



## **AGENDA**

for the Quarterly Meeting of the Association to be held on  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 at 10.30am  
at the Royal Oak The Cross Welshpool

1. **Welcome by the Mayor of Welshpool**  
To receive a welcome from the Mayor of Welshpool Cllr Malcolm Douglass.
2. **Notice of the meeting**  
To receive the notice of the meeting.
3. **Apologies for absence**  
To receive any apologies for absence.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting**  
To approve the minutes of the last meeting. (see appendix A)
5. **Executive Meeting**  
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016. (see appendix B)
6. **Actions taken since the last meeting**  
To consider actions taken since the last quarterly meeting.

### **Meeting with the Minister**

To receive a report on a letter to the Minister expressing grave concern that the Association's views which represented 36 councils, was not considered a high enough number of responses and to further request a meeting with the Minister.

### **Speaker for Annual Meeting**

To receive a report on a speaker for the annual meeting:

Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board for this first choice  
Welsh Local Government Minister  
Welsh Health Minister  
New Police Commissioner North Wales

### **Consultations**

To note the consultations presented to the Welsh Government:

Rail Franchise Consultation  
Local Government (Wales) Bill Consultation

**7. Financial Report**

To consider the financial report from the secretary. (see appendix C)

**8. Local Government Re-organisation**

To receive an update and in particular a report from the Welsh Government meeting held in Llandudno on the subject.

**9. Boundary Commission for Wales (Local Government (Wales) Bill)**

To consider a report on a meeting between the Boundary Commission, the Cllr E Butler, Cllr B Roberts and Robert Robinson Secretary. (see appendix D)

**10. Understanding the powers and duties of the County and Town Councils**

To consider the Powers and Duties of both Principle and Local Councils.  
To consider how this affects the decision making of Local Councils with regard to the protection of public services. (see appendix E)

**11. Understanding how the County Finances work**

To information on how the County Council finances work and why the cut in funding at Welsh Government is so crucial. (see appendix F)

**12. Montgomeryshire Canal re-opening Plans**

To consider an update on the re-opening of the canal and proposals to take the project forward. This would link Llangollen with Welshpool.

**13. Policing issues in Mid and North Wales**

To share knowledge on crime and antisocial behaviour in each area and how the police go about delivery of their services within this area.  
Rhyl has a new police initiative and a member of the Police is to be invited to the October meeting when the scheme has been up and running for a while.

**14. Health Studies**

To receive a report on progress with:  
The North Wales Health Study  
The Mid Wales Health Study

**15. Wind Farms update**

To receive an update on the following:  
The new regulations and approval process  
Subsidies and the future  
Transportation and works taking place  
The current position on proposed wind farms

**16. A consultation example**

To receive information on the Welshpool Public Services Consultation and their results.

**17. Service Delivery**

To compare the various County Council approaches to funding of service delivery. Schedule to be issued at the meeting.

To consider alternative methods of delivering local services.

**18. Gwynedd Council and the Welsh Language**

To consider the letter attached at appendix G.

**19. Any other relevant business**

To consider any other business notified to the Chair or Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

**20. Dates of future meetings**

To notice the dates of future meetings as follows:

**Quarterly Meetings**

15th July 2016 (annual meeting) at Connah's Quay Civic Halls at 10.30am

**Executive Meetings**

10th June 2016 at 10.30am at Rhyl Town Council Offices.

# APPENDIX A

**NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**



**CYMDEITHAS CYNGHORAU TREFI A CHYMDEITHASAU MWYAF GOGLEDD CYMRU**



## MINUTES

of the quarterly meeting of the Association held on  
**Friday, 22 January 2016 at 10:30 AM at Llandudno.**

The record of attendance is:

Council	Present	Apologies
<b>Officers</b>	Cllr Eve Butler (Chair) Cllr B C Roberts (Vice Chair) Cllr Joan Butterfield (President)	Robert Robinson (Secretary & Treasurer)
<b>ABERGELE TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr R Waters	Cllr John A MacLennan
<b>ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>	R Hampson Jones Cllr J Taylor	Cllr J Holiday Cllr J Norwood
<b>BANGOR CITY COUNCIL</b>	I Jones Town Clerk	Cllr Derek Hainge
<b>BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>	Cllr C R Williams	
<b>BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr Mrs H Meredith	Tina Earley Clerk Cllr Lindsay Griffiths Cllr Mrs Roy
<b>BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr A Woolley	Cllr J Woolley Cllr A Williams
<b>CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr J Webb	
<b>CAIA PARK COMMUNITY CONCIL</b>		
<b>CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr P Attridge S Goodrum (Clerk)	Cllr R Hill Cllr C Grainger
<b>CONWY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr H Roberts H Barritt Town Clerk	Cllr R Parker
<b>DENBIGH TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr R Bartley	
<b>FLINT TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr David Cox A Loveridge Town Clerk	Cllr L Jones Cllr Terry Renshaw
<b>HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>		
<b>HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr P Curtis	C Pierce Clerk

