

**CABINET**

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held in the Assembly Rooms, Town Hall, Ruthin on Thursday, 17th May, 2001 at 10.00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Councillors E.C. Edwards (Leader), I.M. German, D.M. Holder, R.W. Hughes, G.M. Kensler, D.M. Morris, E.A. Owens, A.E. Roberts and W.R. Webb.

Observers - Councillors M.LI. Davies, S. Drew, R.J.R. Jones and W.G. Thomas.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Chief Executive, County Clerk, Director of Resources, Financial Controller.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor K.E. Wells and E.W. Williams.

**1. URGENT MATTERS**

The Leader gave notice of the following items which in his opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972:-

Item 4iii Recruitment Of Graduate Trainee Sc 4-6 - Chief Executive's Department: Policy  
Item 17 Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod - A New Partnership to be moved to Part I  
Scala Cinema, Prestatyn: Councillor R W Hughes to provide a verbal update  
Item 16 Denbigh Multi-Storey Car Park: Outstanding Claim - Item Withdrawn

**2. MINUTES OF THE CABINET**

The Minutes of the Cabinet held on 1 May 2001 (previously circulated) were submitted.

***RESOLVED*** that the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 May 2001 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

**3. NORTH WALES FIRE AUTHORITY - MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY AND OF THE EXECUTIVE PANEL**

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking approval to appoint four Members to serve on the North Wales Fire Authority and from amongst that membership to nominate two Members (instead of one as in previous years) to serve on the Executive Panel of the North Wales Fire Authority for the year 2001/2002. Members were also asked to appoint named substitutes for the above representatives. The appointments are made on an annual basis.

***RESOLVED*** that Members agreed:-

- (a) that four County Council representatives, namely Councillors M.LI. Davies, N.H. Jones, D. Jones and D.M. Morris, be appointed to serve on the North Wales Fire Authority for the year 2001/2002;
- (b) that two County Council representatives from amongst the County's four representatives, namely Councillors D. Jones and D.M. Morris, be appointed to the Executive Panel of the North Wales Fire Authority for the year 2001/2002, and
- (c) that Groups be requested to appoint named substitutes for their respective representatives.

#### 4. **RECRUITMENT**

The Leader of the Council submitted reports (previously circulated) seeking approval for external advertisements:-

SW1-3 Full Time Temporary Social Worker to 31.03.2004 at Cefndy Children's Resource Centre. Funding for the Full Time post after 2004 was queried by Members. The Director of Personal Services said that NAFW will not state at this time whether funding is available after 2004 but funding is rarely withdrawn.

SO1 - 1 Full Time and 1 Part Time 14 hours per week Community Development Officers at Rhyl Community Agency

**RESOLVED** that the external advertisements of the above posts be approved.

Item 4iii to be discussed under Part II.

#### 5. **LEADER PLUS**

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to the submission of an approximate total bid for 2001-2006 of £800,000 for LEADER Plus funding for a local action group serving rural areas of Denbighshire and Flintshire. The European Union's LEADER programme supports innovative approaches to rural development which does not qualify for financial assistance through mainstream funding. The National Assembly for Wales invited competitive bids from Local Action Groups for funding from the latest phase of the programme, LEADER Plus. A partnership between Denbighshire and Flintshire County Councils and the WDA have appointed consultants to determine the scope and nature of the application.

If successful, the County would be able to access 90% grant aid for rural development projects. Sources other than the County Council will be sought to fund the matching 10%.

**RESOLVED** that Members approved the submission of an approximate bid for 2001-2006 of £800,000 for LEADER Plus funding for a Local Action Group serving rural areas of Denbighshire and Flintshire.

#### 6. **LOCAL MEMBER NOMINATIONS FOR LEA GOVERNOR VACANCIES**

The Leader presented the report (previously circulated) for LEA Governor vacancies from the Local Member(s) for the area in which the school(s) are located.

Councillor R.W. Hughes said the nomination for Meliden CP School was withdrawn.

Members agreed that Councillors D.M. Morris and Mr. W.D. Weston be appointed as governors for Prestatyn High School.

**RESOLVED** that the LEA Governor appointment(s) be approved as listed, subject to the above.

#### 7. **MOBILE CLASSROOMS: FUTURE REQUIREMENTS**

The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to a programme of additional mobiles to cater for increased school rolls and a phased replacement of existing stock. Council had approved a sum of £250k as part of the revenue settlements for Lifelong Learning for 2001-2002 to pursue a programme of phased replacement mobiles. Mobiles needed for increased numbers or curriculum reasons may also be provided and furnished from within this allocation.

Councillor E.A. Owens asked whether the plans for mobile classrooms were on target and whether planning permission would delay the process. The Head of Strategy and Resources: Lifelong Learning replied that a meeting with Planning Officers who had indicated that planning permission would not be required.

**RESOLVED** that Members agreed:-

- (a) the contract be let initially for the rental of 10 mobiles for September 2001 and for a further 5 replacement mobiles during the financial year;
- (b) an option to terminate be built into the contract should the need arise, and
- (c) an ongoing review of future replacement mobiles be undertaken in consultation with the Corporate Property Unit and Design Services having regard to the cost implications, condition surveys, Asset Management Plan developments and potential additional capital monies.

**8. PLAS BRONDYFFRYN SCHOOL, REDEVELOPMENT**

The Leader submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to submit Planning Applications in relation to the redevelopment of Plas Brondyffryn school. The National Assembly for Wales has agreed to funding of £2m towards the redevelopment of Plas Brondyffryn School and following the consultation period on the proposed redevelopment the Authority would need to apply for planning permission. Members were asked to note the report.

**RESOLVED** that Members noted the report and endorsed the officers' actions in seeking planning permission in relation to the redevelopment of Plas Brondyffryn School.

**9. CHILDREN FIRST SUMMARY ACTION PLAN**

Councillor A.E. Roberts, Lead Cabinet Member for Personal Services submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' endorsement of the Children First Action Plan, as required by the National Assembly for Wales. Councillor Roberts outlined the key recommendations in respect of improving the health and educational outcomes of children looked after by the Local Authority. Denbighshire had been allocated £320,480 from the National Assembly for Wales for the Children's Services Grant for the Children First programme for 2001-2002 and subject to the Authority achieving designated objectives, the programme would continue to be funded until 2004.

Councillor E.A. Owens expressed concerns about Members' responsibility acting in loco parentis and the need for Members to be involved in the monitoring and decision making. The Director of Personal Services informed Members that the National Assembly for Wales set the timetable for the introduction of the Plan and that the plan would be unachievable if full Member involvement was required at this stage. However, Scrutiny Committee would be involved with the Plan and also links with other Directorates had been established.

