support to allow a member of the Labour Group to serve on the committee.

The Head of Democracy and Legal Department reported that the apportionment of Gwynedd Council seats on the Committee, namely Plaid Cymru (3), Independent (2), Llais Gwynedd (1), Liberal Democrats (1) was in accordance of the political balance. However, she explained that the Council had the right not to apportion seats according to political balance, provided that no member of the Council voted against the arrangement.

She explained further, that increasing the number of seats on the committee, in order to ensure that the Labour Group had a seat according to political balance involved putting the procedural rules to one side in order to undo a decision made at a previous meeting of the Committee. She also emphasised that it would involve renegotiating the committee in its entirety with Anglesey Council.

With the agreement of the proposer and the seconder of the original proposal, a vote was taken on an amendment that political balance rules be put to one side and that the Plaid Cymru Group would surrender a seat on the committee to the Labour Group, in order to include representation from the Labour Group on the committee.

The Chairman reported that the amendment had failed as one member of the Council had voted against it. A vote was taken on the original proposal and it was carried.

**RESOLVED to confirm the apportionment of the seven Gwynedd Council seats on the Joint Planning Policy Committee as follows:**

<b>Plaid Cymru</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Independent</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Llais Gwynedd</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>1</b>

## **7 REVIEW OF THE LICENSING POLICY**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Regulatory Department on the review of the Council's Licensing Policy.

It was reported that there was a need for the Council to review its Licensing Policy every three years, and that there were minor changes to it.

Disappointment was expressed that the Licensing Policy had not been through the Council's scrutiny procedure. It was noted that there was a need to address problems related to the transfer of licences, the prevention of public nuisance etc. and that the Policy should be submitted for detailed scrutiny by the relevant committee.

The Head of Democracy and Legal Department explained that the policy had to be reviewed every three years, that the current policy had been adopted in December 2007, and that a policy had to be in place. She explained that it would be possible to accept the amended policy for the time being, and to give it further consideration once it had been scrutinised in detail.

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee emphasised that the Licensing Committee had addressed the policy document in great details, and that there were only minor changes to it. Also, broad consultation had been undertaken on the document, and no objections had been received.

A member referred to factual errors and inconsistency between the Welsh and English versions, and emphasised that there was a need to check the document carefully before publishing it.

**RESOLVED to accept the amended Licensing Policy, and to ask the Licensing Policy to be submitted for the detailed consideration of the Environment Committee and subsequently to the Full Council.**

## **8 SCHOOL REORGANISATION IN TYWYN**

Submitted:-

- (a) The report of Iwan Trefor Jones, Corporate Director on recommendations for school reorganisation in Tywyn.
- (b) The recommendations of the Council Board at its meeting on 14 December 2010 in relation to reorganising the catchment area schools.

- (c) The background and context of the report was set by the Schools Portfolio Leader.

She referred to the complex reasons for reorganising the County's primary schools, namely that the number of pupils was reducing regularly; head teachers were under stress and leaving their posts; some people choosing to move their children to larger schools and unexpected and unplanned school closures such as Rhydyclafdy, Croesor and Llawrybetws schools.

She explained that all of the above were features that could be seen in the Tywyn catchment area, as all of the children of Ysgol Abergynolwyn now attended Ysgol Brynchrug, nearly 50% of primary aged children in Llwyngwril travelled outside the community for their education and over 30% of Aberdyfi children attended Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn and the town's cylchoedd meithrin groups.

She emphasised that the situation was about to collapse, with the schools of the area in danger of closing one by one, and the children would attend Ysgol Penybryn, unless the Council could make a decision regarding the education of the catchment area.

It was explained that a total of £7.8m in capital funding had been confirmed for education in the catchment area, namely £5.4m capital funding from the Assembly and a £2.4m contribution from the Council. She noted that the Assembly had resolved to defer the grant for a year, however she emphasised that she had a letter to hand which confirmed that the funding was available.

It was reported that the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee had approved the recommendations in the Director's report, and that the Board had also approved them, apart from arrangements to close Ysgol Aberdyfi. It was explained that Board members had asked for information regarding the implications of extending the date for the school's closure for the full Council, that work had now been completed, and she provided details of those implications.

She also reported that the Board, due to parents' concerns regarding the transporting of children in buses, had resolved that a temporary transitional arrangement should be provided for an additional adult to travel with the bus driver, and that safety belts were installed in the school buses. It was emphasised that it was not intended to replace any other relevant policies which existed in the county.