		Cllr Karin Davies Cllr P York
<b>LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL</b>		Viki Griffiths Clerk Cllr K Astley
<b>LLANDUDNO TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr B Bertola L Mernes Deputy Clerk	
<b>LLANASA TOWN COUNCIL</b>		
<b>LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr C Gell	
<b>LLANDRINO &amp; ARDLEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>		C Davies (Clerk)
<b>LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>		C Davies (Clerk) Cllr Frances Buckingham
<b>LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL</b>		
<b>MEINAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr D M Davies	Cllr H Hunt
<b>PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr M Baines Mel Ab-Owain Town Clerk	
<b>PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL</b>	N Acott Clerk Cllr J Szabo	
<b>RHUDDLAN TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr M Kermode	
<b>RHYL TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr J Chamberlain-Jones G Nickels Clerk	Cllr A Jones
<b>RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr G Woolford Cllr A Roberts	
<b>SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL</b>		
<b>ST ASAPH CITY COUNCIL</b>		Cllr Elsie Powell Cllr Barbara Rust Cllr P G Morton Helen Stewart Clerk
<b>TOWYN AND KINMELL BAY TOWN COUNCIL</b>	Cllr B McLaughlin Cllr B Darwin Cllr M Roberts	Cllr K Stone Hayley Parkes Clerk
<b>WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL</b>		Cllr Ann Holloway Cllr Hazel Evans Cllr Estelle Bleivas

## 1. Record of attendance

The record of attendance and list of apologies is as above.

The meeting was informed of various members who were unwell. It was agreed that get well cards would be sent to each of the 4 members.

It was reported that the Secretary was unable to make the meeting due to an unfortunate breakdown of his car. In his absence the Assistant Secretary Ian Jones agreed to take the minutes and forward actions from the meeting.

## 2. Welcome by the Mayor of Llandudno

The meeting was welcomed by Councillor F Bradfield Mayor of Llandudno Town Council.

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to one alteration on the attendance list.

### **4. Actions taken since last meeting**

A short and concise report was received on the actions taken since the last meeting in relation to the following:

1. Responses to consultation to the Welsh Government regarding General Practice Doctors
2. Meeting the Minister for Local Government
3. Letter to remind clerks of the need for a new Secretary from July 2017.

### **5. Financial report**

The meeting received the accounts for the period 2/31 of the third 2016 which was approved.

### **6. Minutes of the Executive meeting**

The meeting was held on 11th of December 2015.

The meeting received the Minutes of the above meeting and noted in particular the current issues relating to boundary changes, devolved services from principal authorities, issues relating to staff i.e. TUPE, pensions and the fact that the budget from principle authorities did not necessarily follow the devolved service.

Concern was expressed that having written to the Local Government Minister requesting a meeting about proposed Local Government reform in Wales, the Minister had refused due to the "lack of appropriate responses to the consultation".

The meeting **AGREED** that the Secretary writes to the Minister expressing grave concern that the Association's views which represented 36 councils, was not considered a high enough number of responses and to further request a meeting with the Minister; the Secretary to report back once the response of been received from the Minister.

### **7. Local Government Reorganisation**

The meeting considered the main points from The Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill headline which was published and was planned to progress soon after the May 2016 Welsh Government elections. The Bill had several sections directly affecting Town Community Councils was due out during the autumn of 2016.

Members discussed the various sections of the Consultation Paper and agreed the following statements be submitted as part of the Associations response to the consultation documents.

