

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin on Tuesday 28th July at 10:00am.

PRESENT

Councillors M LI Davies (Vice-Chairman), I W Armstrong, J R Bartley, J B Bellis, B Blakeley, J Cahill, J Chamberlain Jones, W L Cowie, C Davies, J A Davies, J M Davies, P A Dobb, M J Eckersley, C M Evans, G C Evans, H H Evans, R L Feeley, S Frobisher, I A Gunning, D Hannam, C Hughes, R W Hughes, T R Hughes, E R Jones, H LI Jones, M M Jones, G M Kensler, D W Lee, P J Marfleet, L M Morris, D Owens, A G Pennington, B A Smith, D I Smith, D A J Thomas, S Thomas, J Thompson-Hill, C H Williams, E W Williams, J G Yorke

ALSO PRESENT

Corporate Directors, Financial Controller, County Clerk and Administration Services Manager

PRAYERS

Councillor M LI Davies offered prayers at the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM

Councillors J Butterfield (Chairman), P C Duffy, N J Hughes, G A Jones, P W Owen, G Williams, Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive,

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Councillor W L Cowie back to the Chamber following his recent incapacity.

230 URGENT MATTERS

In accordance with Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Vice-Chairman declared that he intended to include for discussion the following matter which required urgent attention:-

Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl

Councillor D A Thomas raised his concerns as a Rhyl Councillor as to the impending closure of the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the effect on the residents, patients and staff within the Rhyl and outlying areas. He understood that the rationale behind the decision was health and safety issues but felt it would be good for the authority to have clarity on those issues before the decision was made. Councillor Thomas requested the Leader to arrange meetings with the Health Board and any other relevant bodies as soon as possible. The Leader of the Council shared Councillor Thomas' concerns and indicated that he would convene a meeting with the Health Board as soon as possible.

231 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 30th June 2009 (previously circulated) were submitted.

Matters arising

Page 1 – Petition – re: Cae Ddol, Paddling Pool, Ruthin - the County Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between the Head of Leisure Services and local Members and there was nothing further to report, at present.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 30th June 2009 be approved as a correct record

232 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Vice-Chairman verbally reported upon the diary events he and the Chairman had attended during June and July (diary of events circulated at the meeting). He particularly referred to the celebration of the World Heritage Status of Pontcysyllte, the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, the visit of the Ospreys Rugby Team and the Royal Welsh Show.

Councillor H LI Jones referred to the unveiling of the Mosaic at Corwen which involved children from Ysgol Cae'r Drewyn and felt disappointed that as a local Member he was not invited to the event. The Vice-Chairman indicated that he would address that issue.

***RESOLVED** that the report be received and noted.*

233 DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2021: APPROVAL OF DEPOSIT PLAN FOR CONSULTATION

The County Clerk referred to the Members' Code of Conduct and the need for Members to declare an interest particularly relating to land ownership. He explained that if Members declared an interest they could remain in the meeting until the issue was being discussed and also explained the difference between personal and prejudicial interests as defined in the Code. He further indicated that Members with a prejudicial interest would need to leave the Chamber during discussions but they would be able to make any representations on the LDP through the normal consultation process. The County Clerk warned Members that any breach of the Code of Conduct would be reported to the Ombudsman.

Councillor E W Williams queried whether the advice given by the County Clerk would restrict Members' rights to talk about their own ward issues. He indicated that no decisions were being taken by the Council today apart from adoption of the Deposit Plan for consultation.

The County Clerk reported that he had been consistent with his advice over many years through the UDP and LDP process but acknowledged that some Members may ignore his advice. He emphasised the need for Council to take the correct procedural steps with the LDP.

At this junction the following Members declared a personal interest:-

Councillor T R Hughes – family property, Llantysilio
Councillor E R Jones – family property, Bodelwyddan
Councillor S Thomas – caravans/chalets

In response to general questions the County Clerk advised that if any development impacted on a Member's property they should declare an interest. However, relating to broad policy issues Members need not declare an interest.