In closing, she emphasised that the Council had been successful in winning substantial capital funding from the Assembly as it had a competitive business plan. She noted that failing to implement the reorganisation model submitted to the Assembly was likely to lead to the need to renegotiate the business plan, and that it could possibly jeopardise the viability of the entire scheme. She emphasised that the future of the new Bro Dysynni area school brought all kinds of new

educational opportunities to the children of the area, and safeguarded the Welshness of the area. She pressed members to support the recommendations of the Board.

- (ch) A member noted that he was opposed to the plan as establishing an area school would deprive communities from important resources, and he expressed concern that the plan was contrary to the opinion of the communities and was a financial and legal risk for the Council. Many members noted that they shared the concerns of the member.

The recommendations were dealt with one at a time.

- (d) (i) In accordance with Procedural Rule 15(1) the Chairman received a petition from the member for Bryncreg which had been signed by the residents of Bryncreg and Dyffryn Dysynni asking the Council to reconsider the Board's decision and to locate the new area school in the Bryncreg area.

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

- (ii) Proposed and seconded - an amendment to overturn the Board's decision and to locate the new area school at Bryncreg in accordance with the request of the residents of the communities of Bryncreg and Abergynolwyn.

The member for Bryncreg reported that the residents of Bryncreg and Abergynolwyn had been supportive of the principle of establishing an area school and that they wished for the school to be erected on a site that was as neutral as possible and that complied with the opinion of the four schools that would sustain the school in due course.

He emphasised that the failure to secure a neutral site for the school, and the subsequent decision to favour the Llanegryn site, rather than Bryncreg, had been a heavy blow for the residents of Bryncreg and Abergynolwyn.

He noted that the reasons for choosing the Llanegryn site over Bryncreg were debatable and weak, and he provided details of the qualities of the Bryncreg site which included meeting the need for a community resource in the village of Bryncreg. He emphasised that Llanegryn already had an excellent Village Hall.

- (ii) In response, the Corporate Director expanded on the Board's reasons for favouring the Llanegryn site, namely, the location was central to the entire catchment area, there were technical matters in relation to the availability of the site and it was easier to develop. Also, the Llanegryn site was best suited for the aspiration of a school in a rural area, and it was noted that the village of Bryncreg was very close to Tywyn, and that there was a danger that developing a new school so close would have a negative impact on Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn.

The amendment to locate the new area school in the Brynchrug area failed.

The following councillors asked for it to be recorded that they had voted in favour of the amendment:- Councillors Endaf Cooke, Anwen Davies, Alwyn Gruffydd, Aeron Maldwyn Jones, Richard Lloyd Jones, Arwel Pierce, Peter Read, Gethin Glyn Williams, Owain Williams and Bob Wright.

The Chairman reported that the amendment had failed, and a vote was taken on the original proposal to approve the commencement of a consultation process in accordance with Section 28 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 for the establishment of the area community school to open during the 2013-14 academic year on Site 1 in Llanegryn subject to the recommendation to close Brynchrug, Llanegryn, Llwyngwril and Abergynolwyn schools and the vote was carried.

The following councillors asked for it to be recorded that they had voted against the proposal:- Councillors Endaf Cooke, Anwen Davies, Alwyn Gruffydd, Aeron Maldwyn Jones, Richard Lloyd Jones, Arwel Pierce, Peter Read, Gethin Glyn Williams, Owain Williams and Bob Wright,.

- (dd) (i) Proposed and seconded – an amendment to extend the closure period of Ysgol Aberdyfi until the improvements had been completed at Ysgol Penybryn.
- (ii) The member for Aberdyfi referred to the fact that £2.4m of the capital grant went towards renewing other school in the area, including changes to Ysgol Penybryn in order to admit the children of Ysgol Aberdyfi. He pressed for support to extend the closure period of Ysgol Aberdyfi until the improvements had been completed at Ysgol Penybryn.
- (iii) In response, the Head of Democracy and Legal Department explained that there had to be a specific date for the purposes of publishing statutory consultation notices. Additionally, he further explained that the amendment was a substantial change to what already been consulted upon, and that there would be a need to hold another consultation on the matter.
- (iv) The Schools Portfolio Leader reported that the situation at Ysgol Aberdyfi was very fragile with 70% empty places and a temporary head teacher at the school. She noted that 30% of the village children already attended either Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn or the town's cylchoedd meithrin. She emphasised that expenditure was two times the county's average and explained that moving the children to Ysgol Penybryn involved additional finance of £57,000 for Ysgol Penybryn. She also noted that transport would be free for children who would move from Ysgol Aberdyfi to Ysgol Penybryn.