Councillor G.M. Kensler asked whether the County Clerk's Department was involved with the Plan. The County Clerk replied that two members of the Legal Department were working closely with Personal Services.

Councillor G.M. Kensler asked how much involvement the Police had with Personal Services with regard to the Plan. The Director of Personal Services explained that the focus of the plan is on improving the health and educational outcomes of children and from that point of view Police involvement was not essential. However, management matters require Social Workers to work closely with the Police.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet endorsed the Children First Summary Action Plan. A full Children First Plan setting out the Authority's proposals in respect of the 11 Children First Objectives to be presented to Cabinet and that National Assembly for Wales by 31.07.2001.

**10. LIQUOR LICENSING DEREGULATION - CONSULTATION ON LICENSING HOURS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE 2001 AND DURING HER MAJESTY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE IN JUNE 2002**

Councillor D.M. Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' authorisation for the Head of Public Protection in consultation with the Environmental Services Director, Lead Member for the Environment and the Chair of the Licensing Committee to forward observations on behalf of the Council to the Home Office in respect of the Consultation Document concerning the above.

Councillor Morris outlined the proposals. For New Year's Eve 2001 the proposal was that premises remain open for 12 hours after the end of normal permitted hours on 31.12.2001, so to remain open until 11.00 a.m. On 01.01.2002, with a review being undertaken following New Year's Day 2002 to include consultation with all relevant parties. For Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee celebrations on 3 and 4 June 2002 the Government proposed that on the 3 June 2002 permitted hours be extended in England and Wales from the normal end at 11.00 p.m. until 1.00 a.m. on the morning of 4 June 2002.

**RESOLVED** that Members authorise the Head of Public Protection in consultation with the Environmental Services Director, Lead Member for the Environment and the Chair of Licensing Committee to reply on behalf of the Council to the Liquor Licensing Deregulation Consultation Paper.

#### 11. **CRIMINAL LAW ACT 1977**

Councillor D.M. Morris, Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members endorsement that officers from the Public Protection Department in consultation with the County Clerk are authorised to investigate infringements of the Statute and when necessary the Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services to institute proceedings on behalf of the Authority.

In 1996 Members agreed to authorise the Director of Housing and Environmental Services when necessary to institute proceedings or take other appropriate enforcement action under various Trading Standards and Environmental Health legislation. As well as this legislation Members authorised the officers to investigate and when necessary institute proceedings for offences under other criminal legislation. One such statute was the Criminal Law Act 1977 which dealt with conspiracy to commit a crime. The Authority had received advice from Counsel that a general reference to this Act was insufficient to allow proceedings to be instituted on behalf of the Authority and that a Council resolution would be required to authorise the Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Service and in his absence the Public Protection Manager to be able to institute proceedings for both common law and statutory conspiracy.

**RESOLVED** that Members agreed that the Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services (and in his absence the Public Protection Manager) in consultation with the County Clerk be authorised to institute proceedings for offences of conspiracy both under common law and also for statutory conspiracy under Section 1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 or any subsequent amending legislation.

#### 12. **FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE**

The Leader said he has spoken with Sue Essex AM regarding access to the countryside earlier in the day. Additional Guidance on Access to the Countryside had been distributed to Members. Letters had been received from Ramblers Associations in support of derestriction.

Councillor D.M. Morris, the Lead Cabinet Member for the Environment submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to adopt a risk assessment process for the consideration of areas of land and/or footpaths/tracks prior to consideration being given to reopening to public and for authorisation to open identified areas where they met the criteria laid down in the risk assessment, indicating minimal or no risk should they be opened. Councillor Morris assured Members that appropriate signage would be used throughout the Authority.

The CEO asked Members to consider the situation carefully and suggested that "on request which are identified" be deleted from the recommendation at 7.1.2.

Members spoke in support of the proposal.

**RESOLVED** that Members:-

- (a) approved the opening up of the areas referred to in Appendix 2 to the report, and
- (b) approved a detailed risk assessment to be carried out on areas / footpaths etc within the County using criteria as recommended by NAFW / MAFF. If found to be suitable for opening up, against the criteria, the Crisis Manager in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Environment and the Corporate Director for the Environment be authorised to open up such

areas following a consultation process, taking into account the material comments of those consulted.

**13. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - SPECIAL NAFW SUPPORT**

The Leader commended the Director of Resources and his staff for all their work with the hardship assistance for businesses in Denbighshire.

**14. LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD - A NEW PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor R.W. Hughes, Lead Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking Members' approval to the development of a new partnership between the County Council and Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod (LIME) through the creation of a new joint post to act as a Chief Executive taking responsibility for the development of the Eisteddfod and management of the Royal International Pavilion.

The Pavilion and the LIME had in the past been managed separately, with LIME managed by volunteer committees and the Pavilion managed by Council staff with the post of Pavilion Manager still vacant. LIME have considered employing a Chief Executive but it was felt that with the start of a new partnership the role of Pavilion Manager and Chief Executive could be combined thereby greater co-operation, joint working and shared resource implications between Denbighshire County Council and LIME would follow.

The joint Chief Executive would be responsible to a joint Management Committee to include the Denbighshire County Council Lead Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism, the Lead Cabinet Member for Property, the Assistant Director of Culture and Leisure with three LIME committee members.

Councillor Hughes said that the Eisteddfod Committee had now agreed to have a joint post.

**RESOLVED** that Members approved the development of a new partnership between Denbighshire County Council and LIME through the creation of a new joint post to act as a Chief Executive taking responsibility for development of the LIME and management of the Royal International Pavilion.

**15. SCALA CINEMA, PRESTATYN**

Councillor R.W. Hughes, Lead Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism updated Members on the situation at the Scala Cinema. Both Denbighshire officers and the Consultants had reported to the Scala Advisory Group that it was now too dangerous for staff from the scaffolding company to go into parts of the building and that their recommendation was to demolish the auditorium whilst keeping the facade. The Scala Advisory Group had agreed with the recommendations.

Councillor I.M. German said she had attended the meeting of the Scala Advisory Group and she wished to congratulate Councillors R.W. Hughes, S. Drew and M.A. German and also Tony Hughes of Leisure Services for all their work at that meeting.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the report.

**16. WLGA: MONITORING COMMITTEES FOR THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LEADER+ PROGRAMMES**

The Leader submitted the report (circulated at the meeting) seeking Member's nomination for 1 Member and one support officer to serve on the Monitoring Committees for the Rural Development Plan and Leader+ Programmes.

