

# COUNTY COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J.M. Charles (Chair)

## **Councillors:**

F. Akhtar	S.M. Allen	L.R. Bowen	K.V. Broom
C.A. Campbell	D.M. Cundy	S.A. Curry	C.A. Davies
T.A.J. Davies	H.L. Davies	I.W. Davies	J.A. Davies
S.L. Davies	W.R.A. Davies	E. Dole	J.S. Edmunds
P.M. Edwards	D.C. Evans	H.A.L. Evans	L.D. Evans
R.E. Evans	W.T. Evans	A.L. Fox	S.J.G. Gilasbey
P. Hughes-Griffiths	T.M. Higgins	J.K. Howell	P.M. Hughes
A. James	J.D. James	R. James	D.M. Jenkins
J.P. Jenkins	G.H. John	B.W. Jones	C. Jones
D. Jones	G.R. Jones	H.I. Jones	T.J. Jones
A. Lenny	M.J.A. Lewis	K. Lloyd	K. Madge
S. Matthews	A.S.J. McPherson	E. Morgan	A.G. Morgan
S. Najmi	D. Nicholas	B.D.J. Phillips	J.S. Phillips
D. Price	J.G. Prosser	B.A.L. Roberts	E.M.J.G. Schiavone
H.B. Shepardson	A.D.T. Speake	L.M. Stephens	D. Thomas
E.G. Thomas	G.B. Thomas	G. Thomas	J. Tremlett
A.Vaughan Owen	D.T. Williams	D.E. Williams	J.E. Williams

## **Also Present:**

M. James, Chief Executive  
C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services  
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services  
Mrs R. Mullen, Director of Environment  
W. Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy  
L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law  
J. Morgan, Acting Head of Homes & Safer Communities  
A. Rees, Head of Learner Programmes  
P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance)  
D. Hockenhull, Marketing and Media Manager  
I.R. Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager  
N Thomas, Senior Outdoor Recreation Manager  
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

**Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen: 10.00 am - 12.55 pm**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Davies, K. Davies, D. Harries, C.J. Harries, and B. Thomas.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
T.A.J. Davies	8.1- Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Higgins	Brother-in-Law owns licenced kennels.

### 3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- The Chair thanked Councillors for attending the final part of the last meeting where the freedom of the County had been conferred on D.T. Davies Dryslwyn;
- The Chair extended condolences to
  - Councillor Andrew James and his wife Sian and the family on the death of Sian's mother;
  - Councillors Fozia Akhtar and Shahana Najmi on the death of their father;
  - Councillor Alun Lenny and his wife Ann and the family on the death of Ann's mother;
  - Councillor Jim Jones and his brother Graham, on the death of their sister;
- The Chair congratulated
  - Councillor Karen Davies on being elected as Councillor to represent the Saron Ward;
  - the County's Youth Jazz Orchestra and Côr Merched Sir Gâr who had performed in the national finals of the National Festival of Music for Youth competition in July, in Birmingham;
  - The County Wind Band who had performed at the national finals;
  - Councillor John James who had been appointed PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Assistant Chair (Wales) in July;
  - Hefin and Gwennan Evans, Pwllagddu, Llanwrda, who had recently become World Champions at the Powerlifting World Championships held in August in Manchester;
  - The following winners of the recent Carmarthenshire Radio Local Hero Awards:
    - Good Neighbour Award – Linda Owen;
    - Teacher of the Year – Karen Armstrong;
    - Community Champion – Louise Robinson;
    - Child of Courage – Cameron Fulham;
    - Carer of the Year – Yvonne Jones;
    - Mum of the Year – Pat Thomas;
    - Dad of the Year – Steve Walker;
    - Community Business of the Year – iSmooth Community Café;
    - Outstanding Bravery – Lacey-Maria Rees;
    - Fundraiser of the Year – Ray Slade;
    - Sports Star of the Year – Ollie Griffith-Salter;
    - Outstanding Achievement – D.T. Davies;
  - Geraint Thomas on winning the Tour de France;

