



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 13317

23 August 2019

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 13317

I wrote to you on 6 August in response to your request for information. You asked for information regarding a meeting attended by the Minister for Economy and Transport at Amlwch Town Council offices on 24 July at 11.00 am, specifically:

1. The rationale for the meeting and minutes taken, showing who attended.
2. Who approached the Minister to organise and attend the meeting and the reason given for the meeting to occur.
3. On what date was the Minister approached to attend the meeting.
4. Was there any cost incurred by Amlwch Town Council for the Minister to attend the meeting.
5. Any relevant correspondence regarding organising the meeting.

I confirm we hold some information caught by your request. The information we hold in relation to questions 1, 2, 3 and 5 is enclosed (Appendix 1). The 'rationale' for the meeting is within the correspondence received on 7 May (item 2 at Appendix 1) and the ensuing e-mails. We do not hold any other information in relation to the rationale for the meeting. We also do not hold any information in relation to question 4.

Some of the information at Appendix 1 has been withheld from disclosure under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, personal data. The reasoning for withholding this information is given at Appendix 2.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding .

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

1. **Meeting Report**

Minister meeting with members of the North Anglesey Partnership

Date: 24 July 2019

Present: Ken Skates AM, Minister for Economy and Transport
 Cllr. John Griffiths, Llaneilian Community Council
 Cllr. Dafydd Griffiths, Llaneilian Community Council
 Cllr. Derek Owen, Llanbadrig Community Council and Chairperson of North Anglesey Partnership
 Cllr. Carys Davies, Llanbadrig Community Council
 Cllr. Gareth Winston Roberts, Amlwch Town Council
 Cllr. Myrddin Wyn Owens, Amlwch Town Council
 Cllr. Aled Morris Jones, Rhosybol Community Council / County Councillor
 Cllr. Gwilym Morris, Rhosybol Community Council
 Cllr. Tony Jones, Mechell Community Council
 Cllr. Mary Hughes, Mechell Community Council
 Cllr. Huw Morris, Y Garn Community Council
 Carli Evans-Thau, Amlwch Town Council Clerk
 Rhun ap Iorwerth AM
 Gwenllian Roberts, Chief Regional Officer, North Wales, Welsh Government
 Welsh Government Official

Venue: Lawr y Llan, Amlwch, Anglesey

Key Issues Discussed:

Minister thanked the partnership for inviting him – points below were discussed.

1. The North Anglesey economy
2. Anglesey Enterprise Zone Status for North Anglesey
3. Improving the situation in North Anglesey
4. Rehau site – further developments
5. Infrastructure developments

Actions agreed on points above:

1. The Hitachi and Rehau announcements were disappointing and worrying news for Anglesey, North Wales and the UK and a deeply concerning time for the company its employees and their families.

ACTION: Minister agreed to send information on the RAB consultation to the partnership which is out for consultation.

Status : Officials will submit information to the Partnership w/c 12 August.

Minister also stated WG would be publishing its own initiative on Green Energy opportunities in the autumn and a copy will be sent to the Partnership.

Status : Officials to action in the autumn.

Minister mentioned that despite the problems there were initiatives being rolled out and others under consideration to benefit the North of the Island, including the Economic Regeneration Plan. Welsh Government are happy to work with the local authority, communities and partnership on this. Minister referred to the Employability Programme currently available with noted success and encouraged the partnership to engage with the scheme.

2. A review on Enterprise Zones across Wales is drawing to a conclusion. The request for AEZ Status will be considered if there is justification within the wider review. It may be beneficial to look at

alternatives such as Business Improvement Districts or similar.

Status : Official to consider as part of the All Wales review.

3. Minister acknowledged that the indigenous business economy and tourism is an important part of North Anglesey, it plays an important part in the Economic Action Plan. Minister works closely with the Deputy Minister responsible for the tourism portfolio having started to really establish the region as an adventure tourism area. It was acknowledged that Parys Mountain and linkages with the coastal path needed focus and strengthening and encouraged the partnership to involve Visit Wales in future discussions.

