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Amlwch Town Council Chairman's Report 2016/17 **Gareth Winston Roberts OBE**

1. 2017/18 Town Council Rates

Good financial management of the Town Council's finances has resulted in no increase in the council rates for 2017/18.

2. Trefi Mon

Assisted in the establishment of the partnership involving Anglesey's five towns resulting in preservation and expansion of the CCTV coverage for Amlwch. Negotiated a £270,000 grant, £54,000 being allocated to Amlwch. Maintenance costs to be borne by the Town Council. The system is now being extended to incorporate Penycefn, Pentrefelin and Brwynog Care Home area. Without this intervention the provision would have been lost as the County Council had already decided to terminate their involvement.

3. North Anglesey Councils' Partnership

Established a partnership with the community councils of Llanbadrig, Llaneilian, Mechell, Rhosybol and Cylch y Garn. Partnership means that Councils have a stronger voice in deciding matters such as:

- a. Improvement of highway from Amlwch to Cemaes
- b. Potential of Horizon paying the rates of the inhabitants of North East Anglesey
- c. Development of Rhosgoch Shell Site
- d. Opposing the development of a 'Solar Farm' in Llanbadrig

Successfully campaigned to oppose the development of a workers camp near Grogan Amlwch. The Chairman (Gareth Winston Roberts) would like to thank the people of Amlwch for their support on the issue.

The proposed camp is now to be located at the Shell Site in Rhosgoch. This will reduce any disruption in the town and reduce the traffic that would have travelled through the town and Bull Bay.

Discussions held with Chief Executive Officers of Horizon UK resulting in assurances given that the North Eastern Area of Anglesey should be prioritised with regard to benefits from the Wylfa Newydd Scheme.

4. Amlwch Cemetery

Funding allocated to the continuing improvements at the cemetery including a tree planting scheme. Provision of a memorial wall, funded through grants obtained.

5. Council Assets

Maximising income from Council properties.

6. Post Office

Ensured provision of Post Office services (at Spar) following meetings with senior officials of both the Post Office and the Spar Group.

7. St Eleth

Worked in partnership with the Church in Wales regarding access to the clock tower for the benefit of the Council, the Church and the Community (town clock). Grant of £2500 secured towards the cost

8. Grantscape/Airvolution

Amlwch Town Council, led by Gareth Winston Roberts negotiated an agreement with Airvolution for £14k per annum grant payable over for 25 years (£400,000). Also a one-off payment for £70k to the Town Council. Some organisations who have benefitted from the fund include St Eleth, Amlwch Primary School, Yr Arwydd, Amlwch Football Club, Hyfforddiant Parys Training, Amlwch Judo Club, Amlwch Snooker Club, Trireme Rowing Club. The panel meet once a year; meetings are chaired by Gareth Winston Roberts.

9. Library and Public Toilets

Opposed the County Council's plans to close the public toilets and the library.

10. Established Cwmni Cymunedol Amlwch Cyf

Charity shop with the support of community volunteers. Profits to be redistributed to the community by means of a simple grant system. Important to also keep shops open on the high street Very grateful for the support and thankful for to the volunteers for their time.

Signed

Gareth Winston Roberts OBE

Chair