**RESOLVED** that Members nominated Councillor E.C. Edwards to serve on the Monitoring Committees for the Rural Development Plan and Leader+ Programmes.

**17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

***RESOLVED** under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 8, 9 and 10 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.*

**18. RECRUITMENT**

The Leader of the Council submitted the report (circulated at the meeting) seeking approval for external advertisement:-

Graduate Trainee Sc 4-6 - Chief Executive's Policy Department

The Chief Executive explained the current situation regarding internal applicants and the need to ensure that the vacancy (and any subsequent vacancy) be filled as soon as possible. Hence his recommendation that an external trawl be mounted and internal candidates considered alongside other applications received.

***RESOLVED** that the external advertisement of the above post be approved.*

**19. RADIO MAST, RHYL**

Councillor W.R. Webb, Lead Cabinet Member for Property submitted the report (previously circulated) seeking a policy decision on the installation of radio masts on Council premises. A Communications Group had expressed an interest in locating a mast on Council owned property. However, there are increased concerns regarding perceived health risks particularly in urban areas and especially in the vicinity of schools. The Stewart Report, by an independent expert group on mobile phones recommend a precautionary approach to siting radio masts. The site under consideration was opposite the entrance to a school.

The Head of Planning had advised that a mast of 15m or above would require formal planning permission which would involve public consultation. Further information on the siting and style of the proposed mast would be required in order to gauge the acceptability of the mast along with full justification. Communications Groups would be encouraged to share free standing masts.

Councillor E.A. Owens said at least one Denbighshire school had a mast sited on school land and the funds received had been used to finance school activities.

***RESOLVED** that Members recommend to Council the imposing of a temporary ban on the installation of radio masts on Council premises (other than where there are existing installations) pending Government guidance.*

**20. REVENUES DIVISION - HOUSING RENTS**

Councillor E.A. Owens, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance and Councillor A.E. Roberts, Lead Cabinet Member for Personal Services submitted the report (previously circulated) advising Members of the current position of the Housing Rents section and to make recommendations regarding its restructure to enable the Authority to set in place a recovery plan to respond positively to the Best Value Inspectorate report. Members were also asked to approve the increased costs of running the service.

Councillor Owens said that whilst it was accepted that there were severe problems with Housing Rents, the Best Value Inspectorate's report had been factually inaccurate. To put Housing Rents on a firm footing it was proposed to employ more staff, to provide training for staff and for Housing Estates Services and Housing Rents to be both based on geographical areas.

The Director of Resources added that following discussions with the Head of Housing Services, financial reforecasts had been prepared which incorporated the increased costs and allowed for a higher bad debt provision.

Councillor G.M. Kensler asked whether the new staffing structure and increased expenditure would finally resolve the problems in the Housing Rents department. Councillor E.A. Owens said that no guarantees could be given.

Councillor W.R. Webb said the Inspectorate's report was unhelpful in that the Housing Rents had been a pilot scheme. The Chief Executive agreed with Councillor Webb and said that in the first year Denbighshire and other Authorities had wanted to learn from the process.

**RESOLVED** that Members noted the report, approved the staffing restructure of the Housing Rents section and approved the increased costs of running the service.

## **21. SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE - REVIEW OF COSTS AND SAVINGS**

Councillor E.A. Owens, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance submitted the report (previously circulated) which detailed the costs / savings of the Directorate Restructure carried out the previous year. Councillor Owens said a target figure of £250k had been set with £198k savings achieved. For the current year a target of £220k savings had been set and the provisional figure saved would be £200k.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the report.

At this juncture (11.15 p.m) the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes to allow Members to participate in refreshments.

Cabinet reconvened with the Press and Public being readmitted under Part I of the Agenda.

## **22. PRESENTATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WALES**

The Leader welcomed Dr. Huw Jones, the Chief Executive and Jane Clough, Regional Manager of the Sports Council for Wales to the Cabinet meeting.

Dr. Jones based his presentation on "A Strategy for Sport in Wales: Young People First".

The Sports Council was involved in partnership working with Local Authorities and others and the 22 Welsh Local Authorities are involved in the Community Chest Scheme. Dr. Jones discussed the importance of Education / PE in keeping children healthy. However, figures show that sports is given insufficient importance under the National Curriculum and a reduction in time has been given to in-service training and to PE in schools.

Dr. Jones provided further information indicating that the number and variety of sports facilities across Wales had improved greatly since the early 1970s. Twice as many participate in sports than in the 1970s in consequence but the figures appear to have reached a plateau. Denbighshire was included in the Rural Wales figure and had amongst the highest participation figures in the Principality with a figure of 69%.

Dr. Jones mentioned the deprived areas of the country, in particular Rhyl West which has the highest social deprivation in all of Wales. The 'Sport for All' community development approach had been adopted by the Sports Council. The Sports Council gave funding and help and guidance to local projects.

Dragon Sport had been established with the aim of creating opportunities for all primary age children and the 22 Welsh Local Authorities had Dragon Sport officers in post. The officers would look to involve volunteers to help with recreational after-school activities.

£13m per annum was received from the Lottery by the Sports Council for Wales but the challenge was what remained to be done. Dr Jones quoted Marie Curie, "One never notices what has been done; one only seeks what remains to be done".

The Leader thanked Dr. Jones for his informative presentation.

Members then took the opportunity to ask questions.

Councillor R.W. Hughes, Lead Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism thanked the Chief Executive for his presentation. Councillor Hughes also expressed her gratitude for the way in which the Sports Council for Wales delivered their service and for their willingness to work in partnership with the Local Authority.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 p.m.

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**CABINET MEMBER: LEADER**

**DATE: 29 MAY 2001**

**SUBJECT: WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE: MEMBERSHIP**

**1. DECISION SOUGHT**

To nominate one member to represent Denbighshire County Council on the WLGA Co-ordinating Committee for the twelve months commencing with the sixth Annual Meeting of the Association on 15th June 2001.

**2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

Section 8 of the WLGA Constitution stipulates that, at each Annual Meeting, the WLGA Council shall establish a Co-ordinating Committee comprising:

- (i) one member appointed by each local authority in full membership from among those members it has appointed to the Council of the Association; and
- (ii) such additional number of members appointed by the Council from its own membership as is necessary to ensure that where a political group has a majority on the Council of the Association that political group has a majority of at least one on the Co-ordinating Committee.

Members will appreciate that the Committee thus formed represents the collective Leadership of Local Government in Wales and that the office holders to be selected by the Council of the Association must be members of the Co-ordinating Committee.

For Members' information, Denbighshire County Council is currently represented on the Co-ordinating Committee by Councillor W.R. Webb.