- Carmarthen Schools Football Team U12's on it's success at the North West Junior Champion League 2018;
- The Chair announced that Cllr John James, Burry Port, was raising money to fund Macmillan Nurses who gave much needed support to cancer patients and their families. Cllr James would be participating in 'Brave the Shave' by shaving off his beard at Burry Port Rugby Club at 9pm on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September;
- The Chair provided an update on the activities and events where he had represented the Council, these included:
  - Agricultural Shows – Llangadog, Llanarthne, Llandyfaelog – the Chair also congratulated Councillor Gareth Thomas on his successes at the Royal Welsh Show;
  - Kidwelly Industrial Museum;
  - Cycling – Pembrey Closed Circuit Track;
  - Tour of Britain – the Chair thanked all those involved with this magnificent venture;
- The Council's attention was drawn to the success of the Toy Box Appeal in previous years which had provided help to families who were facing difficult financial times particularly during the Christmas period. Similar to previous years, Members of Council were requested to make a donation and contribute to the Appeal. Members of Council were requested to make a donation at any of the collection points located throughout the County including County Hall, Ty Elwyn, Llanelli and Ammanford Town Hall.

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH JULY 2018**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11th July 2018 be signed as a correct record subject, within minute 3 – Chair's announcements, to it being noted that Mrs Pat Thomas and Mrs Beryl Owens had each already received a Jo Cox Cymru Community Champion Award.

#### **5. PRESENTATION - POST EVENT EVALUATION - TOUR OF BRITAIN 2018.**

Council received a presentation, including video footage, on feedback following the recent Tour of Britain cycle race which had departed from Pembrey Country Park. It was estimated that the promotion and coverage of the event, which would help attract more visitors to the County, had probably equated to about £100k if the Authority had paid for the same on advertising. In terms of the economic benefit of the event it was estimated that additional income for businesses in the county had been in the region of £800k over the weekend of the event. Particular tribute was paid to staff in the highways and sports divisions for their work leading up to and on the day of the event. The Chief Executive presented the Chairman with a framed Tour of Britain shirt which had been designed by Zakia Bella Johnson, a pupil at Ysgol Saron, the winner of a school competition associated with the event. Each of the Welsh cyclists participating in the event had also been presented with the shirt.

## 6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

## 7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

### 7.1. QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR ANDRE MCPHERSON TO COUNCILLOR LINDA EVANS, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR HOUSING

“Could I ask what action this Authority is taking to address homelessness in Carmarthenshire, including any action bringing empty homes back into use?”

#### **Response by Councillor Linda Evans, Executive Board Member for Housing:-**

“Can I first of all thank Councillor McPherson for this important question? As Members you have received an invitation to join the Officers from the Housing department and myself this afternoon in a seminar in order to have a discussion on developing a new homelessness plan. I hope that you will all be there.

Next week on the Community Scrutiny Committee agenda there is an opportunity for Members to discuss in detail what we are doing in order to deal with empty properties. So this morning with your permission Chair, I would like to give a general overview to you in response to the question.

First of all our approach to homelessness is simple. Preventing it from happening in the first place. This is about ensuring we transfer the help and advice which is relevant to all. That we have options and suitable steps to offer and we have to remember of course that everyone’s situation is different. When someone is homeless we have to offer them the best accommodation possible and a service which will be of support and of benefit to them. I think we can all accept that being in a situation such as this is possibly one of the most difficult things anybody can face.

To explain in more practical terms during 2017/18, 1700 householders contacted us in the Housing department asking for help and support with their situation. Over 90% of them we either helped them to stay where they were or move to a more suitable location. It is possible to do this because we have put a lot of effort into restructuring our support, providing options and preventing homelessness. This means that our staff can intervene and support as soon as possible in order to prevent these situations from escalating. We have one point of contact for the homeless which offers specialist support and help and this is by working very closely with our essential partners such as Shelter and The Wallich and these partners have officers who work alongside us in the Housing department in our offices in Llanelli. The aim of this is to ensure the right information and support is shared as soon as possible with the relevant Partners. Can I take this opportunity to thank them for their cooperation and contribution. We will of course be discussing this further this afternoon.