- i) Delete Mayors from Counties keep at local level
- ii) Concern at Clerk's qualification as only about 13 CiLCA qualified in Wales, other qualifications should be recognised especially professional -

Accountants, Lawyers, Chartered Secretaries, Surveyors etc. as well as experienced Clerks.

iii) Concern at policing of Powers of Competence and Council's declaring themselves but only paying lip service, this needs careful thought.

iv) Concern as to transfer of services and TUPE - if no money follows to service T&CCs may not take them over. Council's should not 'be held to ransom' with TUPE. All in all members felt that for this to be at all workable it needed careful consideration and the General Powers of Competence (GPOC) needed reviewing.

## **8. Experiences from Local Councils**

i) public toilets Councillor Bertola of Llandudno Town Council made a statement in support of the community public toilet scheme which had been successful in his town. He said that businesses were encouraged to open up their convenience for the

general public usage supported with a grant of up to £600.

ii) two other case studies were to be given by the Secretary and would now be deferred.

## **9. North Wales Health Study Update**

The Assistant Secretary Ian Jones updated the meeting on developments with the North Wales Health Board. He had been in conversation with the Interim Head of Engagement at Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board regarding engagement activities and partnership arrangements. The Assistant Secretary reported that a representative of Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board would at some point in the near future like to request in the meeting with the Association as part of its Community Engagement priorities which had been cited as lacking direction when the Board went into Special Measures. Members at the meeting by pleased to receive this news.

## **10. Conference and Annual Meeting 2016**

Members asked that the speaker be invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

A preference was for Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board for this first choice

Second shows Welsh Local Government Minister

Third choice Welsh Health Minister

Fourth choice New Police Commissioner North Wales

## **11. Freedom of Information Act**

A proposal was tabled by Brian Bertola of Llandudno Town Council to oppose any the changes to the Freedom of Information Act which would water down the current legislation, and the Association would support any campaign against this.

The meeting **AGREED** to support this.

## **12. Proposals at Future Meetings**

The meeting agreed that any future proposals which are tabled at future meetings should be circulated on paper, preferably in advance

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### **13. Bale-In Directive 2014**

Cllr E. Woolley of Buckley Town Council informed members that the new Bale-in Directive 2014 gave the of banks the power to take money from accounts with over £100K deposits, should they be in danger of collapsing. The UK was fully compliant with this legislation.

### **14. Dates Of Future Meetings:**

#### **Quarterly Meetings**

22nd April 2016

Welshpool

15th July 2016 (annual meeting) – Connah's Quay.

10.30am start in all cases.

#### **Executive Meetings**

11th March 2016

10th June 2016

10.30am start in all cases. Meetings held at Rhyl Town Council Offices.

# APPENDIX B

**NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**



**CYMDEITHAS CYNGHORAU TREFI A CHYMDEITHASAU MWYAF GOGLEDD CYMRU**



## MINUTES

of a meeting of the Executive held on  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 10.30am  
at Rhyl Town Council Offices

### **Present were:**

Cllr E Butler (Chair), Cllr B Roberts (Vice Chair), Robert Robinson (Secretary), Cllr B Bertola, Cllr D Haines and Cllr T Renshaw.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

The meeting received apologies for absence from Cllr A Holloway.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The meeting approved the minutes of the last meeting.

### **3. Welsh Government Consultation held in Llandudno**

The meeting considered a report on the consultation held in Llandudno regarding the Local Government (Wales) Bill. Generally the feeling was that the meeting achieved very little. Most Councils present had already completed their consultations before the date of this meeting.

### **4. Consultations**

The meeting noted that the following consultations have been presented to the Welsh Government:

Rail Franchise Consultation  
Local Government (Wales) Bill Consultation

### **5. Financial Report**

The meeting considered a short financial report which will be added to the main meeting agenda.

## **6. Agenda for next Quarterly Meeting**

The meeting considered the agenda for the next quarterly meeting and this was agreed.

The request from Rhyl Council to invite the North Wales Police to the next meeting was considered. As the next meeting is in Welshpool and the Police (from past experience) do not cross borders it was agreed that they should be invited to the October meeting when the scheme will also have been up and running. Welshpool also has an initiative being put together at this time which may benefit from knowing how Rhyl and its new approach is working.

## **7. Succession planning**

The Secretary raised the subject of succession planning. No one has come forward to take over from July 2017. Welshpool Town Council is also working on a succession plan with more information being known by April.

A report on the way forward will be issued before the Annual Meeting.

## **8. Welshpool Town Council**

The Chair was asked to write to the Mayor of Welshpool Cllr M Douglass expressing the Associations thanks for the work they do for the Association through the Office and their Town Clerk.

