

LG 40

Bil Llywodraeth Leol ac Etholiadau (Cymru)
Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill
Ymateb gan: Cyngor Tref Biwmares
Response from: Beaumaris Town Council

FAO of National Assembly for Wales

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

3 Councillors of Beaumaris Town Council met with Rhun ap Iorwerth and Frances Ifan on Thursday 19th December 2019 to discuss the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

In attendance:-

The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Rhian Jones

Councillor Howard Mattocks

Councillor Jason Zalot

Karen Johnson, administrative assistant.

The councillors appreciated a clear discussion about the Bill with Rhun and Frances.

The meeting wishes to record its thanks and supports broadly the proposals outlined within the Bill. It understands this is stage 1 of the Bill.

Input and feedback:-

1. Councillors believed four years rather than five years should be the agreed time of elected service.
2. Any public participation needs to be considered, and time given for consultations, polling and formal feedback, therefore more detail required.
3. Support of the new level of eligibility to vote at 16 years old.
4. Beaumaris Town Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss and agree additional resources required to support the potential increase of further responsibilities, such as management of County Council assets transferred to the town.
5. Beaumaris Town Council welcomes in principal additional levels of responsibility from devolution (decentralisation, deconcentration, delegation), redistributing decision making authority and financial management responsibilities to community and principal councils.
6. Beaumaris Town Council supports improved methods of good governance, accountability, and practical measures for financial management.
7. Training recommendations for councillors and staff was seen as essential.
8. Limit burdensome levels of bureaucracy.
9. Beaumaris Town Council welcomes the opportunity of regular assessment and feedback to the Bill.

Yours sincerely

Beaumaris Town Council