

## **Appendix 1 – Notice of Motion 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**93 Notice of Motion A.** The following Notice of Motion standing in the names of County Borough Councillors S. Rees, J. Bonetto, L. M. Adams, D. R. Bevan, H Boggis, S. Bradwick, J Brencher, A Calvert, G. Caple, A. Crimmings, A. DaviesJones, L De-Vet, J Elliott, S.Evans, G. Jones, M Fidler Jones, M. Forey, A. Fox, E. George, M. Griffiths, J. Harries G. Holmes, G. Hopkins, G. W. Hughes, R. Lewis, W Lewis, C. Leyshon, A. Morgan, S. Morgans, M. A. Norris, D. Owen-Jones, S Pickering, S. Powell, S. Powderhill, A. Roberts, J. Rosser, G Stacey, M Tegg, G Thomas, W Treeby, R K Turner, M. Webber, D. Williams, T. Williams, C. J. Willis and R. Yeo

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- Considering a requirement for all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
- Consider the development of a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
- Consider encouraging local suppliers of fireworks to retail ‘quieter’ fireworks only for public display.

This Council also resolves to write to the Welsh Government, urging them to utilise any levers at their disposal to mitigate any negative impacts on animals and vulnerable people of the hosting of fireworks displays. This Council notes the strong commitment already shown by the authority towards animal welfare through its support for the Lucy’s Law campaign and to our Armed Forces community through the Armed Forces Covenant, with a cinema screening for veterans with PTSD recently being held at the Park and Dare Theatre on Bonfire Night. This Council notes the lead taken by the Nos Galan Committee, which has already agreed to review its use of fireworks for the 2020/2021 event. At the meeting the Chair announced that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.4.1 the following amendment to the Notice of Motion had been received from County Borough Councillors P Jarman (Proposer) & G R Davies (Seconder), E. Webster, J.Davies, J.Cullwick, J.Williams, A.Cox, H.Fychan,

D.Grehan, E.Griffiths, K.Morgan, S.Rees Owen, M.Weaver, S.Evans, A. Chapman, L.Jones & E.Stephens

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Following discussion, it was proposed that the mover and seconder consider moving an alteration to the Motion to include reference to include the word ‘autism’. In accordance with the Council’s Rules of Procedure 12.7, a vote was taken in respect of the amendment to the Notice of Motion and it was RESOLVED not to adopt the amendment. (Note: County Borough Councillors P Jarman and J Davies wished to have it recorded that they voted to adopt the amendment to the Notice of Motion) Following further discussion in respect of the substantive motion and in accordance with the Council Rules of Procedure 12.7, it was RESOLVED to adopt the motion as

altered by the Proposer (Cllr S Rees) & Seconder (Cllr J Bonetto) and with the agreement of Full Council as follows:-

“The use of fireworks has long been a tradition in our communities to celebrate events such as Bonfire Night and the New Year. The impact of Fire Works is increasingly a concern to residents, those who have Autism, those who own pets or to Armed Forces personnel suffering with PTSD for example. RSPCA Cymru have launched a campaign to increase public awareness and reduce the potential for injury or distress to animals by proposing the adoption of a policy for the responsible sale of fireworks, including the potential for silent fireworks, which would achieve a compromise between allowing our communities to celebrate key events, while ensuring that these celebrations are conducted in a sensitive and respectful manner. The Council therefore requests an Officer report for consideration by Cabinet, which outlines how this local authority may support the RSCPA Campaign by:

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