

# Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

## Inquiry into the Welsh Premier League

### Response from Tom Morgan

#### PROFILE

<b>1992 – 1995</b>	:	Aber Town Player-Manager
<b>1995 – 1997</b>	:	Llansanffraid Assistant Player –Manager
<b>1997 – 1998</b>	:	BBC Radio Cymru Pundit
<b>1998 – 1999</b>	:	Rhayader Town Manager
<b>1999 – 2004</b>	:	Carmarthen Town Manager
<b>2004 – 2008</b>	:	Welshpool Town Manager
<b>2008 – 2010</b>	:	Porthmadog Manager
<b>2010 – 2012</b>	:	Carmarthen Town Manager
<b>2012 – present</b>	:	Aberystwyth Town Manager

#### WPL INCEPTION - DEVELOPMENT

- WFA had to form league or risk lose international status
- Formation of League badly managed
- Alienations of clubs – court procedures (Newport) forced clubs
- WFA had little or no interest in League or its progression

#### MEDIA PERCEPTION

- Poor beginning didn't help
- No 'result service' midweek
- Swansea/ Cardiff / Newport / Wrexham England ..... destabilises League
- WFA continued insistence of clubs playing in Welsh Cup

#### PLAYERS / MANAGER PROGRESSION

- Coaching courses second-to-none
- Players ..... many have gone on to play in football league
- Clubs – community-based .... very positive

#### INFRASTRUCTURE – PYRAMID SYSTEM

- Grounds – lots of work to do .... playing surface

INVESTMENT