
THE COUNCIL 19.09.13

Present: Councillor Huw Edwards (Chairman);
Councillor Dewi Owen (Vice-chairman).

Councillors: Craig ab Iago, Stephen Churchman, Endaf Cooke, Anwen Davies, Lesley Day, Eddie Dogan, Gwynfor Edwards, Dyfed Edwards, Elwyn Edwards, Thomas Ellis, Alan Jones Evans, Aled Evans, Jean Forsyth, Gweno Glyn, Simon Glyn, Gwen Griffith, Selwyn Griffiths, Alwyn Gruffydd, Sian Gwenllian, Annwen Hughes, Louise Hughes, Jason Humphreys, Peredur Jenkins, Anne Lloyd Jones, Brian Jones, Charles W.Jones, Dyfrig Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Eric Merfyn Jones, John Wynn Jones, Linda Wyn Jones, Sion Wyn Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Beth Lawton, Dilwyn Lloyd, June Marshall, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Michael Sol Owen, W.Roy Owen, William Tudor Owen, Peter Read, Caerwyn Roberts, John Pugh Roberts, Liz Saville Roberts, W.Gareth Roberts, Mair Rowlands, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas, Paul Thomas, Ann Williams, Eirwyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gethin Glyn Williams, Hefin Williams, John Wyn Williams, Owain Williams, R.H.Wyn Williams and Mandy Williams-Davies.

Also present: Harry Thomas (Chief Executive), Iwan Trefor Jones and Dilwyn Williams (Corporate Directors), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director / Statutory Director / Head of Social Services, Housing and Leisure Department), Dilys Phillips (Monitoring Officer / Head of Democracy and Legal Department), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Geraint George (Head of Strategic and Improvement Department), Aled Davies (Head of Regulatory Department), Arwel Ellis Jones (Senior Manager – Corporate Commissioning Service), Iwan Evans (Legal Services Manager), Nia Elis-Williams (Senior Business Manager / Executive Support), Hawis Jones (Performance and Efficiency Improvement Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer).

Apologies: Councillors Trefor Edwards, John Brynmor Hughes, Llywarch Bowen Jones, Mike Stevens, Gruffydd Williams and Robert J. Wright.

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

1. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 2 May 2013 as a true record, subject to the inclusion of the following additions under item 9 – Member Support:-

- To note that a member had asked for assurance that those members who did not use a Council e-mail address would not be deprived of information.
- To note that a member had stated, although acknowledging that a member could only speak once on a proposal, that he/she should be entitled to ask a question in addition to that.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

- i) Councillor Dyfrig Jones declared a personal interest in item 14 on the agenda – a Notice of Motion calling for a Medical University in North Wales – as he was employed by Bangor University.

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

- ii) Councillor Mair Rowlands declared a personal interest in item 14 on the agenda – a Notice of Motion calling for a Medical University in North Wales – as she worked for Bangor University.

The member was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest and she participated fully in the discussion on the item.

- ii) Councillor Elin Walker Jones declared a personal interest in item 14 on the agenda – a Notice of Motion calling for a Medical University in North Wales – as she was employed by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and by Bangor University.

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

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i) Condolences were expressed to the following:-

Councillor Gwen Griffith on the death of her mother, who was also the mother-in-law of Councillor Brian Jones.

Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones on the death of her mother-in-law.

Councillor Trefor Edwards on the death of his mother-in-law.

It was also noted that the Council wished to remember others within the county's communities who had lost loved ones recently.

The Council members stood as a mark of respect.

- ii) Welcome back

Councillor Alwyn Gruffydd was welcomed back following his recent ill-health.

- iii) Congratulations

To everyone from Gwynedd who had been successful in the Urdd Eisteddfod and National Eisteddfod recently, in particular Ifor ap Glyn, the winner of the Crown, and Bet Jones, the winner of the Prose Medal at the Denbigh Eisteddfod.

- iv) General

Gratitude was expressed to those people who undertook voluntary work and raised money for various charities in the county.