During the last two years we have focussed on increasing our affordable housing stock with over 500 extra affordable housing. In just about under two years we are already over half way towards our target of 1000 extra houses. We are succeeding because we know how important it is to do everything we can to give people the opportunity to get an affordable home. Because we are completely aware that we do need more affordable homes and because we are determined to work on this and do something about it. We have done and will continue to do so. In order to achieve this we will use more than one approach. We have bought

houses in the private sector, we have a substantial social housing development programme and our simple letting scheme has been developed and we are working alongside housing owners in order to bring empty properties back into use.

We agreed to do this following a task and finish review, where a large percentage of people who were asked, something like 80%, wanted to see us bringing empty properties back into use and that is exactly what we are doing. We have about 2500 – 2600 empty properties within the County at the moment which is quite a small percentage considering that we have over 78,000 private housing in the County. In order to deal with empty properties we have an action plan which has succeeded to bring almost 200 empty properties back into use in 2017/18. If you can compare this with only 60 empty properties that came back into use in 2010 under the Labour administration. We have a clear process in order to work alongside home owners from offering advice, financial loans and. as a last resort. we will take enforcement action if it is needed.

Remember I have not included our new homes programme here. The building work will be starting very soon. Our first locations will be Garreglwyd in Pembrey and Safle Dylan. I have also not mentioned the Cartrefi Croeso Housing Company, but I will leave that for now.

Can I also take the opportunity to thank the Officers who work in different departments in the County. The success of our affordable homes plan depends on vision and commitment and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your cooperation. Every additional home means a stable home for a family or for an individual somewhere that they can call home. Can I also thank our homelessness forum for their commitment. We meet regularly with partners from the Third Sector in order to develop our service for the homeless and this has an essential role and so much to contribute to our new plan. Other groups have also been developed such as the work being done in Llanelli in Y Lle and at local chapels. These all do very positive work and do make a difference. Associated with these many give their time voluntarily and some of you are here today and I thank you very much as well. But we won't be sitting back and thinking that we are doing okay – it's not enough for me or staff in the housing department and our new homelessness plan will be focussing on this. We want to recognise the potential for crisis sooner by providing more community support in some specific community areas, remodelling temporary accommodation for young people, giving more housing options for young people, and continue to work with the voluntary sector in order to ensure that effective support is available. The recent report by Shelter talks about the increase in rough sleeping even though it's not such a big a problem here as other areas. We still want to make sure, if someone is sleeping on the street, that we are aware of them and that our outreach work can respond positively to this. More importantly we want to work together in order to solve homelessness problems and give them homes as soon as possible and I hope as members you are all in agreement with this. I'M very much looking forward to the discussion this afternoon – please be there – your comments and suggestions will be very important. Thank you.”

**Councillor McPherson asked the following supplementary question:-**

“How do we propose to tackle, as at present we have an overreliance on HMOs for single people which is the highest rate of people who are homeless, how do we look to overcome this?”

