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Pwyllgor Diben Arbennig Ymchwiliad COVID-19 Cymru | Wales COVID-19

Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Adroddiad Modiwl 1 Ymchwiliad Covid-19 y DU | UK-Covid Inquiry Module 1

Report

Ymateb gan Maelor South Community Council | Evidence from Maelor South Community Council

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**1. Do the recommendations in the Module 1 report capture the priority actions needed to improve the resilience and preparedness of Wales as part of the UK.**

No

**2. Is there sufficient detail in the recommendations?**

No

**3. Are there any clear gaps requiring the Committee to take further evidence itself?**

Yes

**Please outline your reasons for your answer to this question.**

(We would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words, however should it be required, an additional answer box of 500 words is available).

There was total lack of acknowledgement of the role Community Councils could have in the delivery of local messages- CCs are at the heart of Communities with many Councillors having a broad reach of contacts but there had been no plans to utilise this resource.

The messaging from the Local Authority, Welsh Government , Welsh Government and national media often was not aligned and no one often could distinguish between England and Wales regulations.

The different regulations across the UK was totally confusing and trust was soon lost with the political structures.

There is a real need for Pandemic Planning to be tested to ensure that resilience planning actually works - CCs should be involved along with other community partners.

#### **4. Your views on the resources that will be needed in order to deliver the recommendations, within the timeframes set out in the report.**

(We would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words, however should it be required, an additional answer box of 500 words is available).

The resource level can only be determined once the role of Community Councils is established - adequate community resourcing is essential as no way can an LA or Health Board provide without community support.

#### **5. Your views on how progress should be monitored and reported. The need for transparency and clear lines of accountability for delivery of the recommendations.**

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Weekly briefings are essential from day one and not as an after thought

#### **6. Do you have any other points you wish to raise within the scope of this inquiry?**

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Essential that Trust is maintained across the whole of the public sector along with Third Sector support.