It was noted that the arrival of the famous 'Tour of Britain' cycle race to Llanberis the previous day had been the pinnacle of the activities in Gwynedd and that the return of the race to Gwynedd in the future was greatly anticipated.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Paul Thomas, Cabinet Member for Healthy Gwynedd noted that every member had received a small pin badge with the '*Healthy Living*' logo on it. He explained that this logo had been designed to promote the Council's vision to encourage people to make healthy lifestyle choices and that it would be offered to organisations or businesses in the county that contributed to that vision in some way or another.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Sian Gwenllian, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education, submitted a brief report on the results of Estyn's recent inspection of the Council's education services. She noted:-

- Following the Survey on the Quality of Education Services of the Gwynedd Local Authority for children and young people undertaken in March 2013, it had been ruled that the Authority's current performance and projected improvements were '*adequate*'.
- That the Cabinet had accepted and confirmed the Post-inspection Action Plan which responded to six recommendations relating to safeguarding, quality, performance management and reorganisation.
- That the plan was part of the Council's broader work to raise standards and was a priority that had been included in the Strategic Plan.
- That the hard work was starting to come into fruition. The initial analysis of this year's GCSE results showed a 3% increase across Gwynedd in the key indicator used by Estyn, namely TL2+. Also, a secondary school in the county had now stopped being party to special measures and absence levels had reduced by 1.3%, thus placing Gwynedd in the second best position in Wales in terms of the percentage of children attending school.
- Nevertheless, much work remained and the role of the Cabinet and the Services Scrutiny Committee was to continue demanding that the Council progressed and accelerated the pace of this change and raised its ambitions for the benefit of all children and young people in the county. Members had a key role in this as school governors also, and she aimed to strengthen the support provided to members, as governors, to improve their skills in the field.
- Although much of the content of the Hill Report on Ensuring Improved Education Services in Wales was to be welcomed greatly, it included an element of risk of becoming embroiled in the discussion regarding structural change once more, which was very disappointing.

To close, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education noted that she would welcome the members' observations over the coming weeks.

Some members expressed discontent that they had to respond privately to a public announcement.

The Chairman explained that this was a presentation for information purposes only under the Chairman's Announcements and that members were welcome to speak with the Cabinet Member after the Council meeting.

4. QUESTIONS

Question by Councillor Louise Hughes

"The wonderful weather this summer has meant that tens of thousands of people visited during the holidays (an increase of 20% on last year's figures), which gave a much needed boost to our economy. However, after receiving an e-mail from a member of the

public complaining about over zealous traffic wardens, can I have an explanation as to why in excess of 50 parking tickets were issued near Snowdon over the Bank Holiday weekend? If we want people to visit us again is this really the right way to go about it?"

Response from Councillor W. Gareth Roberts, Cabinet Member for the Environment:

"The arterial roads (A498 and A4086) are important transport links through this northern part of Snowdonia National Park.

Historically, during the summer months and in particular Bank Holiday weekends, the roads in question become heavily congested. A significant contributory factor is parked vehicles which results in various traffic and road safety related problems affecting vulnerable road users, through traffic and the emergency services. As a result of the significant problems caused and as part of the partnership work between Gwynedd and Conwy Councils and the Snowdonia National Park Authority, a Clearway and Traffic Order was adopted in an attempt to overcome the said safety and traffic flow concerns. Whilst not popular with all people, the Order has been successful in achieving the desired objectives.

Primarily, the problems outlined are a direct result of vehicles parking on the carriageway and on verges in contravention of the Clearway Order and/or parking restrictions, both of which are clearly signed in accordance with the relevant Orders.

I can confirm that on each of the three days of the Bank Holiday weekend a single Civil Parking Enforcement Officer periodically patrolled the site. This frequency is the norm in relation to the parking and traffic problems faced at this location during the holiday season.

Having regard to the issues raised by the complainant and their views regarding enforcement of the area concerned, I would suggest that the Council's enforcement operations under Parking Enforcement Guidelines are fair and proportionate given the risks caused by indiscriminate parking.