## **Response by Councillor Linda Evans, Executive Board Member for Housing:-**

“Thank you very much for the question. You have raised a very important point. There are people in HMO and they are very often young people and single people. Unfortunately we do have to use them because we use as many of the houses as we have but we must also use the HMOs as well. We are looking at it at the moment to develop various different options for these young people but can I also say, and I think it is important that I mention this, the HMOs that we do use are inspected by us, not weekly but it happens on a regular basis. And that is a very important point, we don't just put people in a HMO and leave them there, it is a temporary measure and I hopefully think that it is a very short term action but unfortunately we do have to use them on occasions but some people, after saying that, they go to temporary accommodation in a HMO and they are happy to stay there they do not want to move forward. We also have homes, temporary accommodation in an emergency, but we do have to use them at times. But we will be looking at building new homes, all the extra homes that we are going to build, all the houses that we buy, that means that we will be able to take someone else off our waiting list and then provide more accommodation for people. I, more than any of you, want to make sure that all people in Carmarthenshire can have a roof over their head and that is a very big challenge, and I accept that, but by working together we will get there but we have to remember as well that there are one or two on the streets, there is one at the moment who has been travelling around Llanelli, some people don't want to have a permanent home. It's very difficult possibly for us to believe that but that is some people's choice and in those situations we have to accept that there's not much we can do about that but as long as they know where there is help for them and that they do come to us when they need so thank you once again for the question.”

## **7.2. QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR BILL THOMAS TO COUNCILLOR GLYNOG DAVIES, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN**

It was noted that as both Councillor Bill Thomas and Councillor Glynog Davies were absent from the meeting Councillor Thomas would be provided with a written response to his question by Councillor Davies.

## **7.3. QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR ANN DAVIES TO COUNCILLOR PETER HUGHES GRIFFITHS, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR CULTURE, SPORT & TOURISM**

“Tourism was worth £434m to Carmarthenshire's economy in 2017 according to a study put together for the county council, a rise of 7.8% on the previous year. The research found total visitor days hit 6.39 million, up 7.2% on 2016. Tourism in 2017 supported 6,343 full time equivalent jobs in the county, a rise of 5.3% on 2016. Over the last ten years, the value of tourism to the county has increased by £150million. Could the Executive Board Member for culture, sport and tourism tell me how these impressive figures have been achieved and what are his expectations for 2018?”

## **Response by Councillor Peter Hughes Griffiths, Executive Board Member for Culture, Sport & Tourism:-**

“The question itself shows the success in this specific area and the increase which has taken place especially with the figures in the last year and I think we can take all morning really to outline the reason for this considerable success. Can I state first of all that we are so happy with the success, because I’m sitting next to Cllr. David Jenkins [Executive Board Member-Resources] here, as far as the economic boost that is of big praise because it can be seen in the figures in the question. So we are thinking about Carmarthenshire to start off with and the locations, we have a county which is very beautiful, a naturally beautiful county, and includes experiences from being on the seaside or going up to the Beacons. And then we also have towns and villages of all size across the county so we have an excellent potential in our specific locations in Carmarthenshire. And then associated with that, in those areas, we have very vibrant culture as we’ve heard this morning and a very welsh element to it and the language which the visitors are thrilled by. During the last 10 years we have developed locations and accommodation for people which attracts them. We have events that attract them across the county, we have a variety of locations for people to eat, we have, if you want a picnic or if you want a five-course meal, have everything here. That is the development that has taken place and that can be seen clearly now for those people who are willing to spend. But what about the people? And I have to say there are very talented people in this area and that has developed as well during the last few years. People have adapted for tourism because if I can say especially in the countryside and around the agricultural sector to offer accommodation and services. This aspect has without doubt contributed economically and these entrepreneurs that we have across the county especially in the rural areas. And then we have the promotional element that we are promoting Carmarthenshire. We have without doubt caught up with other counties on this such as Pembrokeshire for example. We have concentrated on marketing Carmarthenshire and you can see, we have seen today, the type of things that pay dividends for us here in Carmarthenshire. In England and in Europe and in South Wales, the large population in South Wales and across North Wales, we are attracting those as well to Carmarthenshire as well as other people from across the world. And we of course work alongside Visit Wales and succeed recently and last year if I can say, from the list that I have seen, the people who have come into Carmarthenshire and who have written extensively in our newspapers, in our magazines, and even in the Financial Times we are appearing, that is an area where we have promoted where you were asking how have we had such excellent figures. Can I praise us as well, you saw earlier the Promoting Carmarthenshire Society and tourism as well, but as local government here in Carmarthenshire have improved considerably a variety of things and created a variety of resources. I could give you a vast list of the type of locations that we have prepared for visitors and the emphasis of course on walking and cycling routes. But it is much more than that, we have better facilities as a council. But one word about the future of tourism, it’s a modern industry, and we will continue to develop and plan it because of its economic value to us here in Carmarthenshire. And one important factor when we think about tourism, we think about it possibly during the summer, that is another element that we are developing, that tourism and Carmarthenshire appeals to people throughout the year to come here and there are various plans being worked on at the moment, I won’t begin to list them today, but that is what is happening for developing tourism here in the county. I said the word ‘economic’ many times but I would like to thank the cooperation between the departments. Can I just talk about the economic development team, they play an important part in the development element and I

