

1. Attendance and Apologies

- 1.1 **Present:** John Graystone (in the Chair), Chris Franks, Gerry Jenson, Cathy Clark, June Jeremy, Sonia Reynolds (Vice Chair), Dafydd Rhys, Toni Schiavone (Vice Chair), Heather Willbourn. The meeting was quorate throughout.
- 1.2 **Apologies:** Kaitlin Crisp, David Elis-Williams, Caroline Davies, Gayle Hudson, Marjorie Williams, Nick Taylor, Iwan Hywel.
- 1.3 **Absent:** Glenys Hughes-Jones.
- 1.4 **In Attendance:** Kathryn Robson (Acting Chief Executive), Mark Baines (Head of Finance and Resources), Cath Hicks (Head of HR and Workforce Development), Stephen Thomas (Clerk), Steffan Wiliam (simultaneous interpreter).

Council Confidential Business of 1 September 2017– see minutes 2 to 5 inclusive, separately minuted.

Council Open Business – minutes 6 to 8 inclusive.

6. Minutes of Open Business at the Council meeting of 24 July 2017 and matters arising not on the agenda

The minutes of the Open Business at the previous Council meeting, held in Ebbw Vale, were approved as a correct record. There were two matters arising:

Minute 5 – Coleg Harlech site update: the reduction in staffing and associated costs relating to the site from 1 August 2017 had been implemented. The integrity and dryness of the library were being maintained, and the move to the theatre building was in train for our new academic year's needs. The most active organisation amongst those that had expressed interest in the site was now Snowdonia Aerospace LLP, in relation to its drone-based business at nearby Llanbedr airfield and its training (and possibly accommodation) needs.

Minute 5 – Draft formal agreement with Wales TUC Cymru: the proposed agreement was still undergoing final changes and negotiation, so would now be before the Council's Wrexham meeting in late September.

7. Campaign Group meeting of 31 August 2017

A summary note was tabled from the previous day's Campaign Group meeting convened in Cardiff. Sonia Reynolds described the background to this ad hoc body, and its successful exploits when campaigning prior to the 2016 National Assembly elections. The group had met in order to prepare a core message for use in response to the Welsh Government's Adult Community Learning Review and the options that stemmed from it which were under consideration. It had been agreed that Jeremy

Gass (a former WEA Cymru Council member) would draft a brief for the Group, welcoming the recent Adult Learning Policy Statement that had appeared from Welsh Government and pointing out our strengths in relation to its stated priorities. The intention was to present a final draft of that brief to the Council at its late September meeting. Other activities that had been suggested were meeting local authorities' representatives, as part of broader partnership working, and establishing both open and closed Facebook groups for this campaigning initiative.

8. Forthcoming Council dates confirmed for the diary

The two already agreed were confirmed, with their venues specified:

1.00 pm, Wednesday 27 September 2017: Catrin Finch Centre, Glyndŵr University, Wrexham

12.30 pm, Thursday 30 November 2017: Coopers Yard, Cardiff (revised location)