The Head of Planning and Public Protection submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting Council to approve the draft Deposit LDP for public consultation and emphasised to Members that no decisions were required at this stage. He referred to the importance of the public consultation on the draft Deposit Plan and paid tribute to all the hard work done by officers and Members through the LDP Working Group. On a number of general issues he indicated that:

- any minor amendments to the Plan would be discussed with the Lead Member and ward Members
- local Members would be part of the consultation process and could suggest amendments/alterations
- there would be a 8 week consultation process and
- there was still more to be done through the LDP Working Group

The Policy, Research and Information Manager (A Loftus) took Members through the report particularly referred to the content of the draft Deposit LDP (Appendix 1); LDP Spatial Strategy;

Consultation Report (Appendix 3); recommended Lower Growth Areas; Draft LDP Policies; Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 4); details of the consultation process; Soundness and Self Assessment Checklist (Appendix 2). In conclusion she indicated that the LDP was scheduled for adoption by spring 2011 and reiterated that the Deposit Plan was to be adopted for consultation purposes only.

Councillor B Blakeley thanked the Head of Planning & Public Protection and his staff for all the hard work in producing the draft Deposit Plan and also to the Chair and members of the LDP Working Group. He thanked officers for listening to his problems in his ward relating to drainage, flooding etc and looked forward to the consultation process.

Councillor D Hannam raised concerns over sustainability in the Plan particularly when companies took advantage of grants to move into industrial units and then vacate them after a short period of time.

Councillor I A Gunning sought clarity on flooding issues within the Plan and the need to protect community facilities and open spaces. He felt that there was no protection for land designated for community facilities within the Plan.

The Head of Planning and Public Protection indicated that the Plan related to land use not grant mechanisms and the issue on flooding had been raised many times at the Planning Committee and LDP Working Group. With regard to the retention of land for community facilities he indicated that if the land was no longer required for that purpose there would be a need to re-allocate that land for other uses.

Councillor C Hughes broadly supported the Plan but queried how involved will the public be with the consultation process particularly in growth areas such as Bodelwyddan. The Policy, Research and Information Manager (PRI Manager) indicated that there would be a public display in Bodelwyddan and there would be briefing sessions for Town and Community Councils. She indicated that her team would be happy to go out to speak to those Councils but there were resource issues.

Councillor J Chamberlain-Jones felt that there were limited comments in the consultation document on the key strategic sites. She referred to the results of the 800 questionnaires that she had handed into the department regarding the Rhyl strategic site but no reference had been made to them in the consultation document. She also referred to the 8 week consultation timetable and queried whether Members' recess would cause a problem. The Head of Planning & Public Protection indicated that the consultation process would not commence until October and he would make reference to the questionnaires in the consultation report.

In response to a question from Councillor B A Smith the officers indicated that all comments in response to the consultation process would be included in the report back to Council and a draft of the consultation questionnaire would be presented to the LDP Working Group before the consultation process.

The Lead Member for Environment suggested that cluster meetings could be held with Town/Community Councils as part of the consultation process to alleviate officers' resources.

The Chair of the LDP Strategy Group indicated that the LDP was a very important document and emphasised the need to develop a robust Plan for the future. In response to a question from Councillor S Thomas the County Clerk advised that the local Member for Bodelwyddan should leave the Chamber if discussions were to take place on the Bodelwyddan key strategic site.

At this juncture Councillor E R Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the Chamber during discussions on the Bodelwyddan key strategic site.

Councillor S Thomas queried why the agricultural land in Bodelwyddan had changed from Grade 2 to Grade 3 B in the draft Deposit Plan.

The Head of Planning & Public Protection acknowledged that it was a sensitive issue regarding the grading of agricultural land in Bodelwyddan. He indicated that in 2006 officers looked at the grading of

land in the 3 key strategic sites in Rhyl, Bodelwyddan and St Asaph and subsequently requested the Welsh Assembly Government for guidance on the agricultural grading. The Assembly undertook that exercise and re-graded the land in Bodelwyddan from 2 to 3B and the Council took no part in that exercise. That exercise had strengthened the case for the strategic site and even if the land had not been re-graded the officers would have recommended Bodelwyddan as a key strategic site. The Head of Planning & Public Protection indicated that agricultural grading was only one of many considerations to be looked at in the growth plan and with the need to find sites for 2000 houses within the Plan there would be a need to build on greenfield sites.