The Bank Holiday is a very busy time, but consider seriously this site and many other sites. 50 cars parked there. A narrow road, with stone walls on either side. Buses from Beddgelert and Betws y Coed travelling back and forth to Llanberis. Cars parked on one side, no room for two cars to pass each other. Two coming face to face. Congestion. An accident on Snowdon. An ambulance attempting to reach the site. The Mountain Rescue Team attempting to reach there, whilst these people are unhappy that they've been issued a parking ticket. There are clear signs here. They are there for a reason and when it is busy like this on Bank Holidays, there is even more reason for them. I support what happens here. This is something that has been agreed upon between this Council, Conwy Council and the National Park in terms of the needs of this site because of the problems caused in the years gone by. If these 50 are unhappy, consider what would happen if there was a mile-long queue each way unable to travel through because it is gridlocked. Consider how unhappy they would be in turn. I believe that this is a no-win situation. I believe that it is obvious from seeing the place that it is unreasonable for you to park along the roadside."

Supplementary question by Councillor Louise Hughes

"Considering that our economy depends extensively on visitors, and as the current parking arrangements cannot cope with the high number of visitors in vehicles to our main

visitor destinations, will the Highways Department consider ways of improving road safety without disrupting the visitor experience?"

Response from Councillor W. Gareth Roberts, Cabinet Member for the Environment:

"By all means, this is something I can take to the group that deals with this area for consideration."

5(a) PRESENTATION BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

An oral presentation was received from Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources, on the specific functions in his remit. He noted that there were four elements to the work, namely strategic, financial, Council transformation and human resources, and he expanded upon each element in turn.

The members were then given an opportunity to ask questions and make observations. The Cabinet Member for Resources responded appropriately to the majority of the questions; however, he agreed to get back to members in relation to the questions below, as he did not have the particular information to hand:-

- Will the health and safety training courses be mandatory for teachers, and in particular for those staff who supervise children during lunchtime and break time?
- How many health and safety officers are employed by the Council?

It was also asked who was the head of the Penarlâg Offices in Dolgellau and why had the security locks on the doors not been changed for some months. It was noted that this was a question for the Cabinet Member for Customer Care.

The Cabinet Member for Resources was thanked for his presentation.

5(b) ENSURING SUSTAINABLE SERVICES IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources had submitted his report to the Cabinet on 16 July 2013, recommending, in light of the substantial change in the financial climate, that the Asset Plan should be revisited to see whether there were opportunities there to reduce financial demands on the Council and also revisit the Strategic Plan to identify which plans were absolutely necessary to achieve and which ones could be reconsidered. He explained that the Cabinet had recommended submitting the matter before the full Council as the Council owned these plans. He then thanked the departments' committed staff for their support and emphasised that they undertook commendable work on behalf of the residents of Gwynedd.

The members were then given an opportunity to ask questions and make observations. During the discussion the following main matters were highlighted:-

- It was hoped that all members would meet often enough to work through these plans in detail and a request was made to receive information on paper noting how many people worked in the various departments and what were their functions and salary scales. In response, the Cabinet Member for Resources confirmed that there would be extensive consultation with all members and he urged each and every one of them to attend the seminars which would be arranged as their contribution was essential and important. In terms of salaries, he noted that the totals were being published in the Annual Financial Handbook and that he did not

wish to recommence the procedure of publishing the salary of each of the Council's 7,000 staff members.

