



AGENDA

for the Executive Meeting of the Association to be held on
Friday 8th June 2018 at 10.30am
at the offices of Rhyl Town Council

- 1. Apologies for absence**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting. (see appendix A)
- 3. Actions taken since the last meeting**
To consider actions taken since the last quarterly meeting.
- 4. Agenda for Annual Meeting**
To consider the quarterly meeting agenda as per enclosed.
- 5. Quarterly Meeting Agenda**
To consider the quarterly meeting agenda as per enclosed.
- 6. Any other relevant business**
To consider any other business notified to the Chair or Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.



APPENDIX A

MINUTES

of the Executive Meeting of the Association held on
Friday 9th March 2018 at 10.30am
at the offices of Rhyl Town Council

1. Present were

Cllr B Roberts (Chair), Cllr J Butterfield (President), Cllr H Chave,
Cllr B Barton, Cllr B Bertola, Cllr M Davies and Robert Robinson (Secretary).

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B McLoughlin and
Cllr R Waters.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting.

3. Actions taken since the last meeting

The Committee considered the following:

Independent Review Panel for Wales

An update was given on the annual report. The main details are
included in the agenda for the next quarterly meeting.

It was noted that there were several meetings being held with Councils
but with the following concerns expressed:

Only Clerks have been invited to attend.

There is no meeting held in Mid Wales.

Data Protection

An update was given on the new Data Protection Act which requires
compliance by 24th May 2018.

Bank account

The bank account is to be checked with the bank over liabilities and
which is the best account to hold.

4. Financial Report

The Committee considered the financial report from the secretary as per that
attached to the quarterly meeting agenda.



5. Quarterly Meeting Agenda

The Committee considered the quarterly meeting agenda and added two items to agenda which are:

Bus service provision in Wales.
Homelessness in North and Mid Wales.

6. Future of Local Councils

Some members had attended one of the workshops. It appears that the presentation by the Association had not been received. The Secretary is to check this. (A further copy has been sent to Ed Humphreys and an acknowledgement received – as the panel had not met since last year the copy is with the secretary and probably not notified as yet to the panel. A copy of the email confirmation has been passed to both the Chair and President.)

7. Dates of future meetings

The Committee noted the dates of future meetings as follows:

Quarterly Meetings

Friday 20th April 2018 - Welshpool

Friday 20th July 2018 - the Civic Halls of Connah's Quay.

All meetings start at 10.30am

Executive Meetings

Friday 8th June 2018

10.30am start in all cases. Meetings held at Rhyl Town Council Offices.



AGENDA

For the Annual Meeting held on Friday 20th July 2018
at 10.30am at The Civic Halls Connah's Quay

1. Welcome by the Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council

To receive welcome from the Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council.

2. Notice of the meeting

To note the notice of the meeting.

3. Record of attendance

To complete the record of attendance and record apologies for absence.

4. Minutes of the last meeting (see appendix A)

To approve the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Association.

5. Chairs end of year report

The outgoing Chair to address the meeting.

6. Election for Chair (see appendix B)

To elect the Chair for the ensuing year. See attached nominations and resumes.

7. Presentation of Gavel

The new Chair to present a Gavel to the outgoing Chair.

8. Election of a Vice Chair (see appendix C)

To elect a Member as Vice Chair for the ensuing year. See attached nominations and resumes.

9. Election of Secretary and Treasurer

To elect a Secretary/Treasurer for the ensuing year.



10. Election of the Executive

To Elect an Executive as follows:

- The President
- Immediate past Chair
- Chair and Vice Chair
- Secretary
- 4 other Members

11. Financial (see appendix D)

To consider the annual accounts prior to audit.

12. Auditors

To confirm the appointment of Auditors.

13. Assistant Secretaries

To approve three assistant secretaries for the ensuing year

14. Subscriptions and meal cost for year to July 2019

To consider the recommendation from the Executive to leave fees and lunch costs: The following are suggested for the ensuing year.

Current membership fee	2017-8	2018-9
Larger Council	£80	£85
Medium Council	£55	£60
Smaller Council	£40	£45
Meals	£16	£16.50



16. Dates for meetings during the ensuing year

Quarterly Meetings

Friday 26th October 2017

Friday 18th January 2018

Friday 19th April 2018

Friday 19th July 2018 the Civic Halls of Connah's Quay.

All meetings start at 10.30am

To consider venues for the October, January and April meetings.