## **9. One Voice Wales**

It was noted that Richard Waters has been elected vice chair of OVW. Ian Jones (assistant secretary) will report back on a possible closer working relationship between the two associations.

## **10. Gavel for outgoing Chair**

The Chair already has a Gavel from her last term as Chair of the Association. The Chair will let the Secretary have the past one so that the new dates can be added.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

Friday 10th June 2016 10.30am to be held at Rhyl Town Council Offices.

# APPENDIX C

## FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2016

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS											
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR TO 31.3.2016											
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER		
INCOME	615.00	75.00	30.00	540.00	185.00	1025.00	535.00	390.00	35.00		
Membership & Meals											
Interest											
Debtors											
Other											
TOTAL	615.00	75.00	30.00	540.00	185.00	1025.00	535.00	390.00	35.00		
COSTS											
Meals		660.00			600.00			435.00			
Expenses											
Administration				400.00							
Bank charges											
Gavel				165.00							
Web hosting											
Web site											
Translation											
Other											
TOTAL	0.00	660.00	0.00	565.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	435.00	0.00		
BALANCE	615.00	-585.00	30.00	-25.00	-415.00	1025.00	535.00	-45.00	35.00		
BANK											
Start	5781.20	6396.20	5811.20	5841.20	5816.20	5401.20	6426.20	6961.20	6916.20		
End	6396.20	5811.20	5841.20	5816.20	5401.20	6426.20	6961.20	6916.20	6951.20		
Balance	-615.00	585.00	-30.00	25.00	415.00	-1025.00	-535.00	45.00	-35.00		

# APPENDIX D

## NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

### REPORT ON THE BOUNDARIES COMMISSION – MARCH 2016

#### Introduction

Cllr E Butler (Chair) and Cllr B Roberts (Vice Chair) with the Robert Robinson (secretary) met with two officers of the Boundary Commission for Wales in Cardiff. The purpose of the visit was to find out how far the process of the new boundaries for Town and Community Councils had reached and to seek to influence and offer any help with regard to the issues raised in the Local Government (Wales) Bill.

#### Issues discussed

The issues covered in the discussions included:

- i) The Boundary Commission has instructions to proceed with Parliamentary and County Council Ward considerations.
- ii) The Commission also confirm that they will be setting Town and Community Council boundaries. They will consult with the County Councils as well as the Town and Community Councils.
- iii) The 6 year term for Town and Community Councillors (2017-2023)
- iv) The influx of students in some towns increasing the population.
- v) The size of communities v land mass.
- vi) The timescale for introducing such new Councils.
- vii) Cultures and the issues of the last Boundary Review of wards.
- viii) The Commission confirmed that in almost all cases there will be joining of wards or councils and not division.
- ix) The new Councils are likely to be population/electorate based with a plus or minus 5% limit on a common size.

#### The County Boundaries

The Boundary Commission is not convinced that the current 8/9 County Councils will be the end result. Indeed the Commission also confirmed that Powys may yet not be left as a single county on its own.

#### The Town and Community Boundaries

The Commission has no guidance on how this will be done when Town and Community Councils combine or enlarge from Welsh Government.

The issues which the Commission will need to address are:

- i) Language and culture of each Community.
- ii) Size v landscape of any new Councils.
- iii) The new Councils are likely to be around 100 in number.

**Actions to be taken forward**

The Commission would be interested in a report on the following:

- i) Any ideas on a transition plan for Town and Community Councils
- ii) Any research information on grouping of Councils highlighting those who would like to go together and the issues raised during the exercise.

**Robert A Robinson FRICS FILCM**  
**Secretary**

# APPENDIX E

## NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

### Principle Authorities

All principle authorities must set a budget, precept, hold regular meetings and appoint such staff as is needed to meet their statutory obligations.

The principle Councils also collect Council Tax, Business Rates (and then pass them onto the Welsh Government) and administer the benefits system.

The following are the usual services carried out by a Principle Authority, however some are not statutory duties.

