

**COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

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

3 October 2024

Multi-location Meeting

Attendance:

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

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Dafydd Owen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Jina Gwyrfai, Annwen Hughes, Louise 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, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Nigel Pickavance, John Pughe, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Peter Thomas, Menna Trenholme, Rob Triggs, Rhys Tudur, Einir 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 (Head of Finance), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Ian Jones (Head of Democracy Services), Carys Fôn Williams (Head of Housing and Property), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education), Steffan Jones (Head of Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager), Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Apologies:

Councillors:- Glyn Daniels, Anwen Davies, John Brynmor Hughes, Dafydd Meurig, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Roberts, Dyfrig Siencyn and Hefin Underwood.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND SELF-ASSESSMENT 2023/24

DECISION

Approval and adoption of Cyngor Gwynedd's Annual Performance Report and Self-Assessment 2023/24.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	58
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 8A: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CAI LARSEN

DECISION

As we now approach a year since the war in Gaza began, Cyngor Gwynedd states that:

More than 40,000 Gaza residents have been killed by Israel security forces – the vast majority civilians. Approximately 10,000 people – mostly civilians – remain undiscovered but are almost certainly dead. Over 90,000 have been injured – again with the majority of them civilians. Close to 200,000 have died due to the indirect effects of Israel's military campaign. The vast majority of the 2.2m people living there have lost their homes, or have had to move out of their homes. There are people whose families live in Gaza among the residents of Gwynedd.

In view of this, and in view of a number of other current horrific situations such as Ukraine, Yemen and Myanmar, the Full Council, as part of the process of the annual review of the Investment Strategy, calls for consideration to be given to adding a provision that meets the principles of protecting human liberties and respecting international law.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

A registered vote was called for on the motion.

According to Procedural Rules, the following vote on the motion was recorded:

In favour	48	Councillors Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Dafydd Owen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, R. Medwyn Hughes, Iwan Huws, Elin Hywel, Nia Wyn Jeffreys, 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, Cai Larsen, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Nigel Pickavance, John Pughe, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Beca Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Ioan Thomas, Peter Thomas, Menna Trenholme, Rhys Tudur, Einir Wyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gruffydd Williams, Sasha Williams and Sian Williams.
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Against	1	Councillor Richard Glyn Roberts.
Abstentions	5	Councillors Jina Gwyrfai, Beth Lawton, Dewi Owen, John Pughe Roberts and Rob Triggs.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 8B: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DEWI JONES

DECISION

- Cyngor Gwynedd states that we believe responsibility for the Crown Estate should be devolved to the Welsh Government. Any profits generated by the Crown Estate, here on Welsh lands and waters, should remain in Wales, for the benefit of our residents and communities. Responsibility for the Crown Estate is already devolved to the Scottish Government.**
 - This Council also states our dissatisfaction that we are obliged to pay annual fees (in the form of leases) to ensure that Gwynedd residents and visitors have access to various sites, including our beaches and other facilities. In 2023, Cyngor Gwynedd paid a total of over £161,000 to the Crown Estate. Lease fees in 2023 ranged from £35 for 'Bangor beach front', to £8,500 for 'Dwyfor beach front', to £144,000 for 'Hafan Pwllheli'. In a period of severe financial hardship for public services, we believe that it is immoral that such fees go towards the maintenance of the British Monarchy and to the coffers of the Treasury in London. This money should remain in Gwynedd to support the people of Gwynedd.**
 - We are calling on the Chief Executive to arrange to open discussions with the Crown Estate regarding the fees paid by Cyngor Gwynedd. We would urge the Chief Executive to try to persuade the Crown Estate not to charge rent on the Council until the Council's financial position has improved. We note that the Crown Estate's profits have more than doubled from £443 million in 2022/23 to £1.1 billion in 2023/24, in the same period Cyngor Gwynedd has seen their budget cut in real terms.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	45
Against	0
Abstentions	5

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 8C: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELWYN EDWARDS

DECISION

Cyngor Gwynedd is calling on the Westminster Government to hand over the right to the Welsh Government in Cardiff to designate 1st March of each year as an official national holiday in Wales recognising St David as the Patron Saint of Wales. This is done in the case of the Saints of Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Council also seeks the support of the Welsh Government for this (it has previously stated its support) as well as all County, Town and Community councils in Wales.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	49
Against	0
Abstentions	1

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item D: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MERYL ROBERTS

DECISION

Cyngor Gwynedd is fully opposed to the brazen and cruel cuts of the Westminster Government to abolish Gwynedd pensioners' fuel payments this winter. These cuts will mean that at least 85%, namely over 20,000 Gwynedd pensioners, will miss out on fuel payments. To this end, we send steadfast correspondence to Keir Starmer, as prime minister of the United Kingdom, criticising his cruel policy and asking if he can overturn it.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	48
Against	1
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