A question was raised on the type of training support that was provided through the Re-Act programme.

ACTION : Cheryl Whitaker agreed to have a separate discussion with GWR on this.

Status : Discussion yet to be held.

4. Minister acknowledged why the partnership wanted the Rehau site to be purchased and turned into smaller industrial units. It is for the commercial sector to play its part and if Rehau can effect a sale to commercial purchasers and choose this as their legacy status, then this will happen. In the event a commercial deal does not materialise, or an industrial buyer cannot be found, then we would explore options for Welsh Government intervention subject to determination of need.

5. A discussion took place on infrastructure development including the A5025 between Valley and Cemaes, reopening the railway line and Superfast Broadband. The Minister was pleased to advise that Heads of Terms were due to be signed with Superfast Broadband Cymru this year with the roll out in 2020/21.

ACTION : Information on Superfast Broadband Cymru will be sent to the partnership at the appropriate time.

2. From: Myrddin Owens
Sent: 07 May 2019 08:50
To: Correspondence mail - KS <Correspondence.Ken.Skates@gov.wales>
Subject: Amlwch

Rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch fel cyngorydd lleol ac dinesydd pryderus iawn. mae fy nghymuned, Amlwch wedi dioddef yn economaidd ers blynnyddoedd lawer. gwaethygyd materion yn ddiweddar gan y penderfyniad i beidio â bwrw ymlaen â Wylfa Newydd, yn y tymor byr o leiaf, a chau ffatri Rehau ar fin digwydd gyda colled o dros 100 o swyddi. Yr argraff a roddir yw nad oes gan y Llywodraeth Lafur yng Nghaerdydd fawr o ddiddordeb yn yr ardal hon ac fel cymuned rydym yn cael ein hanwybyddu'n llwyr.

Fel aelod o'r Cyngor a hefyd yn aelod o Grŵp Gogledd Ynys Môn, hoffwn eich gwahodd i gyfarfod â dirprwyaeth i ystyried pa gymorth y gellir ei ddarparu. Byddai eich presenoldeb fel gweinidog yn arwydd o leiaf bod Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru yn pryderu am yr amddifadedd amlwg a achoswyd oherwydd y sefyllfa economaidd.

'Rwyn edrych ymlaen at glywed gennych.

Myrddin Wyn owens

TRANSLATION

I write to you as a local councillor and a very anxious citizen. My community, Amlwch has suffered economically for many years. The matter has worsened recently by the decision not to go ahead with Wylfa Newydd, at least in the short term, and the imminent closure of the Rehau factory with the loss of over 100 jobs. The impression given is that the Labour Government in Cardiff has little interest in this area and as a community we're being completely ignored.

As a Council Member and also a member of 'Grwp Gogledd Ynys Môn', I'd like to invite you to meet a deputation to consider what support can be provided. Your attendance as Minister would be a sign at least the Welsh Government is concerned about the obvious deprivation which has occurred because of the economic situation. I look forward to hearing from you.

3.

Ken Skates AC/AM
Gweinidog yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth
Minister for Economy and Transport



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22 Mai 2019

Diolch am yr e-bost ar 7 Mai ynghylch economi Gogledd Ynys Môn ac Amlwch.

Rwy'n cytuno â chi bod y cyhoeddiad gan Hitachi ym mis Ionawr, a'r diswyddiadau dilynol sydd wedi'u cadarnhau bellach gan Rehau a'r rheini nes ymlaen eleni gan Magnox yn newyddion siomedig ac yn destun pryder i Ynys Môn. Sefydlaeth Dasglu Gogledd Ynys Môn ar unwaith i fynd i'r afael ag effaith y cyhoeddiadau hyn. Mae'r Tasglu yn brosiect ar y cyd rhwng rhanddeiliaid allweddol, gan gynnwys Tim ReAct a swyddogion Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae'n canolbwyntio ar ddarparu cyflogaeth barhaus a chyfluoedd ailhyfforddi ar gyfer y rheini sydd am barhau yn y maes neu'r un sector. Mae hefyd yn helpu'r gadwyn gyflenwi yr effeithir arni.