- It was suggested, although it was not wished to see any cuts in services, that there was scope to give protection to social services and education. It should also be ensured that any cuts did not affect people and that the most vulnerable people in society were protected. It was also important that any cuts were made in a balanced way that protected the service as much as possible. It had to be considered whether the service added value to the residents, whether this was the service that residents wished to have and whether the Council provided that service for historical reasons only?
- In response to an enquiry regarding the use of the Council's reserves to reduce pressure on Council Tax next year, the Cabinet Member for Resources replied that the Council's reserves had been earmarked for specific purposes and that the situation was being reviewed regularly. He also emphasised that the balances could only be used once and that such a strategy did not address the problem in forthcoming years. With that in mind, careful planning was required over a period of time which was this Council's financial strategy.
- Concern was expressed regarding the implications of a poor settlement for the Gwynedd countryside and a call was made for more pressure to be placed on the Welsh Government and to explain to the politicians in Cardiff what such a huge cut in the grant meant to a rural and dispersed county like Gwynedd. In response, the Cabinet Member for Resources noted that the Leader, the Cabinet, the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors lobbied the Government ministers regularly on this subject as well as the rural issue where delivering services was much more expensive in each field. He noted further that he was arranging a meeting with Gwynedd AMs to educate them about the financial problems of this Council and it was hoped to be able to influence the Government's Minister for Local Government and Business.
- A request was made for assurance that plans were in place to address the worst possible financial scenario in 2013/14. In response, Dilwyn Williams, Corporate Director, reminded members of the Council's original plan and explained how that would be thrown as a result of the Government's actions. He noted that officers were looking at a way for the Council to adhere to its plans in 2014/15, which would possibly include an element of using balances to bridge the period until 2015/16 and using the period running up to that to identify logical plans that sought more efficiency, and sought to gain more from controlling demand and minimising service cuts for the residents of Gwynedd. He emphasised that no promises could be made at present; but that would be the plan submitted before the Council in December.
- It was suggested that it was important to protect frontline staff as they provided the services on a day to day basis.
- It was suggested that the Cabinet pushed difficult and unpleasant decisions to the full Council, without it having received full information to enable the Council to undertake that work. In response, the Cabinet Member for Resources noted that he did not accept that there was a lack of information and he encouraged the member who had raised the issue to attend the seminars.
- It was emphasised that Council Tax should not be increased above the level of inflation at any cost and concern was expressed regarding the situation of those people on low salaries but who were ineligible for discounts.
- A member suggested that, although she did not attend the seminars, she worked hard out in the field, but although she had phoned officers they often did not listen to her. It was suggested that the member should raise the point with the relevant Cabinet Member.

RESOLVED to note the latest financial position and in light of the fundamental changes outlined, that the Asset Management Plan should be revisited to see whether there are opportunities to reduce the financial demands on the Council, and that we also revisit the Strategic Plan in order to identify which schemes are absolutely necessary to achieve and which ones could be reconsidered.

6. GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION ON GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICES PROVISION

The Council Leader submitted his report enclosing the response he had sent to the above-mentioned consultation, along with a progress report released by the Commission at the end of August providing an explanation of the main points that had been submitted to it as evidence thus far. Because organisations had been requested to respond to the call for evidence by 31 August, and in order to ensure that the Council had the greatest impact on the Commission's work, he explained that he had concluded that the best thing to do was to draw up a concise response based on the principles that the Commission should consider when forming a decision and publish this response in the form of a Decision Notice and circulate it to all Council members. However, as he was of the view that this was a matter that should be addressed by all members at a meeting of the full Council, and that the Commission had stated that it was willing to receive evidence up until the end of September, he was submitting the response to the attention of the Council in order to have a broader discussion on its content and to allow him to conclude whether any additional evidence needed to be sent to the Commission on behalf of the Council.

Members' observations on the response were requested. The following points were noted by individual members:-

- The constant conflict between this Council's opinion which benefits the county and the guidance and centralisation which come from Cardiff.
- Opposition to the Leader's individual opinion in favour of merging councils as it would not benefit the county with services becoming more distant from the residents.
- That paragraph 3.3 of the response should be strengthened to make specific reference to the fact that any changes should not affect the Welsh language.
- Concern that it was the Government's plan to dispose of town and community councils and create district councils in their place and dispose of the existing county councils and have larger councils in their place. This was a matter which showed the Government's lack of understanding of what communities were and a lack of appreciation of what local government was.
- That the greatest disappointment was that none of the members of the Commission lived and worked above the M4 corridor.
- That the governance model that already existed in Wales worked well on the whole, despite some flaws that needed to be addressed in order to provide services that were suitable and appropriate, at the right cost without being a world away from electors.
- That a clear message should be sent to the Commission, and copy the Government into the message, expressing disappointment that the timetable for responding to such a critically important consultation had been so tight and to note that more time should have been allowed to give everyone an opportunity to respond.
- That a more challenging culture was required in Welsh politics. In response, the Council Leader noted that his method of working involved establishing a good relationship with ministers, the First Ministers, government officers and everyone,

when attempting to present Gwynedd's case and that he pleaded guilty should that mean that he was too friendly.