Principal service	Includes
Children's services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• schools – nursery, primary, secondary and special (but not academies or free schools)</li><li>• pre-school education</li><li>• youth, adult and family and community education</li><li>• children's and families' services – including welfare, fostering and adoption and child protection</li><li>• youth centres</li><li>• youth justice – secure accommodation and youth offender teams</li></ul>

Highways, roads and transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• highways – non-trunk roads and bridges</li> <li>• street lighting</li> <li>• traffic management and road safety</li> <li>• public transport – discounted travel schemes and local transport co-ordination</li> <li>• some airports, harbours and toll facilities.</li> </ul>
Adult services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• services for older people including nursing, home, residential and day care and meals</li> <li>• services for people with a physical disability, learning disability or mental health need</li> <li>• asylum seekers.</li> </ul>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social housing</li> <li>• housing benefit and welfare services</li> <li>• homelessness</li> <li>• housing strategy.</li> </ul>
Cultural services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• culture and heritage, including museums and galleries</li> <li>• recreation and sport, including leisure centres and sports facilities</li> <li>• open spaces – parks, playgrounds and allotments</li> <li>• tourism – visitor information, marketing and tourism development</li> <li>• libraries and information services.</li> </ul>

Environmental services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cemetery, cremation and mortuary services</li> <li>• community safety – including consumer protection, coastal protection and trading standards</li> <li>• environmental health – including food safety, pollution and pest control, public toilets</li> <li>• licensing – including alcohol, public entertainment, taxis</li> <li>• agricultural and fisheries services</li> <li>• waste collection and disposal, recycling and street cleaning.</li> </ul>
Planning and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building and development control</li> <li>• planning policy – including conservation and listed buildings</li> <li>• economic investment and regeneration.</li> </ul>
Protective services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fire and rescue services</li> <li>• court services such as coroners.</li> </ul>
Central and other services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local tax collection – council tax and business rates (business rates set centrally)</li> <li>• registration of births, deaths and marriages</li> <li>• election administration – local and national, including registration of electors</li> <li>• emergency planning</li> <li>• local land charges and property searches.</li> </ul>

However, the County Councils have not got to provide services in a particular way and therefore the following examples are not statutory services:

Public Toilets  
Day Centres  
Libraries in all locations  
Local buses

Tourist Information Centres  
Street lighting in all locations  
Youth Services for each area  
Free school transport

Often the level of service delivery delivered is greater than their statutory duty. I.e Street cleaning, litter bins etc are not statutory duties, however 'keeping the streets environmentally safe' is.

## Town and Community Councils

All Town and Community Councils have a statutory duty to set a budget & precept, hold 3 meetings per annum, adopt the code of conduct and standing orders along with provision for financial management.

### What can local councils do?

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments. Duty to provide allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied and if reasonable to do so	Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, s.23
Borrowing money	Power for councils to borrow money for their statutory functions or for the prudent management of their financial affairs	Local Government Act 2003, Schedule 1, para. 2
Baths (public)	Power to provide public swimming baths	Public Health Act 1936, s.221
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire and maintain  Power to provide  Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries	Open Spaces Act 1906, Sections 9 and 10  Local Government Act 1972, s.214  Local Government Act 1972, s.214 (6)
Bus Shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4
Byelaws	Power to make byelaws for: Places of public recreation Cycle parks  Public swimming baths Open spaces and burial grounds Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57(7)  Public Health Act 1936, s.223 Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15  Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Charities	Duties in respect of parochial charities  Power to act as charity trustees	Charities Act 2011, ss.298-303  Local Government Act 1972, s.139 (1)
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2

Closed Churchyards	Powers to maintain	Local Government Act 1972, s.215
Commons and common pastures	Powers in relation to Inclosure, regulation, management and provision of common pasture	Inclosure Act 1845; Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, s.34
Conference facilities	Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Community centres	Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives Power to acquire, provide and furnish community buildings for public meetings and assemblies	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19  Local Government Act 1972, s.133
Crime prevention	Power to spend money on crime detection and prevention measures	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31
Ditches and ponds	Power to drain and maintain ponds and ditches to prevent harm to public health	Public Health Act 1936, s.260
Entertainment and the arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts	Local Government Act 1972, s.145
Environment	Power to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti and offences under dog control orders	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, s.19, s.30, Part 6
General Power of Competence	Power for an eligible council to do anything subject to statutory prohibitions, restrictions and limitations which include those in place before or after the introduction of the general Power of competence	Localism Act 2011, ss.1-8
Gifts	Power to accept	Local Government Act 1972, s.139