Mae'r cyhoeddiad i atal prosiect Wylfa Newydd yn gyfle inni adolygu Bargen Twf y Gogledd, adolygu Cytundeb y Sector Niwclear a'r ymyriadau niferus eraill sy'n cael eu darparu yn y rhanbarth. Mae'r cynnig yn cynnwys amrywiaeth o brosiectau sydd wedi'u llunio i ategu nid yn unig y buddsoddiad arfaethedig yn Wylfa Newydd, ond hefyd ar draws sectorau lle y mae gan y rhanbarth gryfderau arbennig. Mae'r rhain yn cynnwys deunyddiau a gweithgynhyrchu uwch, cynhyrchu ynni carbon isel a helpu'r economi wledig gan gynnwys seilwaith i gefnogi economi ymwelwyr y rhanbarth. Trefnais i'r Bwrdd gael cyfarfod brys yn swyddfeydd Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn ar 21 Ionawr.

Rydym hefyd yn cyfrannu at Gynllun Adfywio Gogledd Ynys Môn a fydd yn ceisio mynd i'r afael â'r materion yr ydych wedi'u codi. Mae hyn yn ychwanegol i'r gweithgareddau mewn perthynas â'r Ardal Fenter a'n gwaith gyda Choleg Llandrillo Menai a MSparc i helpu a darparu adnoddau i'r ardal.

Yn anffodus, nid oes modd imi gyfarfod â chi y tro hwn. Rwyf wedi gofyn i Gwenllian Roberts, y Prif Swyddog Rhanbarthol, gysylltu â chi a threfnu cyfarfod er mwyn rhoi'r manylion diweddaraf i chi ar y gwaith hwn a'n gweithgareddau a'n brosiectau ehangach a fydd yn hybu datblygiad economaidd Ynys Môn

Ken Skates AC/AM
Gweinidog yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth
Minister for Economy and Transport

Dear Cllr Owens

Thank you for your email of 7 May regarding the economy of North Anglesey and Amlwch.

I echo your concerns that the Hitachi announcement in January, followed by the redundancies now confirmed at Rehau and those planned for later in the year by Magnox is disappointing and worrying news for Anglesey. I immediately established the North Anglesey Task Force to address the impact of these announcements. The Task Force is a collaboration of key stakeholders including the Welsh Government ReAct team and Welsh Government officials. It is focusing on ongoing employment and re-training opportunities for those who want to remain in the area or the same sectors and also support for the affected supply chain.

The announcement to suspend the Wylfa Newydd project affords us the opportunity to review the North Wales Growth Deal, review the Nuclear Sector Deal and the many other interventions being delivered in the region. The Deal proposal contains a range of projects which have been designed to complement and exploit not only the planned investment in Wylfa Newydd, but also across sectors in which the region has particular strengths. These include advanced materials and manufacturing, low carbon energy generation and supporting the rural economy including infrastructure to support the regions visitor economy. I convened an emergency meeting of the Board at the Isle of Anglesey Council offices on 21 January.

We are also providing input into Ynys Môn's North Anglesey Regeneration Plan which is aiming to address many of the issues you have raised. This is alongside other activities centred on the Enterprise Zone and our work with Llandrillo Coleg Menai and MSparc to deliver support and resources into the area.

I am unable to meet with you at this time. I have asked Gwenllian Roberts, Chief Regional Officer to contact you to organise a meeting and provide a more detailed update on this work and our wider activities and projects in support of Anglesey economic development.

Yours sincerely

4. **From:** Myrddin Owens
Sent: 30 May 2019 10:00
To: Ken Skates (Ministerial) <ken.skates@gov.wales>
Subject: Amlwch

Pa bryd dylwiw ddisgwyl ymateb i fy e bost ynglyn yr uchod.