Executive Meetings

Friday 21st September 2017

Friday 7th December 2017

Friday 8th March 2018

Friday 7th June 2018

10.30am start in all cases. Meetings held at Rhyl Town Council



APPENDIX A

MINUTES

Of the Annual Meeting
held on Friday 14th July 2017
at 10.30am at
The Civic Halls Connah's Quay

Attendance Record

Council	Present	Apologies
Officers	Cllr B C Roberts (Chair) Robert Robinson (Secretary)	Cllr H Meredith (Vice Chair) Cllr Joan Butterfield (President)
ABERGELE TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr Richard Waters Cllr S Jones-Roberts	
ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr J Holiday	
BANGOR CITY COUNCIL	Cllr D Hainge I Jones Town Clerk	Cllr I James
BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr C R Williams	
BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr J Pearson Cllr B Barton Cllr P Richards	Tina Earley Clerk
BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr A Woolley Cllr Blondek	
CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr L Edwards	
CAIA PARK COMMUNITY CONCIL		
CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr C Risley Cllr P Atridge Cllr E Faulkner Cllr P Davies S Goodrum (Clerk)	
CONWY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S Barber Bailey Cllr H Roberts	
DENBIGH TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr R Tickle	
FLINT TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr A Loveridge	



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr A Diskin	
HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr J Baker Cllr Karin Davies Cllr P Johnson Cllr D Phelan	
LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL		Viki Griffiths Clerk
LLANDUDNO TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr M Lyon	
LLANASA TOWN COUNCIL		Cllr S Harms
LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL		
LLANDRINO & ARDLEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL		C Davies (Clerk)
LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL		C Davies (Clerk) Cllr Frances Buckingham
LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL		
MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr D M Davies	
PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr M Baines MeI Ab-Owain Town Clerk	
PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL		
RHUDDLAN TOWN COUNCIL		
RHYL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr J Chamberlain-Jones Cllr A James G Nickels Clerk	
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S L Beach Cllr K Allsop-Robson	
SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr D Mickle	
ST ASAPH CITY COUNCIL		
TOWYN AND KINMELL BAY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr B McLoughlin Cllr M Jones	
WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr H Chave Cllr F Veenstra	Cllr Y Owens Cllr D Senior

1. Welcome by the Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council

The meeting received a welcome from the Chair of Connah's Quay Town Council.

2. Notice of the meeting

The meeting accepted the notice of the meeting.



3. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approve the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Association.

4. Chairs end of year report

The outgoing Chair addressed the meeting. A copy of his report is kept on file.

5. The past year

The meeting recorded the sad loss of the following members during the year – Cllr Ann Holloway, Cllr Trefor Jones and Cllr Ray Bartley.

6. Election for Chair

The meeting agreed that due to the illness of Cllr Hazel Meredith that she should remain vice chair for the ensuing and that the current Chair be asked to serve another year.

The meeting elected Cllr Brian Roberts as Chair and Cllr Hazel Meredith as Vice Chair.

7. Presentation of Gavel

The Gavel is to be presented at the 2018 AGM with the inscriptions to cover both years of service.

8. Election of Secretary and Treasurer

The meeting elected Robert Robinson Town Clerk of Welshpool as Secretary/Treasurer for the ensuing year.

9. Election a President

The meeting elected a President for the period July 2017 to July 2022.

The information and voting papers were issued at the meeting.

The meeting elected Cllr Joan Butterfield as President for the period 2017 to 2022.

10. Election of the Executive

The Executive was elected as follows:

The President – Cllr J Butterfield

Chair – Cllr B Roberts

Vice Chair – Cllr H Meredith

Secretary – Robert Robinson

Other Members:

Cllr D Hainge

Cllr H Chave

Cllr B McLoughlin

Cllr Richard Waters

Cllr B Barton

Cllr Michael Davies

**11. Financial Report**

The meeting considered the annual accounts prior to audit.

The meeting approved and accepted the annual accounts.

The Secretary will arrange for the Executive to be cheque signatory's for the ensuing year.

12. Auditors

The meeting confirmed the appointment of Auditors as T Renshaw and D Cox.

13. Assistant Secretaries

The meeting approved assistant secretaries for the ensuing year as follows:

Ian Jones

Tina Earley

14. Subscriptions and meal cost for year to July 2018

The meeting considered the recommendation from the Executive not to increase fees and lunch costs but to keep them as per last year as follows:

	Current
Larger Council	£80
Medium Council	£55
Smaller Council	£40
Meals	£16

The meeting approved the recommendation.