She explained that it would not be possible to complete the changes to the Ysgol Penybryn building before August 2011, but noted that work on the school should be prioritised, and that it would be possible to use the Council's match funding to undertake the work until the Assembly's money would come in.

Voted and carried – an amendment to close Ysgol Aberdyfi during the 2013-14 academic year and to issue statutory notices noting a specific closure date of 31 August 2013 with the aim of closing the school once the improvements to Ysgol Penybryn would be completed.

The Chairman reported that the amendment had replaced the original proposal. A vote was held on the original proposal as amended and it was passed.

- (e) Many members referred to parents' concerns regarding transporting children in buses in light of the changes. It was noted that the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee had also expressed concern regarding the situation and the intention to provide a temporary transitional arrangement for an additional adult to travel with the bus driver, and that safety belts were installed in the school buses was welcomed.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) to approve the closure of Ysgol Abergynolwyn by 31 March 2011 and to issue statutory notices to that effect;**
- (ii) to approve the closure of Brynchrug, Llanegryn and Llwyngwriil schools during the 2013-14 academic year and to issue statutory notices noting a specific closure date of 31 August 2013 with the aim of closing the schools formally once the new area school is open;**
- (iii) to approve the commencement of a consultation process in accordance with Section 28 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 for the establishment of the area community school to open during the 2013-14 academic year on Site 1 in Llanegryn subject to the recommendation to close Brynchrug, Llanegryn, Llwyngwriil and Abergynolwyn schools;**
- (iv) to approve undertaking a consultation process on the amended proposal to close Ysgol Aberdyfi during the 2013-14 academic year, on 31 August 2013, with the aim of closing the school once the improvements to Ysgol Penybryn are completed;**
- (v) to undertake a prescribed alteration to Ysgol Penybryn, Tywyn, by permitting Ysgol Penybryn to admit nursery school age pupils in accordance with the Council's policy from September 2011 and to publish statutory proposals to that effect;**
- (vi) that the Council understands that parents are concerned about transporting children in buses for the first time as a result of the changes of the reorganisation of primary schools in the Tywyn catchment area. It is proposed to provide a temporary local transitional arrangement so that an additional adult will travel with the bus driver transporting the children from Aberdyfi to Penybryn, Tywyn and back and from Abergynolwyn, Brynchrug and Llwyngwriil to the new area school and**

**back. The transitional arrangement will be reviewed after being operational for one school term. It will also be made a tendering condition that safety belts are installed in school buses when agreeing on new transport contracts as a result of the reorganisation in the Tywyn area. (Note that it is not intended to replace any other relevant policies that exist within the county).**

## **9 REVIEW OF THE GWYNEDD SCHOOLS REORGANISATION PROCESS**

Submitted:

- (a) The report of Iwan Trefor Jones, Corporate Director on changing the processes for reorganising Gwynedd schools following a review of the process.
- (b) The recommendations of the Council Board at its meeting on 14 December 2010 in relation to changing the processes.

The background and context to the report was set out by the Education Portfolio Leader, and an outline of the policy context and the main issues that had highlighted the need to change the Gwynedd schools reorganisation processes were provided.

It was noted that the processes had received the support of the Council's Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. Additionally, due to serious concern regarding the critical condition of some buildings, she explained that the Board had resolved to give much greater priority to critical situations and to plan a response programme, noting the intention to commence by initiating a reorganisation scheme in Y Groeslon and the neighbouring area.

Reference was made to a paper attached to the report that reflected the opinion of the Federation of Gwynedd Primary School Head Teachers. It was noted that the Federation was of the opinion that the current reorganisation process was slow, burdensome and repetitive. It was also of the opinion that the process was unsustainable and needed reviewing. It was also noted that the Chairman of the Consultative Group of Gwynedd Primary School Teachers pressed on the Council to drive the reorganisation process forward and to avoid any delay.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) to include the remainder of the county's educational provision in the process of the nursery, primary, secondary, special and lifelong campuses;**
- (ii) to re-establish an Education Organisation Improvement Working Group led by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to take an overview of the county's entire educational provision;**
- (iii) to accept the need to rationalise the number of schools in the county so as to ensure a network of the correct numbers of schools, of the correct type, in the correct locations;**

- (iv) to fully take into account the national and county context, including financial matters and the need to develop a long-term capital investment programme;
- (v) to undertake a broad range of preparatory work during the next few months to provide information for the discussions and expedite the catchment area reviews;
- (vi) to conduct a basic assessment of language, community, economic and equality matters throughout the county and hold an initial assessment of the impact of some of the possible reorganisation models on those matters;
- (vii) to give much greater priority to critical situations and plan a response programme, noting the intention to commence by initiating a reorganisation scheme in Y Groeslon and the neighbouring area;
- (viii) to continue to conduct reviews at a catchment area level and through convening a Catchment Area Review Panel based on the above-mentioned preparatory work;
- (ix) to ensure that local Members meet during the process of the catchment area review.