Myrddin W Owens

When should I expect a response to my e-mail regarding the above?

5. On 3 Jun 2019, at 14:35, <Correspondence.Ken.Skates@gov.wales>
<Correspondence.Ken.Skates@gov.wales> wrote:

Prynhawn da,

Ymddiheuriadau, gweler yr ymateb amgaeedig a anfonwyd atom ar yr 23 o Mai.

Yn gywir,

xxxx

Correspondence Unit/Uned Gohebiaeth
Cabinet Division/Is-adran y Cabinet
Welsh Government/Llywodraeth Cymru

Good afternoon,

Apologies, please find attached the enclosed response which was sent to us on 23 May.

6.	<p>From: Myrddin Owens Sent: 03 June 2019 18:36 To: Correspondence mail - KS <Correspondence.Ken.Skates@gov.wales> Subject: Re: Amlwch</p> <p>Siomedig iawn oedd eich ymateb, fel Cynghorydd lleol credaf nad oes ganddoch lawer o ddiddordeb yn bywyd economig Gogledd Ynys Môn. Hoffwn wybod yn swyddogol pam nad ydych yn fodlon cael cyfarfod. Beth ynglyn ych swydd sudd yn bwysicach.</p> <p>Myrddin Wyn Owens</p> <p><i>Your response was very disappointing, as a local Councillor I feel you don't have much interest in North Anglesey's economic life. I would like to know formally why you are not content to hold a meeting. What is more important in your role?</i></p>
7.	<p>From: Myrddin Owens Sent: 03 June 2019 18:49 To: PS FirstMinister <PS.FirstMinister@gov.wales> Subject: Economi Gogledd ynys Môn</p> <p>Ysgrifennaf atoch yn dilyn ymateb Ken Skates ble mae wedi gwrthod cyfarfod i drafod economi Gogledd Ynys Môn. dyma'r ail waith iddo wrthod yn y ddwy flynedd diwethaf.</p> <p>Fel aelod Cyngor Tref Amlwch, aelod o Partneriaeth Cyngorau Gogledd Môn a aelod o Cyngor Pum Tref Ynys Môn 'rwyf yn siomedig dros ben gyda'i ymateb. Mae Gogledd Ynys Mon yn dioddef o galyniadau penderfyniadau, Magnos, Horizon a Rehau ac eraill. Ni gefais unrhyw reswm ganddo pam nad yw yn fodlon cyfarfod.</p> <p>Efalle byddwch cystal ac edrych i mewn i'r sefyllfa.</p> <p>Myrddin W Owens</p> <p><i>I am writing to you following Ken Skates' response where he has refused a meeting to discuss the economy of Anglesey. This is the second time for him to refuse in the last two years.</i></p> <p><i>As a member of Amlwch Town Council, a member of the North Anglesey Councils Partnership and a member of Anglesey's Five Towns Council I am extremely disappointed with his response. North Anglesey is suffering from the decisions made by Magnox, Horizon and Rehau and others. I did not receive any reason why he is not willing to meet.</i></p> <p><i>Perhaps you would be good enough to look into the matter.</i></p>

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20 Mehefin 2019

Annwyl Gynghorydd Owens,

Diolch am eich e-bost dyddiedig 3 Mehefin mewn ymateb i'm llythyr a hefyd eich e-bost blaenorol at y Prif Weinidog.

Yn rhinwedd fy swyddogaeth fel Gweinidog y Gogledd mae'r economi'n bwysig iawn i mi. Gwnes gadeirio'n ddiweddar gyfarfod o Bwyllgor y Cabinet ar Ogledd Cymru. Gwnaeth y cyfarfod hwn greu cyfle i ni ganolbwyntio'n benodol ar faterion sy'n effeithio ar y rhanbarth hwn, gan gynnwys y sefyllfa yng Ngogledd Ynys Môn.