At this juncture Councillor E R Jones re-joined the meeting.

With regard to recommendation (ii) Councillor D I Smith suggested that any major amendments be determined in consultation with the LDP Working Group and local Member(s). The Lead Member indicated that he was happy with that suggestion. Councillor J M Davies also indicated that he had submitted documents/questionnaires to officers at the pre-consultation stage and requested a reference to that in the report. Officers agreed to that addition.

Councillor C M Evans queried the viability of community facilities particularly in rural areas and raised concerns over the provision of affordable housing in the LDP due to the current economic recession. The officers agreed that there needed to be careful regard for the retention of community facilities particularly in rural areas and officers could ask for viability reports from applicants during the planning process. They indicated that the LDP was due to run to 2021 and hoped the economy would have recovered by then. It was reported that the District Valuer would be undertaking some work on the viability of affordable housing and a report would be brought back to Members.

Councillor G M Kensler queried whether the number of homes in the Plan was too high. She also referred to the Modernising Education agenda and the provision of new Welsh medium junior schools. The Head of Service indicated that his officers were working closely with the Lifelong Learning Directorate regarding the provision of schools within the Plan.

Councillor R L Feeley felt that she could not support Policy PSE10 – Local Shops and Services in view of the current economic climate. The PRI Manager reported that the issue was with regard to the change of use of shops which was a consistent approach with other local authorities. The Head of Service felt that the views of local businesses was required on that policy.

The Lead Member for Environment paid tribute to all the hard work undertaken by officers and Members in producing the draft Deposit Plan. The Vice-Chairman echoed those comments.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) *the Deposit LDP attached as Appendix 1 to the report be approved for public consultation;*
- (b) *the Lead Member for Sustainable Development & Environment be given delegated authority to agree any minor amendments to the Deposit LDP which may be necessary prior to consultation, any major amendments to be determined in consultation with the LDP Working Group and local Member(s);*
- (c) *the broad principles for consultation set out in paragraphs 2.19 – 2.20 of the report be agreed, and*
- (ch) *the Soundness Self Assessment Checklist (attached as Appendix 2), Initial Consultation Report (Appendix 3), Sustainability Appraisal Report – Non-Technical Summary (Appendix 4) to be published as technical supporting documents to the LDP be endorsed.*

Councillor E R Jones abstained from voting on items (a) and (ch).

At this juncture (11:45am) the meeting adjourned to enable Members to partake in refreshments

234 DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN 2009-2012 AND DRAFT MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The Leader of the Council submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting Council to:-

- adopt Denbighshire County Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 and
- note the likely financial position of the Council as detailed in the Medium Term Financial Plan 2009-2012 (copy of Corporate Plan and draft Medium Term Financial Plan circulated at the meeting)

Councillor H H Evans referred to the extensive consultation that had taken place regarding the Plan and the amendments made to the Plan in response to the consultation.

The Strategic Policy Officer (D Morgan) took Members through the report and referred to the amendments made to the Plan as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report. Those amendments had been made following consultation with the Corporate Governance Committee, Denbighshire LSB, Resources Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, etc. He explained to Members the process undertaken in developing the Corporate Plan and indicated that all the current major issues were built into the Plan.

The Lead Member for Finance referred Members to the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2009-2012 and indicated that the draft budgets would reflect what was contained in the Corporate Plan relating to the priorities etc. Councillor J Thompson-Hill indicated that 3 year financial planning was not available from the Assembly and the Council had indicative budget figures for 2010/11. He indicated that a prudent approach had been taken to the draft assumptions built into the Plan namely:-

- a 0% increase in WAG Revenue Support for each of the 3 years
- an assumption that inflation will be in line with HM Treasury forecasts
- £1m will be invested in the Council's agreed priority areas per annum
- £2.5m of savings could be delivered within the Plan which would produce a Council Tax increase of 2.5% which was in line with the guaranteed minimum increase in Old Age Pension promised by the Chancellor in his Budget speech

The Vice-Chairman expressed concerns that Members had not had the opportunity to read the Plan and allowed Members a 5 minute break to do so.