Highways	<p>Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridle-ways.</p> <p>Power to light roads and public places</p> <p>Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor-cycles.</p> <p>Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening.</p> <p>Power to provide roadside seats and shelters.</p> <p>Power to consent to a local highway authority stopping maintenance of a highway or stopping up/ diverting a highway</p> <p>Power to complain to district council about the protection of rights of way and roadside waste</p> <p>Power to provide certain traffic signs and other notices</p> <p>Power to plant trees and shrubs and to maintain roadside verges</p>	<p>Highways Act 1980, ss.43, 50</p> <p>Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301</p> <p>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57, 63</p> <p>Highways Act 1980, ss.30, 72</p> <p>Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1</p> <p>Highways Act 1980, ss.47, 116</p> <p>Highways Act 1980, s.130</p> <p>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72</p> <p>Highways Act 1980, s.96</p>
Honorary titles	Power to admit to be honorary freemen/ freewomen of the council's area persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area.	Local Government Act 1972, s.249
Investments	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment	Trustee Investments Act 1961, s.11

Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of Power to accept gifts of land	Local Government Act 1972, ss.124, 126, 127 Local government Act 1972, s.139
Litter	Provision of bins	Litter Act 1983, ss.5, 6
Lotteries	Powers to promote	Gambling Act 2005, s.252, 258
Markets	Power to establish or acquire by agreement markets within the council's area and provide a market place and market buildings	Food Act 1984, s.50
Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Powers to provide mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Neighbourhood planning	Powers to act as lead body for a neighbourhood development plan or a neighbourhood development order.	Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9; Town and Country Planning Act 1990, ss.61E-61Q, Schedule 4B; Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, s.38A
Newsletters	Power to provide information relating to matters affecting local government	Local Government Act 1972, s.142
Nuisances	Power to deal with offensive ditches	Public Health Act 1936, s.260
Open spaces	Power to acquire and maintain land for public recreation Power to acquire and maintain land for open spaces	Public health Act 1875, s.164 Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
Parish Property and documents	Powers to receive and retain Duty to deposit certain published works in specific deposit libraries	Local Government Act 1972, s.226 Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003, s.1
Public buildings and village hall	Power to acquire and provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies	Local Government Act 1972, s.133