Yr wyf yn hapus i gyfarfod â chi a'ch cyd-gynghorwyr. Deallaf gan fy Prif Swyddog Rhanbarthol ar gyfer Gogledd Cymru, Gwenllian Roberts, nad oedd fy nyddiad arfaethedig o 20 Mehefin yn dderbyniol i chi oherwydd y byr rybudd. Yr wyf wedi gofyn i'm hysgrifennydd dyddiadur gysylltu â chi i wneud y trefniadau amgen sy'n gyfleus i bawb. Byddwch yn deall, dwi'n siŵr, gan ystyried y pwysau ar fy nyddiadur gall hyn gymryd peth amser.

Yn y cyfamser, rwy'n eich annog i gyfarfod â Gwenllian Roberts a all roi'r newyddion diweddaraf i chi ynghylch hynt gwaith tasglu Gogledd Ynys Môn.

Yn gywir,

Ken Skates AC/AM
Gweinidog yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth
Minister for Economy and Transport

Dear Cllr Owens

Thank you for your email of 3 June in response to my previous letter and also your subsequent email to the First Minister.

As Minister for North Wales, I place a great importance on the economy. I recently chaired the Cabinet Committee on North Wales which allowed us to focus in detail on issues affecting the region this included the situation affecting North Anglesey.

I am happy to meet with you and your fellow Councillors. I understand from my Chief Regional Officer for North Wales, Gwenllian Roberts, that my proposed date of 20 June was not acceptable to you, given the short notice. I have asked my Diary Secretary to e-mail you directly to make alternative arrangements which are convenient for all. Please understand that given the pressures on my diary, this may take some time.

In the meantime, I would urge you to meet with Gwenllian Roberts who can update you on progress around the North Anglesey Task Force.

9.	<p>On 25 Jun 2019, at 14:37, DSMET@gov.wales wrote:</p> <p>Annwyl Gynghorydd Owens</p> <p>Yn dilyn y llythyr atodedig, mae'r Gweinidog ar gael i gwrdd â chi a dirprwyaeth ar Ynys Môn ddydd Mercher 24 Gorffennaf am 12:00 - 13:00. Os yw hyn yn gyfleus, rhowch wybod i mi ble y cynhelir y cyfarfod a byddaf yn cadarnhau hynny yn nyddiadur y Gweinidog.</p> <p>Edrychaf ymlaen at glywed gennych.</p> <p>xxxx Diary Secretary to Ken Skates – Minister for Economy & Transport / Ysgrifennydd Dyddiadur i'r Ken Skates - Gweinidog y Economi a'r Thrafnidiaeth</p> <p><i>Further to the attached letter, the Minister is free to meet with you and your Anglesey deputisation on Wednesday 24 July at 12.00 – 13.00. If this is convenient, please let me know where the meeting will be held and I will confirm it in the Minister's diary.</i></p> <p><i>I look forward to hearing from you.</i></p>
10.	<p>From: Myrddin Owens Sent: 26 June 2019 12:45 To: DS Minister Economy & Transport <DSMET@gov.wales> Subject: Re: Amlwch</p> <p>Diolch am eich e bost. Mae 1200 ar 24ain orffennaf yn gyfleus. Wedi trefnu bod swyddfa Cyngor Amlwch ar gael. Y Cyfeiriad ydi Llawr y Llan, Lôn Goch, Amlwch LL68 9EN drws nesaf i swyddfa'r Heddlu.</p> <p>Myrddin W Owens</p> <p><i>Thank you for your e-mail. 12.00 on 24 July is convenient. I have arranged for the Amlwch Council office to be available. The address is, next door to the Police.</i></p>
11.	<p>From: DS Minister Economy & Transport <DSMET@gov.wales> Sent: 27 June 2019 14:24 To: Myrddin Owens <myrddinowens@icloud.com> Cc: DS Minister Economy & Transport <DSMET@gov.wales> Subject: RE: Amlwch</p> <p>Annwyl Myrddin</p> <p>Diolch i chi am gadarnhau dydd Mercher 24 Gorffennaf am 12:00 - 13:00 yn gyfleus a diolch i chi am ddarparu manylion y lleoliad. Mae'r cyfarfod hwn bellach wedi'i gadarnhau yn nyddiadur y Gweinidog.</p> <p>Bydd Swyddog Llywodraeth Cymru yng nghwmni'r Gweinidog hefyd a byddaf yn cadarnhau pwy sy'n agosach at yr amser.</p> <p><i>Thank you for confirming Wednesday 24 June at 12:00 – 13:00 is convenient and thank you for providing the location details. This meeting is now confirmed in the Minister's diary.</i></p> <p><i>A Welsh Government official will also be accompanying the Minister and I will confirm who nearer to the time.</i></p>
12.	<p>From: Myrddin Owens Sent: 02 July 2019 20:26 To: DS Minister Economy & Transport <DSMET@gov.wales> Subject: Re: Amlwch</p> <p>A fyddai'r Gweinidog yn hapus os buasau yr AS lleol yn mynychu y cyfarfod.</p>