Councillor J B Bellis acknowledged that the Corporate Plan was a live document but raised concerns over the Wales Audit Office comments within the Corporate Governance Report that many actions would be included in the Corporate Plan and then fed into Service Business Plans. He indicated that the Corporate Governance Committee had raised concerns that:-

- completion dates for actions in the Action Plan/Work Plans had been moved by the Focused Agenda Board
- some Work Plans had been taken out of the Action Plan and therefore there was no tracking mechanisms for any actions and
- there was a lack of assurance from management that management tasks such as performance appraisals were being carried out

The Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing indicated that a document would be produced highlighting what actions have been taken and what monitoring arrangements were in place which would assist the Corporate Governance Committee.

Councillor D Hannam referred to the cuts in budget and how they affected the lives of local residents. Councillor I A Gunning indicated that there was very little reference to the Youth Service in the Plan and felt that officers should give more credibility to the service.

Councillor P J Marfleet indicated that he was aware of Councillor Bellis' concerns over slippage on the Corporate Governance Report and reported that at the Change Management Board discussions were held regarding the reporting mechanisms back to Members. However he felt confident that there was no slippage with the Corporate Governance Action Plan.

The Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing indicated that the Corporate Plan would inform everyone of the levels of investment in the future with new investments being made against priorities. However she indicated that the Council would have to decide on which services were going to be delivered/or not in the future and there was a consensus in the Council on its priorities and not every service could be a priority.

The Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning acknowledged that there was a lack of reference in the Plan to Youth Services but he was committed to make the service work effectively. He indicated that the Youth Service did contribute to educational achievements and it was possible to reflect the service more in the draft Plan.

Councillor C Hughes queried the effectiveness of Community Forums particularly whether they covered a number of communities and suggested that there was no further room for cuts in library services.

Councillor G M Kensler felt she had a problem with the concept of a "high performing Council working closer to the communities." She also felt that there was insufficient time to consider the Plan through the committee system. Councillor H LI Jones queried the statistical information on Page 55 of the Plan (NS18 – 9.18%).

In response to Members' comments the Strategic Policy Officer indicated that:-

- further discussions needed to be undertaken with Members on the organisation of the Community Forums
- the statistics regarding NS18 were estimated at the moment and the Council was awaiting final figures from the Wales Data Unit, however the figure of -9.18% was correct
- the timescale for the production of the Plan was limited this year but the timetable for next year would be more expansive

The Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning indicated that the review of Library Services would be reported back to Members in September. The consultants undertaking the review (APSE) had been requested to be creative and as positive they could with the review bearing in mind that the review had to achieve £80k in efficiency savings.

Councillor R W Hughes concurred with the views of the need to continue monitoring the Corporate Governance Action Plan and felt that the Youth Service should be a core service providing opportunities for youngsters.

Councillor J Chamberlain Jones felt that the impending closure of the Royal Alexandra Hospital could increase costs of providing more services to people in the community.

In response to Members comments the Leader of the Council reported that:-

- 70 actions had been removed from the original Corporate Governance Action Plan which had been developed in a very short period of time under pressurised circumstances. Many of the issues had now been dealt with in Service Business Plans but he agreed that the Corporate Governance Committee had a vital role in monitoring the Plan
- he agreed with the comments regarding the Youth Service but the Council had already set their priorities, however other services would be improved, including the Youth Service

- local Members had to take a leading role in promoting and providing suitable venues for Community Forums

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) *Denbighshire County Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 be adopted*
- (b) *the likely financial position of the Council as detailed in the draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2009-2012 be noted*

At this juncture (1:00pm) the meeting adjourned for lunch

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the resumed meeting of the County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin on Tuesday 28th July at 1:30pm.