**3. COST IMPLICATIONS**

Approved duty.

**4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

N/A

**5. CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT**

N/A

**6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

N/A

**7. RECOMMENDATION**

That Members nominate a Councillor to represent Denbighshire County Council on the WLGA Co-ordinating Committee for the twelve months commencing with the sixth Annual Meeting of the Association on 15th June 2001.

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER: LEADER**

**DATE: 29 MAY 2001**

**SUBJECT: WLGA ~ APPOINTMENT OF NEW ADVISERS**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

Whether or not to nominate officers to serve as Standing Advisers both on the Welsh Language and on Waste for the WLGA.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

The WLGA have increased the numbers of Standing Advisers on the Welsh Language and on Waste and have asked for nominations of appropriate officers from this Council by no later than 15 June 2001.

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

Travel costs for attendance at meetings will be borne by the Council. However, should Advisers represent the Association on outside bodies then the WLGA will reimburse travel costs.

**4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The associated travel etc costs will need to be funded by the base budget of the service concerned.

**5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

Corporate Director for Lifelong Learning and Corporate Director for the Environment to provide names of recommended officers for these roles. The names provided are:

Dilys Hughes, Senior Education Officer and Eirwen Jones, Welsh Advisory Teacher for the Advisers on the Welsh Language

Ken Ewing, Head of Public Protection and Regulatory Services and Brian Lyden, Community Services Manager: Public Protection and Regulatory Services for the Advisers on Waste.

**6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

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**7 RECOMMENDATION**

That Members nominate the named officers as Standing Advisers to the WLGA on the Welsh Language and on Waste.

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VACANCY CONTROL  
APPROVAL FOR THE FILLING OF VACANT POSTS BY EXTERNAL  
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Directorate: Personal Services Section: Mental Illness Team, Llangollen

Post Title : Sessional Workers Salary Grade: Sc3 temporary posts

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

There is a shortage of Sessional Workers in the Llangollen and Corwen areas, and the Service Manager wishes to advertise in the Job Centres in those areas. Sessional workers never attain permanency, their hours are 'as and when required'. They work short sessions supporting adults who have mental health needs and who require assistance to enable them to remain in their own community. Without the Sessional Workers support the clients in the areas mentioned above will not have access to the assistance they require, and the team will not be in a position to cover their workload.

Signed: Maïnor Hughes (Corporate Director)

Dated: 15/5/2001

Signed: A.R. Roberts <sup>Lead member</sup> ~~(Chair)~~ of Service Committee

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> May 01

To : Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 21.05.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

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VACANCY CONTROL  
APPROVAL FOR THE FILLING OF VACANT POSTS BY EXTERNAL  
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Directorate: Personal Services Section: Admin, Morfa Hall, Rhyl

Post Title : Admin Support to FAO's Salary Grade: Sc2 scp 11-13

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

The internal advert for this post has just closed, the only applicant does not meet the criteria required. The Admin. Manager wishes to advertise the post externally as soon as possible. This post supports the Financial Assessment Officers in their work of dealing with payments and invoices of Clients, and inputting the clients hours onto the Community Care database. Without this post the work will backlog and payments could be delayed.

Signed: Merion Hughes (Corporate Director)

Dated: 15/5/2001

Signed: A.R. Roberts <sup>Local Member</sup> (Chair of Service Committee)

Dated: 16/5/01

To : Cabinet

Signed: [Signature]

(on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 21.05.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

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VACANCY CONTROL  
APPROVAL FOR THE FILLING OF VACANT POSTS BY EXTERNAL  
ADVERTISEMENT

Directorate: Personal Services Section: Staff Development/Training, Henllan

Post Title : Staff Development Officer Salary Grade: PO1scp 33-36 £21, 585 - £23,259

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

The internal advert for this post has just closed, without any interest being shown, this is a temporary 3 year contract from the Children's First funding to co-ordinate and develop the staff development and training programmes for staff in Children's Services as part of the overall comprehensive staff development service to employees at all levels of the Social Services Department.

Without this post we would fail to prepare staff to deliver the Assessment Framework, Children First, Child Protection Procedures, new Adoption and Leaving Care Procedures and meet good practice in Recording and Planning as required by SSI.

Signed: Meirion Hughes (Corporate Director)

Dated: 15/5/2001

Signed: AER <sup>Lead Member</sup> ~~(Chair)~~ of Service Committee

Dated: 16/5/01

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (on behalf of the Cabinet) Date: 21.05.2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

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VACANCY CONTROL

APPROVAL FOR THE FILLING OF VACANT POSTS BY EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Directorate: Lifelong Learning

Section: Culture and Leisure: Countryside Service

Post Title: Walking the Way to Health Co-ordinator

Salary Grade: Sc2

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT

(This part must be completed for all posts)

Walking the Way to Health is a new national initiative promoted by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW). It aims to help disadvantaged and sedentary people improve their health and well-being by promoting regular walking. The Countryside Service propose to take advantage of this worthwhile initiative, and the project is to be developed in the Rhyl area but requires a part-time co-ordinator to take the project forward, organise and lead walks and develop community and volunteer links.

The post is temporary until end of March 2002 and has attracted 95% external funding from CCW and Health Alliance partnership. The remaining funds will be found from within the Countryside budget. The post has been advertised internally but no suitable applicants have come forward to date. It is requested that the post be advertised externally.

Signed: Shirley Bowen (Corporate Director)

Dated: 16.05.01

Signed: Dr. Darran Hyslop (Lead Member)

Dated: 16-05-01

To: Cabinet

Signed: [Signature] (Leader)

Dated: 16 May 2001

Approved Refused

Comments/Reasons

95% Funded by ICCW  
+ Health Alliance

Please return this form to:

Emma Safhill, Personnel Officer, Directorate of Lifelong Learning, Caledfryn, Smithfield Road, Denbigh

CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR E C EDWARDS LEADER

DATE: 29 MAY 2001

SUBJECT: DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TEACHERS  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (DCC/TCC)

1. **DECISION SOUGHT**

1.1 To nominate two LEA representatives to meet with the Teachers Union side at future meetings of the proposed new forum.

2. **REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

2.1 At the County Council meeting held on 15th May 2001 Members endorsed a recommendation from the DCC/TCC that the work of the Committee be subsumed to a similar forum to that of the Denbighshire Teachers Joint Negotiating Committee.

2.2 It was also agreed that the Lead Cabinet Member for Education and the Chair of the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee be nominated to participate in those discussions together with two other nominated LEA representatives.