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13.	<p>To: Myrddin Owens Cc: DS Minister Economy & Transport <DSMET@gov.wales> Subject: RE: Amlwch</p> <p>Annywl Myrddin</p> <p>Llawer o ddiolch am eich e-bost. Mae'r Gweinidog yn fodlon i'r AS lleol fynychu'r cyfarfod.</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your e-mail. The Minister is content for the local MP to attend the meeting.</i></p>																										
14.	<p>From: Myrddin Owens Sent: 17 July 2019 12:07 To: Welsh Government Official Subject: Ymweliad y Gwnidog</p> <p>Ymhellach at ein sgwrs amgaeaf y gwybodaeth oedd angen.</p> <p>Fel gwybodaeth mae Partneriaeth Gogledd Môn wedi sefydlu gan chwe Cyngor Cymdeithas i hybu economi yr ardal.</p> <p>Os byddwch angen fwy o wybodaeth, cysylltwch a mi</p> <p>Myrddin W Owens</p> <p><i>Further to our conversation, I enclose the information you required. For information, the North Anglesey Partnership has been established by six Community Councils to boost the region's economy.</i></p> <p><i>If you require further information, contact me.</i></p> <p><i>Yn amgaaedig / Enclosure:</i></p> <p>Agenda –Trafodaeth ynglyn yr economi yng Ngogledd Môn. Parth menter a sut mae posib gwella y sefyllfa</p> <p><i>Agenda – discussion on the North Anglesey economi regarding enterprise and how it's possible to improve the situation</i></p> <p>Mynychwyr y Cyfarfod (dim lluniau ar gael)</p> <p><i>Those who will be present (no photos available)</i></p> <table> <tr> <td>John Griffiths</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Llaneilian</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dafydd Griffiths</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Llaneilian</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Derk Owen</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Llanbadrig a Cadeirydd Partneriaeth Gogledd Môn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carys Davies</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Llanbadrig</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gareth Winston Roberts</td> <td>Cyngor Tref Amlwch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Myrddin Wyn Owens</td> <td>Cyngor Tref Amlwch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aled Morris Jones</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Rhosybol /Cynghorydd Sir</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gwilym Morris</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Rhosybol</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tony Jones</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Mechell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mary Hughes</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Mechell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Huw Morris</td> <td>Cyngor Cymdeithas Y Garn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carli Evans-Thau</td> <td>Clerc Cyngor Tref Amlwch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rhun ap Iorwerth</td> <td>Aelod Cynulliad Ynys Môn</td> </tr> </table>	John Griffiths	Cyngor Cymdeithas Llaneilian	Dafydd Griffiths	Cyngor Cymdeithas Llaneilian	Derk Owen	Cyngor Cymdeithas Llanbadrig a Cadeirydd Partneriaeth Gogledd Môn	Carys Davies	Cyngor Cymdeithas Llanbadrig	Gareth Winston Roberts	Cyngor Tref Amlwch	Myrddin Wyn Owens	Cyngor Tref Amlwch	Aled Morris Jones	Cyngor Cymdeithas Rhosybol /Cynghorydd Sir	Gwilym Morris	Cyngor Cymdeithas Rhosybol	Tony Jones	Cyngor Cymdeithas Mechell	Mary Hughes	Cyngor Cymdeithas Mechell	Huw Morris	Cyngor Cymdeithas Y Garn	Carli Evans-Thau	Clerc Cyngor Tref Amlwch	Rhun ap Iorwerth	Aelod Cynulliad Ynys Môn
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Trefnydd y Cyfarfod	Myrddin Wyn Owens ar ran Partneriaeth Gogledd Môn.
<i>Organiser of meeting</i>	<i>Myrddin Wyn Owens on behalf of North Anglesey Partnership</i>
Croeso gan	Derek Owen Cadeirydd Partneriaeth Gogledd Môn ag Myrddin Wyn Owens
<i>Welcome from</i>	<i>Derek Owen, Chair of North Anglesey Partnership and Myrddin Wyn Owens</i>
Parcio	Lle parcio preifat o flaen Swyddfa'r Cyngor
<i>Parking</i>	<i>Private parking in front of the Council offices</i>

