

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD  
COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE**

**(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)**

**9 May 2024**

**Multi-location Meeting**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Beca Roberts (Chair)  
Ioan Thomas (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, R.Glyn Daniels, Anwen J.Davies, Dafydd Owen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Jina Gwyrfai, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, R.Medwyn Hughes, Iwan Huws, Elin Hywel, Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gwilym Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, Linda Ann Jones, June Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Nigel Pickavance, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, Gareth A.Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Peter Thomas, Menna Trenholme, Rhys Tudur, Hefin Underwood, Eirir Wyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gareth Williams, Gruffydd Williams, Sasha Williams and Sian Williams.

**Officers:**

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Geraint Owen (Corporate Director), Dylan Owen (Corporate Director and Statutory Director of Social Services), Dewi Morgan (Statutory Finance Officer), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Ian Jones (Head of Democracy Services), Carys Fon Williams (Head of Housing and Property Department), Steffan Jones (Head of Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy), Gareth Jones (Assistant Head of Environment Department), Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Services Manager), Gwenan Roberts (Public Protection Manager - Licensing and Pollution Control) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

**Apologies:**

Councillors:- Louise Hughes, Kim Jones, John Pughe and Rob Triggs.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 1: CHAIR

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**DECISION**

To appoint Councillor Beca Roberts as Chair for 2024/25.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour of Councillor Beca Roberts	43
In favour of Councillor Beth Lawton	19

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 2: VICE-CHAIR

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**DECISION**

To appoint Councillor Ioan Thomas as Vice-chair for 2024/25.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour of Councillor Ioan Thomas	43
In favour of Councillor Elfed P. Roberts	21

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 9: ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE

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**DECISION**

- To adopt the list of committees and sub-committees to be established for the 2024/25 municipal year, as noted below, and to adopt the allocation of seats and senior salaries as noted.**

**APPENDIX A - ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES**

A	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Labour Liberal	Total
Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee	12	6	0	18
Communities Scrutiny Committee	12	5	1	18
Care Scrutiny Committee	12	5	1	18
Governance and Audit	8	4	0	12

B	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Labour Liberal	Total
Democratic Services	10	4	1	15
Planning	10	4	1	15
Central Licensing /General	10	5	0	15
Language	10	5	0	15
Chief Officers Appointment	10	5	0	15
Employment Appeals	5	2	0	7
<b>Number of seats</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>148</b>

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C	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Labour Liberal	Total
Pensions	4	2	1	7
Local Joint Consultative Committee	7	4	0	11
SACRE	5	2	0	7
<b>Total seats</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>173</b>

### **Senior Salaries**

The following senior salaries will be paid:-

- **Leader**
  - **Deputy Leader**
  - **8 other Members of the Cabinet**
  - **Leader of the main opposition Group**
  - **Committee Chairs**
    - **Scrutiny Committees (x3)**
    - **Planning Committee**
    - **Licensing Committee (Central and General to be included as one Committee)**
    - **Pensions Committee**
  - **Civic Head (Chair of the Council)**
  - **Deputy Civic Head (Vice-chair of the Council)**
2. **To delegate the authority to the Head of Democracy Services to make appointments to the committees on the basis of political balance, and in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.**
  3. **Allocate the chairpersonships of scrutiny committees on the basis of political balance as follows:-**
    - Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee - Plaid Cymru Group**
    - Communities Scrutiny Committee – Plaid Cymru Group**
    - Care Scrutiny Committee - Independent Group**

### **THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	46
Against	13
Abstentions	4

### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 10: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO THE DEMOCRACY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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**DECISION**

**To appoint Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones as Chair of the Democracy Services Committee for 2024/25.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	60
Against	0
Abstentions	2

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 11: REVIEW OF A DRAFT STATEMENT OF POLICY - LICENSING ACT 2003

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**DECISION**

**To adopt the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy, and delegate the right to the Head of Environment Department to make editorial changes for accuracy as needed.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	64
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 12A: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GWYNFOR OWEN

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**DECISION**

The Cambrian Coast Railway is of immense importance to the economy of Gwynedd, with thousands of visitors using it, but more importantly, the people of Gwynedd themselves use this Railway on a daily basis to go to school, work, to shop or for leisure purposes.

Transport for Wales have recently stated that they want to cut the number of trains running along the line.

The way to improve train use is by increasing the number of trains and definitely not cutting them.

This Council makes it clear to Transport for Wales and to the Welsh Government, who are the owners of Transport for Wales, that any cut in the number of trains on the Cambrian Railway is not acceptable, and instead they should look at how to increase the number of trains throughout the year.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	63
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 12B: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELFED WYN AP ELWYN

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**DECISION**

Cyngor Gwynedd believes that no house should be anything but a home until everyone who has a local need has a warm home which is fit for purpose. This is the objective of this Council. We call on the Welsh Government to enable this Council to act for the sake of the people of Gwynedd first by implementing a Property Act which will propose a statutory and local framework to support communities, housing providers and local authorities to respond to the current emergency.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	49
Against	4
Abstentions	6

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 12C: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR LLIO ELENID OWEN

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**DECISION**

The decision by the Welsh National Health Service Joint Commissioning Committee and health boards to close and centralise the Welsh Air Ambulance centres of Caernarfon (Dinas Dinlle) and Welshpool is a devastating blow to the whole of Gwynedd and another example of how Wales' central services ignore the aspirations and demands of rural Wales. This Council opposes the decision and asks for full intervention and investigation into the decision by the Welsh Government.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	57
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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