It was proposed and seconded that additional evidence should be sent to the Commission on Governance and Public Services Provision based on the members' observations in relation to:-

- the importance of having local democracy and accountability and keeping that accountability close to the people locally;
- not centralising matters in Cardiff;
- the importance of the work of town and community councils;
- if change was inevitable, to merge three councils rather than six across the north;
- the Commission's membership and the fact that nobody on this side of the M4 corridor served on it;
- placing more emphasis on the Welsh language;
- sending a clear message to the Commission regarding the timing of the consultation.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to remove the reference to merging councils because that could be considered as silent support to the notion of merging with others.

A vote was taken on the amendment and it was carried.

A further amendment was proposed and seconded to write to the Commission to express that the Leader's response did not reflect the Council's opinion.

A vote was taken on the further amendment and it fell.

A vote was taken on the original proposal and it was carried.

RESOLVED to send additional evidence to the Commission on Governance and Public Services Provision based on the members' observations in relation to:-

- **the importance of having local democracy and accountability and keeping that accountability close to the people locally;**
- **not centralising matters in Cardiff;**
- **the importance of the work of town and community councils;**
- **the Commission's membership and the fact that nobody on this side of the M4 corridor serves on it;**
- **placing more emphasis on the Welsh language;**
- **sending a clear message to the Commission regarding the timing of the consultation.**

7. GWYNEDD COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2012/13

The Council Leader submitted his report appending the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2012/13, requesting the Council to approve the document as a balanced, fair and accurate reflection of the Council's performance in 2012/13, and adopt it. He noted that Gwynedd performed best in Wales and he asked the Chief Executive to express his gratitude to all staff for their commendable work over the year. He added that he was keen to include the citizen's experience in the 2013/14 report, along with the performance against the best, whichever country that happened to be.

The Chief Executive explained that the Council's role was to assess whether or not the report was a balanced, fair and accurate reflection of the performance, and not scrutinise the performance. In relation to comparative information, the Chief Executive noted that Gwynedd had performed best throughout Wales in respect of a quarter of the national indicators (11 out of 44) and that half the indicators were in the highest quartile (22 in the highest 6-7).

The members were then given an opportunity to ask questions and make observations. During the discussion the following main matters were highlighted:-

- It was noted that there were many weaknesses which needed to be improved in the report, such as:-

Social Services – Ref. SCA/002a The rate of older people (aged 65 or over): a) who receive assistance to live at home per 1,000 of the population aged 65 or over (page 90 in the English version)

It was misleading to note that the performance against Wales was red because the fact that the percentage had fallen from 60.47% in 2010/11 to 46.53% in 2012/13, compared to a Wales average of 77.53% in 2012/13, showed that the Council was doing its work.

Economy – Ref. Twr4 Benefits to the local economy from supporting high-profile and strategic events (page 92 in the English version)

It was not obvious to the public how the figure of £4,994,155.40 had been achieved.

The Council – Ref. Eff5 – % of savings plans with a positive equality impact assessment

Evidence is needed to substantiate the 100% performance.

The Council – Ref. Eff6 – Number of proposed new efficiency savings plans that have been equality impact assessed

The 104% performance needs to be explained.

The Chief Executive noted that some minor editorial changes needed to be made to the report and he asked members to direct any such observations to the attention of the Performance and Efficiency Improvement Manager.

The Leader noted that he took personal responsibility for any weaknesses in the report and that he would ensure that they were corrected.

RESOLVED to approve the report as a balanced, fair and accurate reflection of the Council's performance in 2012/13, and to adopt the report.

8. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Submitted – the Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services.

The Cabinet Member for Care set out the context and congratulated the Director on her recent appointment as Corporate Director. He thanked all of the department's staff for their work and noted that their commitment and enthusiasm had been very prominent, along with the collaboration with other providers and partners to ensure that children and young people, vulnerable adults and families received the best possible service.

He then invited the Director to provide a taster of the priorities and vision for the future of the department.

The Director gave thanks to the Cabinet Member for his support and to the department's staff and partners who had been totally committed to the work throughout the year.