Section 40(2) – Personal Data

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), together with the conditions in section 40(3)(a)(i) or 40(3)(b), provides an absolute exemption if disclosure of the personal data would breach any of the data protection principles.

‘Personal data’ is defined in sections 3(2) and (3) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (‘the DPA 2018’) and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. An identifiable living individual is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.

We have concluded that, in this instance, some of the information contained within the information caught by your request contains third party personal data. Specifically, this relates to correspondence containing names of officials, their e-mail addresses and direct telephone numbers.

Under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, personal data is exempt from release if disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles set out in Article 5 of the GDPR. We consider the principle being most relevant in this instance as being the first. This states that personal data must be:

“processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject”

The lawful basis that is most relevant in relation to a request for information under the FOIA is Article 6(1)(f). This states:

“processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child”.

In considering the application of Article 6(1)(f) in the context of a request for information under FOIA it is necessary to consider the following three-part test:

1. The Legitimate interest test: Whether a legitimate interest is being pursued in the request for information;
2. The Necessity test: Whether disclosure of the information/confirmation or denial that it is held is necessary to meet the legitimate interest in question;
3. The Balancing test: Whether the above interests override the interests, fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject.

Our consideration of these tests is set out below:

1. Legitimate Interest Test

The Welsh Government recognises there is a legitimate interest in being able to identify the parties involved in any communication in order to follow the flow of that communication and to understand the views and positions expressed by each party. We do not believe, however, there is any legitimate reason why the personal data would need to be released in order to follow and understand those communications. The views expressed in the communications are those of the respective organisations rather than those of the individuals concerned. As such it is irrelevant as to who made those comments. The Welsh Government cannot identify any other legitimate interest in you or the public receiving the personal data captured by your request.

2. Is disclosure necessary?

The Welsh Government is of the view that it is not necessary to disclose the personal information caught by your request. It is straight forward, even when withholding the personal data, to follow the discussions and to identify the views expressed by each organisation. As such we do not believe it is necessary to disclose the personal data to allow the conversations to be followed.

Nor do we believe it is necessary to disclose the personal data in order to allow members of the public to contribute to this, or future discussions on this or any other matter. There are mechanisms by which the public can contact the relevant policy areas, such as generic mailboxes, public consultations, or writing to a Minister, etc.

3. The Balancing Test

As it has been concluded it is not necessary to disclose the identity of the correspondents, there is no requirement to balance the rights and interests of those correspondents against the rights, under FOIA, of the requester.

To conclude, as release of the information would not be legitimate under Article 6(1)(f), and as no other condition of Article 6 is deemed to apply, release of the information would not be lawful within the meaning of the first data protection principle. It has therefore been withheld under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and not subject to the public interest test.