PRESENT

Councillors M LI Davies (Vice-Chairman), I W Armstrong, J R Bartley, J B Bellis, B Blakeley, J Cahill, J Chamberlain Jones, W L Cowie, P A Dobb, M J Eckersley, C M Evans, G C Evans, H H Evans, R L Feeley, I A Gunning, D Hannam, C Hughes, R W Hughes, E R Jones, H LI Jones, M M Jones, G M Kensler, D W Lee, P J Marfleet, L M Morris, D Owens, A G Pennington, B A Smith, D I Smith, D A J Thomas, S Thomas, J Thompson-Hill, C H Williams, E W Williams, J G Yorke

ALSO PRESENT

Corporate Directors, Financial Controller, County Clerk and Administration Services Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM

Councillors J Butterfield, C Davies, J A Davies, J M Davies, P C Duffy, N J Hughes, G A Jones, P W Owen, G Williams

235 WORKING TOGETHER IN DENBIGHSHIRE – UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The Leader of the Council submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting Members to note the progress being made by the following key strategic partnerships.

- The North Wales Regional Partnership Board (NWRPB)
- Denbighshire's Local Service Board (LSB)
- Denbighshire's Health Social Care Well-Being Partnership Boards (HSCWB)
- Denbighshire's Children and Young People's Partnership Board (CYPP)
- Denbighshire's Community Safety Partnership Board (CSP)

The Leader referred to the membership and role of each of the Partnerships as detailed in the report and also referred to the very successful LSB conference held in June which was hosted by the Council. He particularly referred to the work of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board and the "Statement of Commitment" which would be signed up to in the Autumn articulating a pledge to joint working across North Wales from all Leaders and Chief Executives.

Councillor R L Feeley felt that collaboration/partnership working was the only way forward but emphasised that scrutiny was essential in the process and there needed to be a mechanism to scrutinise the various partnerships.

Councillor D I Smith, as Scrutiny Champion, suggested that scrutiny should be built into the process when partnerships were set up. He indicated that there were 43 different types of partnerships in the authority which were not scrutinised.

Councillor I A Gunning indicated that the scrutiny of partnerships was discussed at the Chairs/Vice-Chairs Group and referred to the work of the joint scrutiny between Lifelong Learning and Social Services and Housing. He indicated that he was a member of the Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership Board and legislation was driving the scrutiny of that Board.

Councillor E W Williams felt that each scrutiny committee should cover partnership working on an annual basis and emphasised the need for Members to participate in partnership events.

Councillor P A Dobb gave a short presentation on the working of Denbighshire's Health Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership Board and indicated that many of the Board's projects had been presented to the Social Services and Housing Scrutiny Committee. She referred to the two major on-going projects and to the effects of the closure of the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Rhyl.

In response to Members' comments the Corporate Director: Social Services and Housing reported that:-

- the Single Plan was the overarching Plan for the YSS/Children and Young People's Partnership
- much information/advice given to the public regarding social services was via leaflets and the website and in conjunction with health partners. However she acknowledged that more work was required to inform clients of the services available
- she was not aware of any particular cancer strategy for Upper Denbigh but in areas of deprivation services did target those areas
- the scrutiny of partnerships was an issue at national level but some partnerships did have scrutiny processes. She acknowledged however that new partnerships needed scrutiny built into their constitution
- partnership working was sometimes very difficult but joint working was essential to provide more efficient services
- individual Members from North Wales were putting themselves up for nomination for the new Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board

Councillor P A Dobb indicated that she had put forward her nomination to the Board.

In conclusion the Leader of the Council indicated that partnership working would be very important over the next 6 months and scrutiny of partnership arrangements was essential. He also emphasised the need to have adequate resource in place to ensure that scrutiny of partnerships was effective.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) *the progress being made by Denbighshire County Council's key strategic partnerships be noted and*
- (b) *the need to scrutinise the various partnerships be highlighted and adequate resources be provided to carry out that function*

236 REVIEW OF 2008/09 CAPITAL PLAN ACHIEVEMENTS

The Lead Member for Finance submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting Members to note the successful capital projects delivered during 2008/09. He indicated that the Council had spent £37.3m on its County Fund Capital Plan with a further £9.5m on HRA capital projects. Councillor J

Thompson-Hill congratulated all staff on delivering the projects on time and within budget. He referred to the list of awards received and list of capital projects detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Vice-Chairman of the Council felt that the authority should rejoice in its success and he thanked the staff for all their hard work in delivering the projects.

Councillor G M Kensler declared an interest in the Denbigh Regeneration and Theatr Twm ô'r Nant projects.

