



Chief Executive's Department
Swyddfa'r Cyngor
CAERNARFON
Gwynedd
LL55 1SH

Meeting

THE COUNCIL

Date and Time

1.00 pm, THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 2015

*** NOTE**

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Location

Siambr Dafydd Orwig - Council Offices, Caernarfon, LL55 1SH

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WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2015

Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2015

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of **GWYNEDD COUNCIL** which will be held at **1.00 pm** on **THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 2015** in **SIAMBR DAFYDD ORWIG - COUNCIL OFFICES, COUNCIL OFFICES, CAERNARFON** to consider the matters mentioned in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dafydd Iwan', written in a cursive style.

Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive

The following rooms will be available for the political groups during the morning:-

Plaid Cymru - Siambr Dafydd Orwig
Independent – Siambr Hywel Dda
Llais Gwynedd – Ystafell Gwyrfai
Liberal Democrats - Ystafell Peris
Labour – Rear of Siambr Dafydd Orwig

AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN

Elect a Chairman for 2015/16.

2. VICE-CHAIRMAN

Elect a Vice-chairman for 2015/16.

3. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. MINUTES

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The Chairman shall propose that the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 5 March, 2015 be signed as a true record. (attached)

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

6. THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any Chairman's announcements.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS OR OTHER BUSINESS

To receive any correspondence, communications or other business brought forward at the request of the Chairman.

8. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items which are urgent business in the opinion of the Chairman so they may be considered.

9. QUESTIONS

To consider any questions the appropriate notice for which have been given under Section 4.19 of the Constitution.

10. AMENDING THE OFFICERS' SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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To submit the report of the Council Leader (attached).

11. THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE

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To submit the report of the Council Leader (attached).

12. ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE WITH REGARDS TO SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS 29 - 36

- (a) To consider the report of Councillor Lesley Day, Chairman of the Democratic Services Committee for 2014/15 (attached).
- (b) To select a Chairman for 2015/16.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION 37 - 42

- (a) In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under the Procedural Rules, Councillor Sian Gwenllian will propose as follows:-

“I call on the council to express disappointment regarding the decision of Trinity Mirror, newspaper publishers, to close the Herald office in Caernarfon, putting an end to a presence in the town which expands over 180 years, and to show full support to the journalists and the other staff members who will be affected.

This is the office of the Daily Post, the Caernarfon and Denbigh Herald, the Holyhead and Anglesey Mail, the Bangor and Anglesey Mail and *Yr Herald Gymraeg*. Caernarfon is a traditional home for the press and is an important municipal, cultural and historical centre. Caernarfon is home to a crown court, a county court and a magistrates' court, as well as the north-west Wales coroner and Gwynedd Council headquarters.

I also call on the Council to do everything in its power to ensure the continuation of the presence of Trinity Mirror staff in an office in Caernarfon. Reporters work in the communities they serve, from a local news room, creating good journalism - a vital element of local democracy and a valuable source of information for residents from Gwynedd and beyond. I worry that closing the existing office would represent a further decrease in Trinity Mirror's commitment to local journalism in the region, and that it would pave the way towards closing down newspapers that we value and are at the heart of the community.”

- (b) To submit, for information, a letter from the Treasury in response to Councillor Sian Gwenllian's notice of motion to the December meeting regarding tax avoidance (attached).
- (c) To submit, for information, a letter from the First Minister for Wales in response to Councillor R.H.Wyn Williams'

notice of motion to the last meeting regarding Trident (attached).

- (ch) To submit, for information, a letter from the Welsh Government in response to Councillor Craig ab Iago's notice of motion to the last meeting regarding the Traws Link Cymru campaign to reopen the railway line between North and South Wales (attached).