3. **COST IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None

4. **FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

4.1 Not applicable

5. **CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

5.1 The Teachers Union representatives are in agreement with the proposed arrangements.

6. **IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

6.1 None

7. **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 Cabinet is requested to nominate two LEA representatives to meet with the Teachers Union side at future meetings of the new forum.

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 7**

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR E C EDWARDS LEADER**

**DATE: 29 MAY 2001**

**SUBJECT: COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON LEISURE CENTRE USER FORUMS**

**1. DECISION SOUGHT**

1.1 To request Cabinet to determine the Member representatives to serve on the Corwen and Denbigh Leisure Centre User Forums.

**2. REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

2.1 At the Cabinet meeting held on 22nd March 2001 Members approved the Constitution, Terms of Reference and membership of the new Leisure Centre User Forums for all seven of the Leisure Centres within Denbighshire. The membership arrangements are attached as Appendix A to this report.

2.2 With regard to the County Council membership on the Forum Cabinet agreed that nominations be sought from Groups and referred back to Cabinet if over subscribed. I have now received all the Groups' nominations and you will note from Appendix B to this report the Corwen and Denbigh Forums are over subscribed.

**3. COST IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None

**4. FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

4.1 Not applicable

**5. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

5.1 Nominations for the Forums were sought from Group Leaders.

**6. IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

6.1 Leisure Centre User Forums are an important component of Best Value.

**7. RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 Cabinet is requested to determine the County Council representation on the Corwen and Denbigh Leisure Centre User Forum.



## LEISURE CENTRE USERS FORUM : MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

1.	Corwen Leisure Centre	2 County Councillors 2 Corwen Community Council 1 Denbighshire Sports Council 2 User/Club representatives 1 School User Representative 1 Centre Manager <b>9</b>
2.	Denbigh Leisure Centre	3 County Councillors 3 High School (Governors / Teaching Staff) 2 Denbigh Town Council 1 Denbighshire Sports Council 2 User/Club representatives 1 Centre Manager <b>12</b>
3.	Llangollen Leisure Centre	3 County Councillors 3 High School (Governors / Teaching Staff) 2 Llangollen Town Council 1 Denbighshire Sports Council 2 User/Club representatives 1 Centre Manager <b>12</b>
4.	Prestatyn Leisure Centre	4 County Councillors 3 High School (Governors / Teaching Staff) 2 Prestatyn Town Council 1 Denbighshire Sports Centre 2 User/Club representatives 1 Centre Manager <b>13</b>
5.	Rhyl Leisure Centre	4 County Councillors 3 High School (Governors / Teaching Staff) 2 Rhyl Town Council 1 Denbighshire Sports Council 2 User/Club representatives 1 Centre Manager <b>13</b>
6.	Ruthin Leisure Centre	3 County Councillors 3 High School (Governors / Teaching Staff) 2 Ruthin Town Council 1 Denbighshire Sports Council 2 User/Club representatives 1 Centre Manager <b>12</b>
	St Asaph Leisure Centre	3 County Councillors 3 High School (Governors / Teaching Staff) 2 St Asaph Town Council 1 Denbighshire Sports Council 2 User/Club representatives 1 Centre Manager <b>12</b>

<b>CENTRE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE</b>	
CORWEN	2	W.R. Webb D Holder C.H. Williams	(I) (C) (P.C.)
DENBIGH	3	A.E. Roberts R.E. Jones D Jones G.M. Kensler	(I) (I) (Lab) (P.C.)
LLANGOLLEN	3	A.J. Tobin W.R. Webb D Holder	(I) (I) (C)
PRESTATYN	4	N.H. Jones T.M. Parry S. Drew M.A. German	(I) (I) (DAW) (DAW)
RHYL	4	A.E. Fletcher-Williams J. Butterfield W.G. Thomas F. Shaw	(I) (Lab) (Lab) (Lab)
RUTHIN	3	K.N. Hawkins E.C. Edwards G. Jones	(I) (I) (P.C.)
ST ASAPH	3	J.A. Smith D.A. Thomas M.LI. Davies	(I) (I) (P.C.)

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** COUNCILLOR ALBY ROBERTS

**DATE:** 29 May 2001

**SUBJECT:** Authorisation of New Inspector

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

To seek Cabinet approval to authorise the person named below in order that they are able to inspect homes within Denbighshire.

Named Officer: Susan Amy Thelwell

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

2.1 Section 17(2) of the Registered Homes Act requires that 'any person authorised in that behalf by a registration authority may at all times enter and inspect premises which are used, or which that person has reasonable cause to believe to be used, for those purposes'.

2.2 Section 17(3) states 'the powers of inspection conferred by sub-section (2) above shall include power to inspect any records required to be kept in accordance with regulations under this part of the Act'.

2.3 The Children Act 1989 Section 62 consequent to Section 64 (4) requires the same authorisation to enter premises and inspect.

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

There are no financial implications.

**5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

N/A

**6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

N/A

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

That Cabinet approve the authorisation of the named Officer.

**CABINET MEMBER:** COUNCILLOR ALBY ROBERTS

**DATE:** 29 May 2001

**SUBJECT:** Services to People with a Mental Illness - Mental Health Act 1983 - Approved Social Workers

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

To seek Cabinet approval for the Appointment of Approved Social Workers.

**2.1 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

Under the provision of Section 114 of the Mental Health Act 1983, the Authority is required to appoint a sufficient number of Approved Social Workers to discharge the statutory functions conferred upon it by the Act. Approved Social Workers may be appointed for a period of up to five years.

2.2 The following Social Workers are employed by this Authority and appointed to act as Approved Social Workers. Their appointment period is now due for renewal. In applying for this renewal, they have satisfied your Officers that they continue to have the necessary knowledge and skill to act in this capacity.

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Alan James  
Ellie Jones  
Lis Lewis  
Phillip Murray  
Johnny O'Hagan  
David Richards  
Val Thomas

2.3 The undernoted Social Worker is employed on a sessional basis by this authority to carry out the duties of an Approved Social Worker Out-of-Hours. He has satisfied your Officers that he has the necessary knowledge and skill to act in this capacity.

Walter Barr

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

There are no financial implications.

**5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

Not required.

**6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

N/A

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Cabinet receive this report
2. That Cabinet formally approve the Appointment of the Social Workers named
3. That these Appointments should take immediate effect; that those named at 2.2 remain valid until 31st December 2005 and at 2.3 until 31st December 2002.