RESOLVED that the successful capital projects delivered in 2008/09 be noted

(Councillor J B Bellis left the meeting at this juncture)

237 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The County Clerk requested Council to approve the schedule of membership of the Council's various committees/panels (previously circulated) subject to the following amendments:-

Resources Scrutiny Committee – Councillor W L Cowie to be re-instated in lieu of Councillor J R Bartley

SACRE – Councillor C M Evans to fill Independent vacancy

The County Clerk also reported that Councillor G M Kensler had been appointed as new Group Leader for Plaid Cymru. Councillor Kensler thanked the former Leader, Councillor C H Williams for his commitment to the post. Councillor Kensler also referred to the membership of the LJCC and the ability for Groups to nominate substitutes to attend that meeting if a member was not available. She felt that it was important for Groups to ensure that a quorum was achieved for that meeting. The Administration Services Manager indicated that substitutes were also allowed for the Corporate Health, Safety and Welfare Committee.

RESOLVED that the schedule of membership, as amended, be approved

238 COUNTY COUNCIL FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The County Clerk submitted the County Council Forward Work Programme for consideration. He indicated that the following items were to be added to the programme.

Amendments to the Constitution – September
Welsh Language Scheme – October

RESOLVED the County Council Forward Work Programme, as amended, be received and noted

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

PART II

239 CAPITAL PLAN 2008/09 – 2011/12

The Lead Member for Finance submitted a confidential report (previously circulated) requesting Council to note the latest position on the 2009/10 element of the Capital Plan and approve the recommendations within the report.

Councillor J Thompson-Hill took Members through the report and referred to the position with the major current projects (including the Rhyl developments), other projects considered and approved by Cabinet on 14th July 2009, other projects approved by CET on 6th July 2009, capital receipts and

prudential indicators. He particularly referred to the slight overspend on the Ysgol Clawdd Offa project, the urgent health and safety works required at Ysgol Brynhyfryd, the projected overspend on the Ysgol Dinas Bran project and the request submitted from the contractor for an extension of time due to the reasons outlined in the report.

Members took the opportunity to raise various questions with the Lead Member and in response he reported that:-

- the ICT provision for Modernising Education was market standard and compatible with other local authorities
- many factors had affected the contractors position on the Dinas Bran project but he did not have detailed information available at the meeting
- no further information was available on the Modus (Ocean Plaza, Rhyl) project but he would ask the Corporate Director: Environment to give an update to Rhyl Members
- no liability would fall upon the Council if the Modus project did not proceed other than the sea defence works which was a responsibility of this authority

The Corporate Director: Lifelong Learning reported that the software provided for Modernising Education was operated by all other North Wales authorities.

Councillor D I Smith referred to the new build at Ysgol Brynhyfryd in 2004 and the need now to address concerns over extensive heat gain and lack of ventilation in the classrooms. He also requested information on the capital receipts for 2009/10.

Councillor P J Marfleet reported that the major capital receipt for 2009/10 was the disposal of the Henllan site but expressed concern over the need to accrue further capital receipts. Councillor Marfleet expressed concerns over the slippage on the Ysgol Dinas Bran project and indicated that he had contacted the Chief Executive regarding the ability to deliver the capital programme in view of the work being undertaken by Building Services on the asbestos programme and the delay in filling vacancies within the section.

The Vice-Chairman emphasised the need for local Members to be advised of problems/delays with projects.

RESOLVED that

- (a) *the latest position on the 2009/10 element of Capital Plan be noted;*
- (b) *the approval by Cabinet for the use of existing Modernising Education funding for the purchase of an Admissions and Transfer Software Module and to upgrade the existing ICT Infrastructure to support PULSE 4 be noted;*
- (c) *the approval by CET under delegated power for the purchase of three properties at the junction of Abbey Street and Aquarium Street, Rhyl be noted and*
- (ch) *the acceptance of the grant offers in relation to the Pedestrian and Cycleway Bridge over Rhyl Foryd Harbour, and proceed to detailed design stage subject to the conditions stated in paragraph 2.3 in the report be approved.*

The meeting concluded at 3:00pm