15. Date for next meeting

The meeting considered the meeting dates and venues as follows:

Quarterly Meetings

Friday 27th October 2017 - Holywell

Friday 19th January 2018 – Bay of Colwyn

Friday 20th April 2018 - Welshpool

Friday 20th July 2018 the Civic Halls of Connah's Quay.

All meetings start at 10.30am

Executive Meetings

Friday 22nd September 2017

Friday 8th December 2017

Friday 9th March 2018

Friday 8th June 2018

10.30am start in all cases. Meetings held at Rhyl Town Council Offices.



ELECTION OF CHAIR - NOMINATIONS

APPENDIX B

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR - NOMINATIONS

APPENDIX C

Nominations due in by 30th June 2018



APPENDIX D

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

NORTH & MID WALES ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS		ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR TO 31.3.2018												OVERALL			
		APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH				
INCOME	Membership & Meals	190.00		144.00	334.00				288.00	16.00	432.00						1420.00
	Interest																0.00
	Debtors																0.00
	Other																0.00
	TOTAL	190.00	0.00	144.00	334.00	0.00	0.00	288.00	16.00	432.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1420.00
COSTS	Meals		759.00				528.00	671.00						912.15			2870.15
	Expenses																0.00
	Administration							360.00									360.00
	Bank charges																0.00
	Gavel																0.00
	Web hosting																0.00
	Web site																0.00
	Translation																0.00
	Other																0.00
	TOTAL	0.00	759.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.00	1031.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	912.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3230.15
	BALANCE	190.00	-759.00	144.00	334.00	0.00	-528.00	-743.00	16.00	16.00	432.00	-912.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1810.15
BANK	Start	7710.45	7900.45	7141.45	7285.45	7619.45	7619.45	7091.45	6348.45	6364.45	6380.45	6364.45	6364.45	6364.45	6364.45	5900.30	5900.30
	End	7900.45	7141.45	7285.45	7619.45	7619.45	7091.45	6348.45	6364.45	6364.45	6380.45	6364.45	6364.45	6364.45	6364.45	5900.30	5900.30
	Balance	-190.00	759.00	-144.00	-334.00	0.00	528.00	743.00	-16.00	-16.00	-432.00	464.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



**NORTH AND MID WALES ASSOCIATION
OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Year to 31.3.2017

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2018
INCOME	
Membership & Meals	<u>1420.00</u>
Interest	<u>0.00</u>
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>
Other	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>1420.00</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Meals	<u>2870.15</u>
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Administration	<u>360.00</u>
Bank charges	<u>0.00</u>
Gavel	<u>0.00</u>
Web hosting	<u>0.00</u>
Web site	<u>0.00</u>
Translation	<u>0.00</u>
Other	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>3230.15</u>
BALANCE	<u>-1810.15</u>
BALANCE SHEET	
Assets	
General Funds	7710.45
Income/Expend Acct	-1810.15
Total	<u>5900.30</u>
Represented by	
Bank account	5900.30



AGENDA

For the Quarterly Meeting held on Friday 20th July 2018
at 10.30am at The Civic Halls Connah's Quay

1. Record of attendance

To record attendance and any apologies for absence.

2. Police and Crime Commissioner (North Wales)

To receive the Police and Crime Commissioner,

3. Minutes of the last meeting

To approve the minutes of the last quarterly meeting. (see appendix A)

3. Actions taken since the last meeting

To consider a report on actions taken since the last meeting.

No	Activity	Action	By
1	Minister's Office meeting regarding: Hospital services Homelessness Tourism Tax Local bus service delivery	Arrange meeting with Welsh Government in Cardiff	Robert
2	Future of County Councils consultation (reducing to 10)	Post consultation draft on web site for comment	Robert
3	Connecting Communities in Wales Volunteer Driving Licensing	Post links to sites	Info to Robert from Bob Barton and Frances Buckingham
4	Homelessness in Wales	Gain official figures.	Robert
5	Facebook Page and Social Media	A full report to be issued at the Annual Meeting	Robert

4. Executive

To receive the minutes of the Executive Meeting. (see appendix B)

5. Future of Local Councils

To receive an update on this subject.