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** Councillor D M Morris

**DATE:** 29 May 2001

**SUBJECT:** **LOCAL ROAD SAFETY GRANT**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

That the proposed programme of work using National Assembly funding be approved.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

The National Assembly for Wales has informed the Council of the granting of £125,000 to the Council for 2001-02 under its Local Road Safety Grant scheme. The grant is intended to support the Council's local road safety strategy as described in the Local Transport Plan. It can be used to supplement both revenue and capital expenditure. The Assembly has indicated that it would like to see the money allocated to a wide range of projects that will provide the maximum contribution to road safety enhancements.

The Local Transport Plan indicates that road safety improvements will be made through the introduction of engineering schemes and education, training and publicity measures. The priority for engineering schemes is to treat individual sites with high accident concentrations. In providing education, training and publicity the aim is to improve the safe use of the County's roads by all age groups.

The Appendix lists accident concentration sites by frequency of accidents. These are locations where four or more recorded injury accidents have been recorded over the three year period 1998 - 2000 within a 20 metre radius. A number of sites have already been the subject of remedial schemes and, or are programmed for improvement using other sources of funding. It is proposed to implement schemes using the Local Road Safety Grant at all the locations shown in the Appendix as a two year programme.

The first years programme based on sites with the highest accident rate is proposed as follows:

- A5151/B5119, Waterfall Road/High Street/Ffordd Cwm, Dyserth
- A525 Sarn Lane to Morfa Lodge roundabout (introduction of speed limit)
- A5104 near Cae Madoc Uchaf, west of A542 junction, Llandegla
- A525 Denbigh Road outside Post Office, Ruthin
- A548 Russell Road/Bath Street, Rhyl
- A525 Upper Denbigh Road/Chester Street/Mount Road, St Asaph
- A525 Vale Road/Prince Edward Avenue, Rhyl

Further Local Road Safety Grant funding will be available next financial year with the remaining schemes in the Appendix forming the basis of the second phase programme.

Other accident remedial schemes for the current financial year are proposed for Pen-cae-du crossroads on the B5428 to the west of Trefnant and at Anchor Corner in Ruthin. A scheme has been prepared for the Pen Cae Du crossroads since the time of local government reorganisation and, despite a fatality at this location, it has not been possible until now to fund it. Submissions have been made to the Assembly for the past two years for Safe Routes to School funding for the introduction of traffic signals at Anchor Corner in Ruthin. There is no significant accident problem at the Corner, however, perceived dangers have been identified by Ruthin Town Council, groups of parents and head teachers of the schools in Ruthin. It has been noted in correspondence from Sue Essex AM, Minister for Environment that she is prepared to allow Local Road Safety Grant funding to be used for improvements at Anchor Corner.

An element of the Grant will be used for revenue funding for education, training and publicity. Emphasis will be placed on providing training for young drivers through sponsoring "Pass Plus" post-driving test training, and for primary school age children through Theatre in Education performances in the County during autumn 2001. Preparatory work is also proposed into the establishment of in-car driving assessment for the older driver.

### **3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed programme of work is to be funded entirely from the National Assembly Local Road Safety Grant funding.

### **4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The costs of the proposals will need to be contained within the NAW special grant as no additional funding is available.

### **5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

The proposals take account of Community concerns as raised by Local individuals and groups within the context of technical appraisal.

### **6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

The proposed programme of work will contribute to the Council's key strategic objective of improving the quality of life for all residents through reducing the risk of involvement in road traffic accidents.

### **7 RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be received and the proposed programme of work be endorsed and implemented by the Head of Highways & Transportation.

## APPENDIX

Analysis has identified locations where there are concentrations of accidents in Denbighshire. The cluster sites, where the largest numbers of accidents have been recorded, are listed below. These consist of locations where five or more recorded injury accidents have been recorded over the three year period 1998 - 2000 within a 20 metre radius. Trunk roads, which are the responsibility of the National Assembly, are excluded.

No. of accidents	Locations	Measures taken
8	A5104/B5437, Ty Newydd crossroads, near Corwen	Scheme implemented - 2000
7	A548 Russell Road/Tynwydd Road/Rhyl Coast Road, Rhyl	Upgrade of traffic signals proposed for implementation in 2002 - 03
7	A525 Vale Road/Kinmel Street/High Street/Brighton Road, Rhyl	Upgrade of traffic signals proposed for implementation in 2001 - 02 (Package Bid funding)
7	A5151/B5119, Waterfall Road/High Street/Ffordd Cwm, Dyserth	Scheme to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant
7	A525/Sarn Lane, Rhuddlan	Right turn ban implemented, speed limit to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant
6	A547 Ffordd Talargoch/Dyserth Road/Waterfall Road, Dyserth	Scheme implemented - 2000
6	A548 Wellington Road/Bodfor Street/Queen Street, Rhyl	Upgrade of traffic signals proposed for implementation in 2001-02 (Package Bid funding)
6	A525 Vale Road/Marsh Road, Rhyl	Traffic signals introduced - 2000
5	A547 Ffordd Talargoch, Allt y Graig crossroads, Meliden	Scheme implemented - 2000
5	A548 Victoria Road/Bastion Road/Marine Road, Prestatyn	Upgrade of traffic signals proposed for implementation in 2002 - 03
5	A525/A547 Morfa Lodge roundabout, Rhuddlan	Scheme implemented - 2000, also speed limit to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant
5	A525 Vale Road between junctions with Millbank Road and Marsh Road, Rhyl	Covered by introduction of traffic signals at Vale Road/Marsh Road junction in 2000
4	Fforddisa/Ffordd Penrhwyfya, Prestatyn	No proposals for this year
4	A548 Wellington Road/Ffynnongroew Road, Rhyl	Traffic signals to be introduced 2001 - 02 (Safe Routes to School funding)
4	A5104 near Cae Madoc Uchaf, west of A542 junction, Llandegla	Scheme to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant
4	A548 Wellington Road/Vaughan Street, Rhyl	No proposals for this year
4	A525 Denbigh Road outside Post Office, Ruthin	Scheme to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant
4	A548 Russell Road/Bath Street, Rhyl	Scheme to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant
4	B5118 West Parade/Abbey Street, Rhyl	No proposals for this year
4	A525 Upper Denbigh Road/Chester Street/Mount Road, St Asaph	Scheme to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant
4	A525 Vale Road/Prince Edward Avenue, Rhyl	Scheme to be introduced using Local Road Safety Grant

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR W R WEBB**

**DATE: 29 May 2001**

**SUBJECT: ERECTION OF A SUNDIAL ON ST. ASAPH COMMON BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ST.ASAPH**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

Consent of the Council as regulators for permission to erect a sundial on the Common St. Asaph.

