

Dear Councillor

## COUNTY COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 2020

Please find attached copies of amendments to the Notices of Motion included on the agenda for the above-mentioned meeting (Items 7.1 and 7.2)

7.1 **AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTION** (Pages 3 - 4)

7.2 **AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTION** (Pages 5 - 6)

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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## **Agenda Item 7.1 – County Council – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Amendment to Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Liam Bowen at the meeting of Carmarthenshire County Council 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

### **Addressing Racism in Carmarthenshire**

The harrowing death of George Floyd in the USA and the weeks of protest and debate that have followed has given us all an opportunity to reflect on the harsh reality of racism across the world. We pride ourselves on being a caring, open and inclusive County, but it has to be openly acknowledged that sadly elements of racism and intolerance remain within our society today. It is therefore incumbent on this Council to formally recognise these failings, reach out to the BAME community, formulate proactive educational programmes and undertake a re-evaluation of our historical monuments in the light of recent events. Therefore:

#### **This Council**

- Makes a clear and unequivocal statement that it abhors racism, prejudice and discrimination in all its forms – past and present.
- Supports the message of 'Black Lives Matter' and believes in the right of citizens to protest peacefully in a safe environment
- Recognises the importance of BAME communities in our county and commits to working with them we aim to educate, identify and eradicate racism in Carmarthenshire.

#### **The council will:**

- Listen to the voice of BAME communities in our county and will set up a Cross Party Task and Finish group to take evidence to ensure that their concerns, fears and proposals are fully heard and informs future policy, **with the group completing the work within six months.**
- Work with the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner to deal with racism, prejudice and discrimination within the judicial system
- Continue to learn from historical events in a factually balanced approach
- Commit to working with our schools to include the themes of colonialism, exploitation, discrimination and racism in the new National Curriculum and in lifelong learning
- **Welcome the First Minister's announcement to undertake a national review of public monuments, including the one to Thomas Picton in Carmarthen, as well as street names and report upon their appropriateness in 21st century Wales**
- Embrace Black History Month (October) by holding public events to highlight the reality of the negative impact of racial inequality and celebrate the contribution made by BAME communities to our local and national life

#### **Proposed:**

Councillor Fozia Akhtar

#### **Seconded:**

Councillor Ken Lloyd

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## Agenda Item 7.2 – County Council – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Amendment to Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kevin Madge at the meeting of Carmarthenshire County Council 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

This Council:

- Believes that with coal transportation along the Amman Valley Railway line coming to the end of its life, we should look to develop a modern, environmentally-friendly, passenger railway.
- Reaffirms its resolution of October 18th 2017 in calling for the development of a Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro to include the Amman Valley, and other Carmarthenshire communities.
- Notes that the Welsh Government has already commissioned a feasibility study into the development of a Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro, following a budget agreement with Plaid Cymru in 2017.
- Expresses its disappointment that the Feasibility Study into the development of the Swansea Bay and Western Valleys Metro has not yet been published.
- Calls on the Welsh Government to publish the feasibility study and to ensure that work is undertaken to identify the potential of reopening the Amman and Gwendraeth Valley railway lines to passengers.

The modern rail would connect the Amman Valley and the Gwendraeth Valley with Llanelli and Swansea.

The line could to help reduce transport poverty, help residents to travel to work and bring tourists into our valleys, creating jobs in the years to come. This line was established in 1842 and we must preserve it for our future generations.

It is essential that a feasibility study be carried out, with the line being mothballed as soon as possible to ensure that any future plans remain affordable to the public.”

**Proposed:**

Councillor Hazel Evans

**Seconded:**

Councillor David Jenkins

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