6. Facebook and Social Media

To consider if the Association should have a Facebook Page for announcements and potential debate. (deferred since last meeting for report – see appendix C)

7. Health Board Update

To consider an update on the following:

North Wales Health Care – Ian Jones
Mid Wales Health Care – Robert Robinson

8 Data Protection Act

To consider an update on this important piece of legislation coming into effect in May 2018.

9. Budget Cuts by County Councils

To share experiences of asset or service transfer and the basis of them in each area:

Anglesey
Conwy
Denbighshire
Flintshire
Powys
Gwynedd
Wrexham

10. To note Dates of future meetings

To note the dates of the next meetings as per those agreed at the Annual Meeting.



APPENDIX A

MINUTES

of the Quarterly Meeting of the Association held on
 Friday 20th April 2018 at 10.30am
 The Royal Oak The Cross Welshpool

Attendance Record:

Council	Present	Apologies
Officers	Cllr B C Roberts (Chair) Cllr Joan Butterfield (President) Robert Robinson (Secretary) Robert Williams Welsh Government	Cllr H Meredith (Vice Chair)
ABERGELE TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S Jones-Roberts	Richard Waters
ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr R Hampton-Jones	
BANGOR CITY COUNCIL	I Jones Town Clerk	Cllr I James Cllr D Hainge
BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr C R Williams	
BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr B Barton Cllr J Pearson Cllr P Richards	
BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr A Woolley	Cllr V Blondek
CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr L Edwards Helen Roberts	
CAIA PARK COMMUNITY CONCIL		
CONNAH'S QUAY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr P Attridge Cllr P Davies S Goodrum Town Clerk	Cllr E Faulkner
CONWY TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr H Roberts Cllr E L Roberts	
DENBIGH TOWN COUNCIL		Cllr R Tickle Cllr G Gardner
FLINT TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S License	
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL		
HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr K Davies Cllr J Johnson Cllr J Baker Cllr P York	



LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL		Viki Griffiths Clerk
LLANDUDNO TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr B Bertola	Cllr M Lyon
LLANASA TOWN COUNCIL		
LLANFAIRFECHAN TOWN COUNCIL		
LLANDRINO & ARDLEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL		C Davies (Clerk)
LLANDYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Cllr Frances Buckingham	C Davies (Clerk)
LLANGOLLEN TOWN COUNCIL		
MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr M Davies	
PENMAENMAWR TOWN COUNCIL		Cllr M Baines
PRESTATYN TOWN COUNCIL		
RHUDDLAN TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr M Kermode	
RHYL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr B Mellor	Cllr J Chamberlain-Jones Cllr A James G Nickels Clerk
RUTHIN TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr S L Beach Cllr G Bryan	Cllr K Allsorp-Robson
SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL		
ST ASAPH CITY COUNCIL	Cllr P G Morton	
TOWYN AND KINMELL BAY TOWN COUNCIL		Cllr B McLoughlin Cllr Morris
WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL	Cllr H Evans Deputy Mayor Cllr H Chave Cllr F Veenstra	Cllr N Morris

2. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The meeting received the Chairman's opening remarks.

The meeting stood for a minutes silence in remembrance of the sad passing of Cllr Oscar Morris.

3. Welcome by the Deputy Mayor of Welshpool Town Council

The meeting was welcomed to Welshpool by Cllr Hazel Evans Deputy Mayor of Welshpool Town Council.



4. To receive the Notice of the meeting

The meeting received notice of the meeting.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

The meeting approved the minutes of the last quarterly meeting with members corrections on attendance listing.

5. The Nuclear Debate

The meeting received a presentation with questions from Robert Williams (Welsh Government) on Radio Active Waste.

The main points included the following:

- a) Communities may express an interest accommodating a radioactive waste facility
- b) No Community in Wales will find it has such a facility imposed upon it.
- c) There are substantial financial benefits from hosting such a facility.

The full presentation is attached at appendix A.

6. Actions taken since the last meeting

The meeting received a report on actions taken since the last meeting.

The actions included arranging the speaker for this meeting and also the Police and Crime Commissioner (North Wales) for the Annual Meeting.

7. Consultations

The meeting noted the two consultations posed on the web.

Copies of the two responses sent are posted on the web site with no comments received from members.

8. Financial Report

The meeting received the financial report issued with the agenda.

9. Executive

The meeting received the minutes of the Executive Meeting.

10. Future of Local Councils

To receive an update on this subject.

The Secretary is to prepare a consultation response to be posted on the web site for comment.