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

The land is regulated by a Scheme for the Regulation and Management of St. Asaph Common made by St. Asaph RDC in 1901 and subsequently amended. Denbighshire CC. is the successor to Rhuddlan BC. and permission must be sought from the Denbighshire CC as the new regulators.

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

No cost implications to the Council

**5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

The County Clerk has no objections subject to Planning Approval and all other necessary consents being obtained.

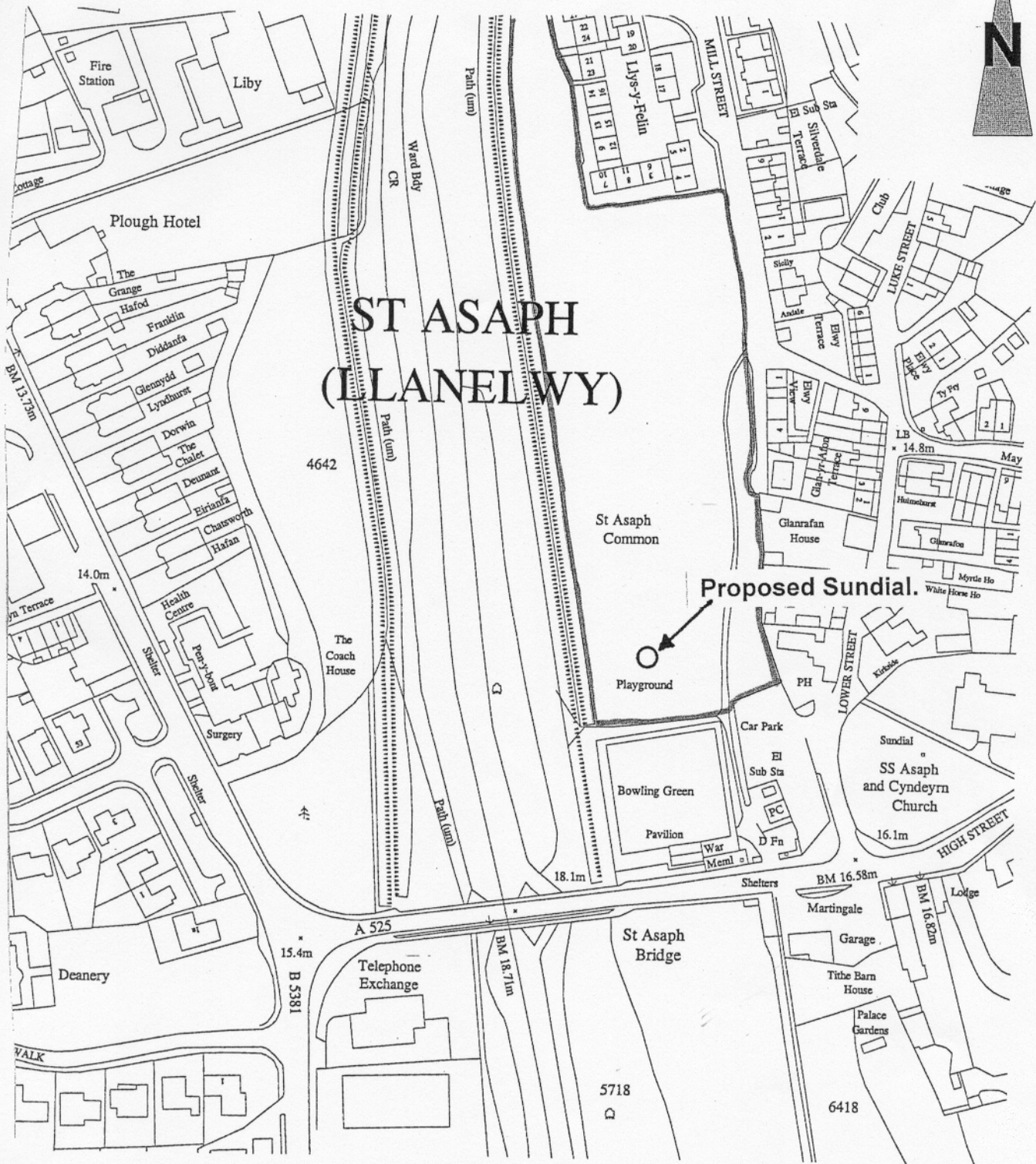
**6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

None

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

That Members grant permission as regulators of St. Asaph Common to The Rotary Club of St. Asaph to erect a sundial on St Asaph Common subject to Planning Approval and all other necessary consents being obtained,





# Proposed Sundial at St. Asaph.

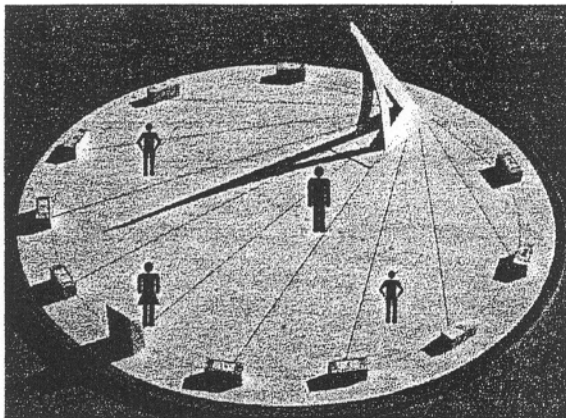


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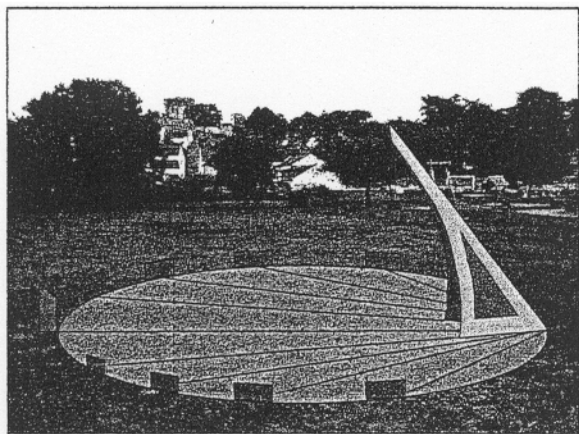
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# ROTARY CLUB OF ST.ASAPH - PROPOSED SUNDIAL



SCALE MODEL OF SUNDIAL



SUNDIAL SKETCH SUPERIMPOSED ON PHOTO OF COMMON

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER: LEADER**

**DATE: 29 MAY 2001**

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NUCLEAR FREE FORUM**

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

To determine whether to continue to subscribe to the Nuclear Free Forum

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

2.1 Members will recall that this issue arose at the Cabinet on 1 May 2001. Members at that time requested the views of the nominated Councillors who attend the Nuclear Free Forum meetings. Enclosed, therefore, are the views of the Members who responded.