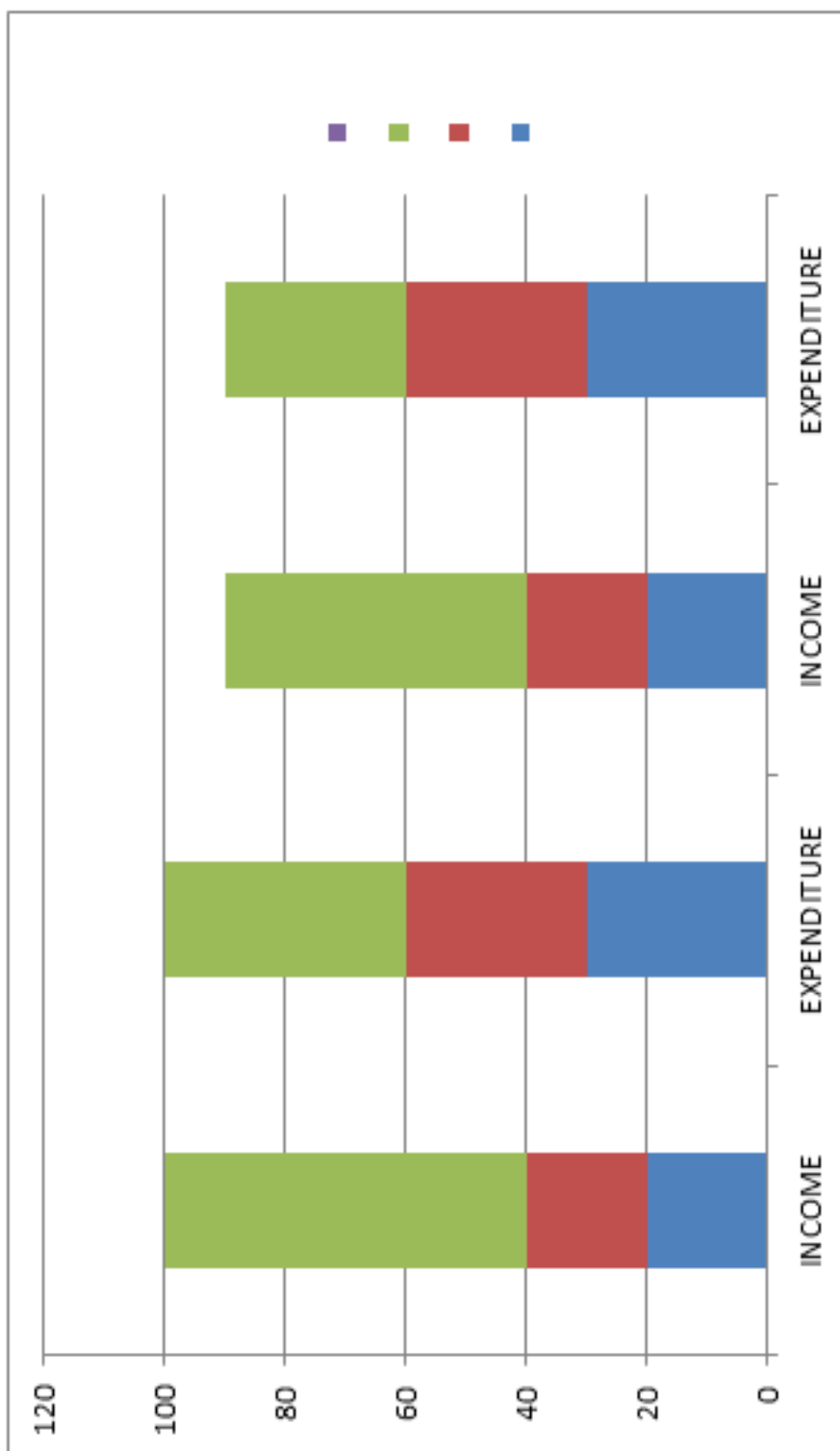
Public Conveniences	Power to provide	Public Health Act 1936, s.87
Recreation	Power to provide a wide range of recreational facilities	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
	Provision of boating pools	Public Health Act 1961, s.54
Right to challenge services that are provided by a principal authority	The right to submit an interest in running a service provided by a district, county or unitary authority.	Localism Act 2011, ss.81-86
Right to nominate and bid for assets of community value	The right to nominate assets to be added to a list of assets of community value and the right to bid to buy a listed asset when it comes up for sale	Localism Act 2011, ss.87-108
Town and Country Planning	Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested	Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched.1, para.8
Tourism	Power to encourage tourism to the council's area	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Traffic Calming	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.30
Transport	Powers to spend money on community transport schemes	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26-29
War memorials	Power to maintain, repairs, protect and adapt war memorials	War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1
Water	Power to utilise wells, springs or streams for obtaining water	Public Health Act 1936, s.125
Websites	Power for councils to have their own websites	Local Government Act 1972, s.142

In addition the Town and Community Councils have powers under various statutory rules to run the following:

Street cleaning, litter bins, graffiti and fly tipping.  
Day Centres.  
Grant aid for local bus services.

# APPENDIX F

## County Council Finances



## APPENDIX G

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Dear Sir / Madam,

At its meeting on 23 October 2014 the Council's Language Committee decided to hold an investigation into the use of the Welsh language at organisational meetings.

The purpose of the investigation was:-

- a) to look at the use of the Welsh language at meetings, and
- b) to ensure and facilitate compliance with clause 3.3.5 of the Language Scheme: "We will instruct staff to contribute through the medium of Welsh at externally-arranged public meetings, committees and conferences, and to request simultaneous translation."

You will recall that we invited you in May 2015 to complete a questionnaire inquiring about the provisions for the Welsh language at external meetings.

By now, the investigation has been completed and one of the action points is that the Council contacts every external body for which it nominates managers and members to draw attention to the fact that the Council:-

- Expects Council representatives to contribute to those meetings through the medium of Welsh.
- Expects simultaneous translation provision at such organisational meetings.
- Expects that papers for the meetings are prepared bilingually.
- Expects encouragement for Council representatives, and others, to contribute through the medium of Welsh

I trust that you will note the points above and seek to implement them to ensure that it is possible to use Welsh naturally at all your meetings.

On a related point, the Council is very aware that chairing bilingual meetings is something that not many experience and therefore we wish to draw the attention of external bodies and agencies to the Guide on chairing Welsh and bilingual meetings. I would be grateful if individual bodies would share the guidance with their chairs in order to encourage the use of the Welsh language in meetings. A copy of the guide is attached.

Yours faithfully,

**Arwel Ellis Jones**  
Corporate Commission Service – Senior Management

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