The meeting considered an overall view and **AGREED** that this should be in favour of no County Councils but just the Welsh Government but with local councils similar to the old 'Borough Councils' to deliver local services and regulation.



11. Facebook and Social Media

The meeting considered if the Association should have a Facebook Page for announcements and potential debate.

Here were mixed views including it not being appropriate to reaching out to a younger generation. There were many different approaches to be considered. The Secretary pointed out that any social media project would not replace the paper based and web based information points. The two would run alongside each other. A full report is to set out the options for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

12. Health Board Update

To consider an update on the following:

North Wales Health Care – Ian Jones

A report was given on current activity including a new health centre in Flint. However, delays in appointing doctors to vacancies and extensive waiting times were a real issue. There was also an issue around Alex Hospital in Rhyl which appears to have delays in delivery.

Mid Wales Health Care – Robert Robinson

Future Fit is ready to carry out the final consultation now that the £300m has been allocated to deliver the proposals to locate a Critical Care Unit in Shrewsbury and Planned Care Unit at Telford. There would be an urgent care centre at both sites.

The Secretary is to arrange a visit to the Health Ministers Office to discuss the issues and in particular the delay in appointing replacement doctors, excessive waiting times and

13. Transport

To consider the following:

Rail services

The meeting considered an update on the main line rail services in North and Mid Wales.

Buses in Wales

The meeting considered the subject of reduced bus services in North and Mid Wales. The loss of local buses is causing some real concern. There is an economic issue but also one of 'access for all'.

A meeting with the Minister's Office on the subject is to be arranged.



14. Independent Review Panel for Wales

To note the annual report:

- a) The Council **MUST** make available a payment to each of its members a sum of £150 to cover general costs incurred in their work as a Councillor.
- b) The Council **MUST** make available an annual payment of £500 to at least one and no more than 5 Councillors for the carrying out of extra duties.
- c) The Council is **authorised** to pay up to £34 (up to 4 hours) and £68 (for each period beyond 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours) to Councillors to allow them to perform their duties.
- d) All Town and Community Council **MUST** make allowance for reimbursement of costs for care of dependent children or adults (provided by formal carers) to allow Councillors to perform their duties. Such sums **MUST** be made available up to a maximum of £403 per month.
- e) The Council is **authorised** to provide a Mayoral allowance up to £1,500pa for civic duties which is in addition to any sums noted above.
- f) The Council is **authorised** to provide a Deputy Mayoral allowance up to £500pa for civic duties which is in addition to any sums noted above.
- g)

There is a requirement to public expenses claimed by Councillor with such information being posted on the web site.

Members may each year waive their rights to any allowances by stating such to the Town Clerk in writing.

The meeting noted the information and that a further round of consultation is to take place seeking views on any proposals for the ensuing year. There was still concern expressed over the timing of decisions in relation to Council budget setting.

15. Data Protection Act

The meeting consider an update on this important piece of legislation coming into effect in May 2018. The FIO has indicated that it expects all organisations to make progress towards meeting the requirements of the act.

16. Poverty and Homelessness in North Wales

The meeting consider the subject of poverty and homelessness in North and Mid Wales.

The meeting noted the paper from Welshpool Town Council which has a Working Group on this subject and to aid discussion a copy the proposals for action locally was attached to the agenda.

A meeting with the Ministers Office is to be arranged to discuss the issues.

The Secretary is also to find out what official figures are available (possibly via Shelter)



17. Boundary Commission for Wales

The meeting noted the Boundary Commission for Wales report on electoral boundaries issued for each County.

There was some concern that few Town and Community Councils responded. This may, in some cases, be due to the timing of the consultations (ie Powys around Election time and North Wales around Christmas).

18. Tourism Tax

The meeting considered the latest situation with a Tourism Tax. Although the Welsh Government is not planning to take a proposal forward it appears that County Councils may be given the power to levy such a tax.

The effect of a Tourism Tax on the North Wales Coast in particular (but also Mid Wales) would be adversely affected in an already depleting market.

The meeting agreed that tourism in the current year is going to be a challenge.

The Secretary is to arrange for a visit to the Ministers Office on the subject.

19. Volunteer drivers and licensing

Concern was expressed over the possible licensing of volunteer drivers in community transport schemes.

A link is to be added for information on the web site.