know that Cllr. Cefin Campbell, in the regeneration of the rural areas, they are going to develop ideas in relation to tourism within his area. And after saying all of that and talking about all the preparations that we have, we of course depend on the weather, in the summer anyway, but when we have a summer as good as we had this year that will be a vast step forward for tourism as well. Can I thank everybody for promoting Carmarthenshire, there are many councillors sitting around here who know about developments in their own areas. Forgive me, I do want to refer, as an example, to the marina in Burry Port. Both local councillors will have received a report from the company who are developing the marina for us, on the increase in the summer on the figures and of the numbers who visited. It hasn't been finished yet, we're about halfway through development and improving around it and that is the kind of thing that we have an input in as a council in order to develop. So thank you to you all and I do want to emphasise the local councillors as they help in their areas with various initiatives and for their support, and the staff as well and congratulations to them. Tourism in Carmarthenshire is a success as those figures show and the challenge is of course that we continue and increase on this for Carmarthenshire to succeed economically. Thank you.

## **8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **8.1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR TINA HIGGINS**

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Tina Higgins:-

“This Council adds its support to the Lucy’s Law National Campaign to ban and outlaw third party puppy farming. This Council will add its name to the growing list of supporting organisations and will proactively highlight the campaign to our residents across the County. This Council requests that the Leader of the Council writes to the Welsh and UK Governments, supporting the call for urgent action on this matter.”

The Motion was duly seconded.

The proposer and seconder of the Motion were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and proceeded to outline the reasons for its submission, as set out in the Motion.

A number of statements were made in support of the Motion.

Following a vote, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion be supported.**

### **8.2. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR EMLYN SCHIAVONE**

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Emlyn Schiavone:-

“I wish to propose that Carmarthenshire County Council commits to being formally recognised as a Kind County. As part of the Social Care and Health agenda, in

conjunction with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, there has never been a more significant time to promote greater resilience and kindness within our communities. It is generally recognised that acts of kindness are beneficial for its recipients and providers. The impetus to promote kindness connectors within our communities is particularly relevant to address isolation and loneliness, which are accepted as being contributory to poor health and well being outcomes.

The Carmarthenshire is Kind initiative is creating and strengthening community connections. This can be further enhanced through developing Kind awareness sessions and promoting Carmarthenshire Kind Champions.

The introduction of social prescribers attached to GP surgeries is an example of addressing needs. Similarly, the Jo Cox Foundation is funding a post in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire to curtail loneliness and isolation through acts of kindness in the community. Inter generational projects can build positive bridges between the older and young members of our communities.

I would respectfully ask the Council to support this motion.”

The Motion was duly seconded.

The proposer and seconder of the Motion were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and proceeded to outline the reasons for its submission, as set out in the Motion.

A number of statements were made in support of the Motion.

Following a vote, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion be supported.**

### **8.3. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR JOHN JAMES**

Council considered the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John James:-

“That this Council adopts a policy introducing signage at all roadside areas recognised for conservation by this Local Authority and wherever possible notice boards giving information of all the benefits to the area being dedicated to conservation. Also, that Town and Community Councils be approached and encouraged to do the same.”