## 10 COLLABORATION / SAVINGS

Submitted – the report of the Chief Executive requesting the Council to consider recommendations on a Category C savings proposal in relation to senior managers as part of the £16m savings framework, along with an alternative opportunity for savings by means of the potential for large scale collaboration with Isle of Anglesey County Council.

The Leader of the Council set out the background and the context of the report, and added that the Isle of Anglesey County Council had supported commissioning work that would consider the strengths and weaknesses of formal collaboration between both councils.

The Chief Executive provided details of his reasons for not recommending a further reduction in Senior Management within the Council. He outlined the benefits and risks of collaboration and reported that the scoping study would provide a much better understanding of those benefits and risks.

All members supported the scoping study, however, the following principal observations were noted:-

- that the support of both Councils was important in order for the collaboration to succeed;
- that it was sensible for Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council to collaborate, but that there was a need to undertake a scoping study in order to have assurance that collaboration between both councils would lead to improved efficiency and would deliver substantial financial savings;
- in reference to the regional collaboration taking place in many fields across north Wales, a member was of the opinion that the region was

much too large, and expressed concern that it was intended to provide other services on a regional basis. It was suggested that the minister should be asked what his long term vision for the north Wales region involved.

- that there was a need for the scoping study to be thorough, and that the proposed timetable of submitting the results of the study to both authorities by February 2011 was too challenging. It was suggested that the minister should be notified that Gwynedd Council wished for him to extend the timetable in order to ensure sufficient time in order to undertake a thorough study.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (a) Not to give further consideration to the option C scheme for further senior management reduction at this point in time.**
- (b) That the Council decides to investigate further opportunities for large scale collaboration with Anglesey Council, in accordance with the scoping study principles in the Minister's paper in Appendix 1 of the report, as an alternative means of reducing management overheads and realising savings. This should be subject to the condition that this Council would not be committed to accept or implement the findings of the study and that any collaboration arrangement would not lead to a deterioration in the quality of the service.**

**11 NOTICES OF MOTION**

- (a) (i) Submitted – the following notice of motion received from Councillor Endaf Cooke 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 committee first:-

**RESOLVED to discuss the proposal at this meeting.**

The following motion was proposed and seconded:-

*"That Gwynedd Council proceeds urgently to ensure that signs are erected in the town of Caernarfon and other populated areas in order to prevent dogs from running free, without a lead"*

- (ii) Submitted – a report by the Head of Regulatory Department notifying members regarding matters to be considered in order to establish Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

The Head of Department explained that there were substantial financial implications associated with creating Dog Control Orders, and that funding had not been allocated for creating and enforcing Dog Control Orders. He suggested that the Environment Scrutiny Committee should look at how practical it would be to implement new orders and in the meantime the Department would take quick operational steps to respond to existing problems.

**RESOLVED to refer the notice of motion for the attention of the Environment Scrutiny Committee.**

- (b) Submitted – the following notice of motion received from Councillor Dyfed Edwards 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.**

The following motion was proposed and seconded:-

*“Gwynedd Council supports full law-making powers within the devolved areas of the Welsh Assembly. This will speed up the democratic process in Wales and do away with the cumbersome process we currently have, for the benefit of both national and local government.”*

In order to ensure as much support as possible to the campaign and with the agreement of the proposer and seconder in changing the original proposal, a vote was taken on the following amendment:-

*“Gwynedd Council supports full law-making powers within the devolved areas of the Welsh Assembly. This will speed up and strengthen the democratic process in Wales, for the benefit of both national and local government.”*

The Chairman reported that the amendment had replaced the original proposal. A vote was held on the original proposal as amended and it was passed.

**RESOLVED to adopt the following notice of motion:-**

**“Gwynedd Council supports full law-making powers within the devolved areas of the Welsh Assembly. This will speed up and strengthen the democratic process in Wales, for the benefit of both national and local government.”**

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and concluded at 3.40 pm.