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Dear Gwen Carrington

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF HAULFRE

Beaumaris Town Council welcomes the opportunities that it has had to meet with members and officers of Anglesey County Council to contribute to the debate on the future of Haulfre. The purpose of this letter is to formalise some of the comments made by Town Councillors at those meetings so that they can be fully incorporated into the report that will go to The Executive in October.

The Town Council's position was concisely set out in a resolution passed at their meeting on 7 September which was subsequently read out at the public meeting on 9 September in Llangoed:

"The whole Haulfre site (including the garden) and the care home should be protected until the new extra care facility is developed on the Haulfre site."

The Town Council do appreciate the dilemma faced by the County Council in deciding how much to invest in the current home at Haulfre when a new 21st century facility is on the horizon. However the progress reported at the meetings suggests that a new facility, especially if it is on a new site, is by no means certain and is many years away. Town Councillors are concerned that this appears to casts a shadow over the future of Haulfre.

The Town Council believe that there is a viable option which will resolve the dilemma. It will secure the future of high quality care on the Haulfre site, minimises the amount that will need to be invested to keep the current building operating in the medium term, and gives a realistic prospect of early delivery of the new extra care facility for this part of Anglesey. The Town Council's proposal is for a phased development on the current site to create a 'Haulfre Newydd' extra care facility to serve the older people of South East Anglesey. The existing facility will continue to operate during the development with the least suitable parts of the building being taken out of use as each new phase of 'Haulfre Newydd' is commissioned.

The first phase of the development would be an annex on the site built to modern care standards. The County Council has already identified in the June report to the executive that an annex on the site is a practical possibility. Once complete, some residents can move into the new accommodation leaving part of the exiting facility empty ready to be replaced by phase 2 of Haulfre Newydd. With careful planning the Town Council believe that the new extra care facility could be delivered within just two or three phases. This approach has several advantages:

- Anglesey County Council already owns the site. This means that the cost of the new extra care facility will be significantly less than a facility on a new site.
- The current team at Haulfre are consistently complimented for the quality of care that they provide. Allowing the team to continue caring for the elderly on the current site while the new facility is built means that their excellent care will continue for current residents minimising the distress and disruption to vulnerable people.
- Placing the new extra care facility on the Haulfre site maximises the opportunity for synergy between the various facilities on the site which will minimise long term running costs for the County Council.
- A modest extension or annex could be completed fairly quickly. Certainly much more quickly than a whole new facility on a new site. This means that the need to spend money keeping the existing care home operating until replaced by Haulfre Newydd will be kept to a minimum.
- By keeping Haulfre operating during the completion of Haulfre Newydd the number of beds available in the area will be maintained and the 'bed blocking' problems currently experienced will not be made worse.

The Town Council are of the view that this approach could provide a win-win-win solution for the County Council, the residents and the local community:

- The County Council gain the most cost effective way of providing the care it plans to provide for south east Anglesey.
- The residents suffer the least disruption to their lives and will benefit from 21st century facilities earlier.
- The community retain a much loved and appreciated facility which provides local jobs and excellent care for our elderly in their later years.

The Town Council is confident that this suggestion is feasible and deserves more work to develop more detailed proposals. However this proposal was not one of the options outlined in the report of 16 June and as far as we know has not been part of the required consultation with residents of Haulfre and their families. Consequently The Town Council request that the decision scheduled to be taken on 19 October be postponed so as to allow time and opportunity for this proposal to be turned into a concrete plan. This will allow proper consultation with residents and staff of Haulfre and ensure that county councillors are able to discuss a difficult dilemma with all the facts in front of them.

I have copied this letter to the adult social care email account, the leader of the council and the three Seiriol ward councillors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Ashenden', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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