



Meeting

**THE COUNCIL**

Date and Time

**1.30 pm, THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2023**

**\* NOTE \***

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Location

**Multi-location Meeting**

**Siambwr Dafydd Orwig, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Caernarfon LL55 1SH and  
Virtually on Zoom**

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**WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2023**

Dear Councillor,

**MEETING OF CYNGOR GWYNEDD – THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2023**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend a multi-location meeting of **CYNGOR GWYNEDD** which will be held at **1.30 pm** on **THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2023** in **SIAMBR DAFYDD ORWIG, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, CAERNARFON LL55 1SH AND VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM**, to consider the matters mentioned in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,



Head of Democracy Services

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

Plaid Cymru - Siambr Dafydd Orwig  
Independent – Siambr Hywel Dda  
Lib / Lab – Ystafell Ogwen

# AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence

**2. MINUTES**

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The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 be signed as a true record.

**3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of personal interest.

**4. THE CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any Chair's announcements.

**5. URGENT ITEMS**

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

**6. PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR OF BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**

To receive a presentation by Dyfed Edwards, Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, on the Board's main priorities in terms of improving services for the people of Gwynedd.

**7. QUESTIONS**

To consider any questions from elected members, the appropriate notice for which have been given under Section 4.18 of the Constitution.

**8. COUNCIL TAX: DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ALLOW DISCOUNTS AND/OR RAISE A PREMIUM 2024-25** 21 - 62

To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance.

**9. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2024-25** 63 - 67

To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance.

**10. GWYNEDD LANGUAGE STRATEGY 2023-2033** 68 - 141

To submit the report of the Council Leader, Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn.

**11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 - 142 - 146  
OPTION TO ADOPT SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE SYSTEM  
FOR CYNGOR GWYNEDD ELECTIONS**

To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Support.

**12. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING PANEL 147 - 158  
2022-23**

To submit the report of the Chair of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(A) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOHN PUGHE ROBERTS**

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under Section 4.19 of the Constitution, Councillor John Pughe Roberts will propose as follows:-

Considering the impact of discovering tuberculosis on a farm and the importance of infection control, that the Council calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that wild animals who could be transferring the infection in rural areas in the vicinity of an affected farm are tested as a matter of course in order to ascertain whether they are carrying tuberculosis and to permit control measures.

**(B) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ELIN HYWEL**

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under Section 4.19 of the Constitution, Councillor Elin Hywel will propose as follows:-

1. That the Council recognizes our responsibility to protect the well-being and community cohesion of Gwynedd. That we want to see the communities and residents of Gwynedd living together in peace, through mutual respect and support. We see that recent events in Palestine and in Israel have a negative impact on our ability to be successful in fulfilling this responsibility. We see that wars have heart-breaking and disastrous effects here in Gwynedd. We reach out to the residents of Gwynedd at this time. We sympathize and mourn together.
2. The Council notes our responsibility according to the Well-being of Future Generations Act to play our part to ensure that Wales is welcoming, safe and fair for everyone.
3. As representatives of the residents of Gwynedd, we call for a peaceful response from the Welsh Government. We call on the Welsh Government, as our representatives on the international stage, to facilitate the establishment and immediate implementation

of a humanitarian aid plan for the people of Gaza.

4. That this motion declares that violence and acts of war against civilians cannot be justified. That this includes the violent actions of Hamas and their refusal to immediately release their hostages, together with Israel's disproportionate actions against the Palestinian people, which are in violation of international law.
5. That we, Cyngor Gwynedd, call for a permanent and irreversible ceasefire in Gaza. We call on the Welsh Government, the UK and the international community to ensure a return to the negotiating table, and a fair and just solution for all the residents of Palestine and Israel, many who have settled, have family and loved ones here in Gwynedd.

#### **14. RESPONSES / UPDATES TO PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION**

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To submit, for information:-

- (a) Update with regard to Councillor Rhys Tudur's notice of motion to the 4th May, 2023 Council meeting regarding Welsh language provision in secondary schools.
- (b) Letter from the Ministry of Justice in response to Councillor Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn's notice of motion to the 6th July, 2023 Council meeting regarding the devolvement of powers over justice and the creation of a Welsh Legal Jurisdiction.