In submitting her report, the Director gave details of the need for a substantial change in direction within the care service in Gwynedd. She emphasised that there was a responsibility on the Council as a body, and as individuals within the communities, to safeguard and protect the most vulnerable people in society and she also emphasised the importance of ensuring that the Council collaborated very closely with its key partners. In looking to the future, there was a need to consider the context of very challenging financial pressures, demographic changes and increasing expectations. The services of the future needed to be sustainable and this was addressed in the Welsh Government's Social Services and Well-being Bill. It was seen in the Bill that there was a need to ensure that people's well-being was placed centrally, by giving a voice and control to people who needed services, as well as safeguarding and protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults. To ensure a sustainable future, there was a need to think differently and Gwynedd had an excellent foundation of viable communities and committed individuals. This was the key foundation for planning and providing in the future. Change would not be easy, but by joint-creating and joint-producing services and building on the strengths of individuals and communities, she was confident that there was true potential to create a positive and sustainable future for the people of Gwynedd.

The members were then given an opportunity to ask questions and make observations. During the discussion the following main matters were highlighted:-

- It was noted that the observations of the Director in relation to listening to the communities were welcomed. This was where the service had failed in the past. People knew what their needs were and how to meet those needs; however, procedures and processes within the Council had prevented those needs from being met.
- The good communication between the department and the older people in Gwynedd was praised and it was also noted that the collaboration between the third sector and the department had developed well and had led to better opportunities for older people.

The Director was thanked for her presentation and she was wished well in her new post. Gratitude was also expressed to the department's staff who achieved excellent work for small salaries.

9. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CHARTER

The Chair of the Democratic Services Committee submitted her report, recommending that the Council should express an interest in applying for the Wales Charter for Member Support and Development, referred to verbally as the 'Members' Charter', in 2013/14.

RESOLVED that the Council agrees to express its corporate commitment to applying for the Members' Charter in 2013/14.

10. THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE

As the Leader had left the meeting early due to other commitments, the Deputy Leader submitted his report, recommending allocating seats on the Council's committees and external bodies as a result of a member's decision to leave the Llais Gwynedd Group and be treated as an individual member, and another member's decision to move from the Independent Group to the Llais Gwynedd Group.

RESOLVED

- (a) To adopt seat allocation on the Council's committees in accordance with the table below –

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Llais Gwynedd	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Individual Member
Corporate	9	4	3	1	1	
Communities	9	4	3	1	1	
Services	9	4	4	1		
Audit	9	4	3	1		1

OTHER COMMITTEES

	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Llais Gwynedd	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Individual Member
Democratic Services	7	4	3	1		
Planning	7	3	3	1	1	
Central Licensing	7	4	4	0		
Language	8	4	3			
Appointment of Principal Officers	7	4	2	1	1	
Employment Appeals	4	1	1	1		

Number of seats	76	37	28	8	4	1	154
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	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Llais Gwynedd	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Individual Member
Pensions	3	2	1		1	
SACRE	3	2	2			
Local Consultative Joint Committee	6	2	2	1		

Special Educational Needs Joint Committee	4	2	1			
Joint Planning Policy Committee	4 (3 seats and one deputy)	1	1	1		1
Total seats	96	47	36	10	5	194

- (b) That the representation on the Snowdonia National Park Authority and the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority should continue based on political balance in accordance with the table below and that the Independent Group should be invited to nominate a member to replace the member who has left the group on the Snowdonia National Park Authority and that the Llais Gwynedd Group should be invited to nominate a member to replace the member who has left the group on the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Llais Gwynedd	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Individual Member
Snowdonia National Park Authority	4	2	2	1	0	0
North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	3	1	1	0	0	0

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with Procedural Rule 17, it was reported that a notice of motion had been submitted, along with a procedural motion, in accordance with Procedural Rule 17 (12), by Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams, requesting that the matter be discussed at the full Council without being referred to committee:-

RESOLVED to discuss the motion at this meeting.

The following proposal was proposed and seconded:-

“Will Gwynedd Council please support the need for a Doctors and Medical University for North Wales in order to combat the shortage of Doctors in Gwynedd and other areas of North Wales?”

I ask Gwynedd Council to press on the Welsh Government, the Health Minister and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to support the Medical University as there would be additional benefits in keeping our young professional people in the area and it would help create jobs and also help to provide Welsh speaking doctors in areas such as Gwynedd.”

Many members expressed their enthusiastic support to the motion.

RESOLVED to accept the motion.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 4.50pm.