20. To note Dates of future meetings

The meeting noted the dates of the next meetings as follows:

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**21. Actions to be taken forward:**

The following actions are to be taken forward

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1	Minister's Office meeting regarding: Hospital services Homelessness Tourism Tax Local bus service delivery	Arrange meeting with Welsh Government in Cardiff	Robert
2	Future of County Councils consultation (reducing to 10)	Post consultation draft on web site for comment	Robert
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4	Homelessness in Wales	Gain official figures.	Robert See appendix D
5	Facebook Page and Social Media	A full report to be issued at the Annual Meeting	Robert



APPENDIX B

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE

TO FOLLOW



APPENDIX C

FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL MEDIA

REPORT TO FOLLOW

**APPENDIX D****HOMELESS INFORMATION****Key points**

- During October to December 2017, a total of 2,049 households were assessed as threatened with homelessness within 56 days. Homelessness was successfully prevented for at least 6 months for 1,383 households (68 per cent). For a further 294 households (14 per cent) homelessness was unsuccessfully prevented. Other outcomes accounted for the remaining 18 per cent of households (including refused assistance, non co-operation, withdrawn application and loss of contact).
- A total of 2,724 households were assessed as being homeless and owed a duty to help secure accommodation during the quarter. Of these, 1,188 households (44 per cent) were helped to secure accommodation that was likely to last for 6 months. For 939 households (34 per cent) the local authority was unsuccessful in securing such accommodation. Other outcomes accounted for the remaining 22 per cent of households (including refused assistance, non co-operation, withdrawn application and loss of contact).
- During October to December 2017, 543 households were assessed to be unintentionally homeless and in priority need. These households qualified for the duty to have accommodation secured for them. For 79 per cent (429 households) an offer of permanent accommodation was accepted. Other outcomes accounted for the remaining 21 per cent of households (including refused assistance, non co-operation, withdrawn application and loss of contact).



Households in temporary accommodation

- At the end of December 2017 there were 2,034 households in temporary accommodation.
- Private sector accommodation was the main form of temporary accommodation used. This accounted for 38 per cent (771 households) of all households in temporary accommodation at the end of December 2017.
- At the end of December 2017 there were 198 households in temporary bed and breakfast (B&B) accommodation. Of these, 12 households (6 per cent) were families with children.

FROM BBC WEB SITE

The number of rough sleepers has risen in Wales according to new figures.

An overnight count from November 2017 showed there was 188 individuals on the streets - 47 more than in 2016.

Now homeless charities are calling on more to be done to help change the habits of rough sleepers.

Some rough sleepers say they choose to sleep in tents rather than seeking refuge at homeless shelters while others are asked to leave shelters for a variety of reasons.

Gary, who has slept rough for two years, said: "I'm just out of rehab, it wasn't for me, I couldn't handle it. Everything I know is here (Newport).

"Hostels are sometimes a hindrance, because of the drugs in there."

Kelissa, also in her forties, added: "I was in a hostel but it was right on the front line where all the drugs are, and I'm trying to stay off the drugs.

"It was just dragging me right down."



Craig, 47, said he has physical and mental health problems, and was sharing his tent with three other people.

"To be blunt with you, I've had a drug addiction for 28 years. I've been battling it," he added.

Craig said drug dealers used to wait for him - and others with addiction issues - outside the hostel where he used to stay.

"The hostel is great, but it's just where it is," he said.

"I know it's down to choice - it's my personal choice but it [the drugs] makes it so hard."

The Welsh Government figures showed that Cardiff had the most rough sleepers at 53, followed by Wrexham (44), Swansea (21), Newport (18) and Conwy (10).

A spokesman for the government said: "While these are snapshot estimates, the figures are clearly concerning."

Another count which took place during a two week period in October last year showed a smaller rise in the number of rough sleepers.

It showed there was 345 rough sleepers - an increase of 10% on the same period in 2016.

On the same night as the overnight count, local authorities across Wales said there were 233 emergency bed spaces, and of these 42 were unoccupied and available.

The Welsh Government is investing £20m to tackle homelessness over the next two years and First Minister Carwyn Jones has announced an extra £10m in 2019-20 to support work to end youth homelessness in Wales.

The spokesman said: "Our innovative housing legislation aims to reduce homelessness and people sleeping rough, with a stronger focus on prevention and a more inclusive approach to helping everyone at risk, not just those in priority need groups.

He added that homelessness has been prevented for almost 13,000 households since the legislation came into force.