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Annual Subscription is £887.

**4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The subscription detailed above is provided for within the base budget.

**5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

5.1 See Members' comments.

**6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

6.1 The NFF work relates to Agenda 21 issues.

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 For Cabinet to determine whether to continue supporting the Membership of the above organisations.

**Comments received from Councillor M A German:**

In order to assist the Cabinet in determining the value of the councils subscription to the forum so our membership can continue I am submitting the following points.

1. The Nuclear Free Forum places great value on the support of the Welsh County Authorities, the financial subscription from each council presents good value for money and enables the Forum to continue its work and research surrounding the whole issue of radioactive materials and their use.
2. Radioactivity can come from many sources including Military, Civil and Natural and the work of the Forum highlights the dangers when strict safety guidelines are not adhered to.
3. In recent years there have been many instances where relatively trivial and minor nuclear and radioactive mistakes have resulted in serious problems for many people not to mention the financial burden that countries have had to face in costly clean-ups.
4. The Forum manages to monitor the safe use of Nuclear materials and quickly identifies areas of negligence in transportation, use, disposal and re-processing of radioactive products.

For the past year new legislation insists that Council Planning/Building Regulations now requires provision of protection in homes from the dangers of penetrating Radon Gas and its Radium components and I understand that this has been the subject of reports to the NFF.

We are all aware of the associated perils of treating the subject of Nuclear Power and Re-processing too lightly and there are many questions still being asked about clusters of Cancer amongst those in areas where radioactive materials are used or disposed of. There can be no doubt about the importance of Denbighshire remaining a member of the Nuclear Free Forum and continuing to pay their subscription in order that the work of this organisation can continue.

Further information that supports the need for our continued membership can be gathered from many other associated organisations and medical centres throughout the country.

Councillor M.A.German  
16.05.2001

**Comments received from Councillor G Jones:**

It is important to have a local government voice on nuclear topics.

The Chernobyl incident happened 15 years ago, sending a radioactive cloud travelling 2000km across 20 countries including Wales with its effects still on communities and which has caused a considerable increase in the incidence of cancer amongst children and adults.

A potential accident on the Sellafield site where there are a number of nuclear waste facilities storing "Highly Active Nuclear Waste". If an accident happened it would be ten to a hundred times worse than the disaster at Chernobyl.

There is a continuing problem in how to deal with nuclear waste. It is difficult to find acceptable sites and is a problem which is on the increase.

There is a real need for the Forum to be a strong voice on behalf of Local Government and to take part in discussions of the future of Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station and Wylfa, and a lot of other nuclear topics especially Sellafield.

I am as a member representing Denbighshire attending meetings of the Forum on a fairly regular basis, am certain that the work that is being carried out by them is important e.g. to ensure that the nuclear industry keeps to the environmental protection rules and that they keep within safety guidelines.

We have a responsibility on behalf of the next generation and the next generation after that and onwards, to try to ensure that we have a safe and healthy world for them to live in.

It is the Forum's ambition to have the whole of Wales as Members. No part of the country is safe if an accident happens, it depends on wind direction.

Because of the above comments, this is the value of membership of the Forum. I hope that this has been of help to you in coming to your decision. Thank you for the opportunity of giving my comments.

Councillor G Jones  
21.05.2001

## NUCLEAR FREE POLICY

A "Nuclear Free Policy" is clearly not a statement of fact. It is a statement of intent. It is a declaration of determination to work for a better and sustainable nuclear free future.

Half a century of nuclear development in the UK has left no community untouched by its consequences. From Northern Ireland and the North of Scotland, through West Wales, to the East and South of England communities grapple with the waste legacy of nuclear power and weapons programmes.

70 major and minor nuclear sites across the country, including power stations and research reactors; nuclear fuel cycle plant; nuclear weapon establishments and storage sites; Navy nuclear bases and berths; all present their own public safety and environmental burden during operation and closure. And as yet unsolved national policy dilemma exists about the disposal of radioactive waste from these operations.

Civil and military nuclear materials are shipped by road rail and air across the country and nuclear wastes are routinely dispersed into the environment by discharges to sea, rivers and the atmosphere new danger is on the horizon with increasing nuclear operator pressure to dippers and dilute solid contaminated materials through greater use of landfill disposal or radioactive scrap metal recycling.

15 years on from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Ukraine, livestock in parts of the UK raised on farmland contaminated by Chernobyl fallout, remain too radioactive for human consumption.

Established in 1980 as a campaign against the threat of annihilation by nuclear weapons-a danger which deepens from international nuclear proliferation and "nuclear weapon state" inaction- the Nuclear Free Local Authorities has developed into an established local government lobby campaigning to eliminate both civil and military nuclear hazards.

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**CABINET MEMBER:** LEADER

**DATE:** 1 MAY 2001

**SUBJECT:** MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE INSTITUTE OF WELSH AFFAIRS AND THE NUCLEAR FREE FORUM

**1 DECISION SOUGHT**

To determine whether to continue to fund Membership subscriptions to the Institute of Welsh Affairs and the Nuclear Free Forum

**2 REASON FOR SEEKING DECISION**

2.1 Both subscriptions for the above organisations are up for renewal. It is timely therefore whether to consider continuing the Authority's Membership.

2.2 The Authority has been a Members of both organisations since it commenced. The work of both organisations has been supported by the Authority. With the Nuclear Free Forum our Members have regularly attended meetings and conferences and Membership of the Forum has sent a signal concerning the stance of the Authority on nuclear issues.

2.3 With the IWA Denbighshire was host to a substantial conference in Llangollen the Chief Executive has contributed a significant work to the pantheon of publications. The IWA produces worthwhile literature to assist in the policy formation in local government. This year the IWA will, among other things, be carrying work on regeneration in Wales (a comparative study with the North East of England); the Irish lessons on Objective One and on the Welsh Baccalaureate.

**3 COST IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Annual Subscriptions are as follows:

IWA	£500
NFF	£887

**4 FINANCIAL CONTROLLER STATEMENT**

The subscriptions detailed above are provided for within the base budget.

**5 CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

5.1 Chief Executive

**6 IMPLICATIONS ON OTHER POLICY AREAS INCLUDING CORPORATE**

6.1 The work of the IWA feeds into the corporate policy discussion for Wales.

6.2 The NFF work relates to Agenda 21 issues.

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 For Cabinet to determine whether to continue supporting the Membership of the above organisations.