The Motion was duly seconded.

The proposer and seconder of the Motion were afforded the opportunity of speaking in support thereof and proceeded to outline the reasons for its submission, as set out in the Motion.

A number of statements were made, particularly in respect of the financial implications, following which Councillor James, with the support of his seconder, agreed to withdraw the Motion and refer the issue to the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee’s current Task and Finish Group on the review of

the maintenance provision of highway hedgerows and verges. The Group's recommendations would subsequently be considered by the Executive Board.

**9. EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION: DRAFT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER - LLANELLI TOWN CENTRE**

Council was informed that the Executive Board, at its meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018 (Minute 7 refers), had considered a report on proposals for the introduction of a Local Development Order for Llanelli Town Centre. If adopted the Order would allow for a range of uses within a defined spatial area in the town centre to proceed without the need for planning consent.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the following recommendations of the Executive Board be accepted:**

- “9.1 The representations received in respect of the Draft Local Development Order (LDO) for Llanelli Town Centre be received;  
9.2 The recommendations detailed within the report be approved;  
9.3 The submission of the LDO (inclusive of the reports' recommendations and evidence updates) to the Welsh Government for agreement be approved;  
9.4 Delegated authority be granted to officers to make non-substantive typographical or factual amendments, as necessary, to improve the accuracy and clarity of the LDO;  
9.5 Delegated authority be granted to officers to update the evidence base and make any consequential changes to the LDO, and to ensure any additional matters of legal compliance were also integrated.”

**10. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-**

**10.1. 22ND JUNE 2018**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the above meeting be received.**

**10.2. 2ND JULY 2018**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the above meeting be received.**

**10.3. 30TH JULY 2018**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the above meeting be received.**

**11. DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PAPERLESS WORKING**

Council was informed that the Democratic Services Committee, at its meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 (Minute 7 thereof refers), had considered the issue of moving towards a paperless system of Communication with all Councillors in accordance with the Notice of Motion adopted by Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The Committee had subsequently

“RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO Council that the Authority move towards a paperless system of communication with all Councillors with effect from 1st January 2019 and that an appropriate training programme be arranged prior to this date.”

The Chair of the Democratic Services Committee advised Council that following its meeting in June numerous concerns had been raised by members about the short timeframe proposed and issues that still needed to be addressed such as poor broadband coverage in parts of the county and the need for further training for some members. Some of these concerns were reiterated by Members and she therefore moved, and was seconded, that the effective date for paperless working in the aforementioned recommendation be amended to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

**RESOLVED that the Authority move towards a paperless system of communication with all Councillors with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 to allow any concerns to be addressed and that an appropriate training programme be arranged prior to this date.**

**12. SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to serve on the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee:**

**Labour Group – Councillor Rob James  
Plaid Cymru Group – Councillor Darren Price  
Independent Group – Councillor Giles Morgan**

**13. ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOLLOWING A VACANCY MID TERM**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, following a mid-term vacancy and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4 (2), that Councillor Aled Vaughan-Owen be appointed vice-chair of the Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee.**

**14. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

In accordance with Corporate Procedure Rule CPR 2(2)(n) and following the receipt of nominations from the relevant political groups it was:

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

**14.1 to note that Councillor Karen Davies would fill the Plaid Cymru Group’s vacancy on the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee;**

**14.2 to note that Councillor Karen Davies would fill the Plaid Cymru Group’s vacancy on the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee;**

**14.3 to note that Councillor Susan Phillips would fill the Plaid Cymru Group’s vacancy on the Licensing Committee;**

**14.4 to note that Councillor John Prosser would replace Councillor Suzy Curry as one of the Labour Group's representatives on the Planning Committee;**

**14.5 to note that Councillor Andre McPherson would replace Councillor John Prosser as one of the Labour Group's representatives on the Licensing Committee.**

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**