

CYNGOR GWYNEDD DECISION NOTICE

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)

5 December 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 Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Gwilym Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Jina Gwyrfai, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Louise Hughes, R. Medwyn Hughes, Iwan Huws, Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry 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, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Nigel Pickavance, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Peter Thomas, Menna Trenholme, Rhys Tudur, Hefin Underwood, 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), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education), Gerwyn Jones (Assistant Head of the Environment Department - Transport), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager), Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager), Emyr Edwards (Research and Information Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Apologies:

Councillors: - Dafydd Owen Davies, Elin Hywel, Dawn Lynne Jones, Gwynfor Owen, John Pughe and Rob Triggs.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

DECISION

To appoint Councillor Nia Jeffreys as Leader of the Council for the term of this Council.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 45 |
| Against | 7 |
| Abstentions | 9 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 8: COUNCIL TAX - DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ALLOW DISCOUNTS AND / OR CHARGE A PREMIUM ON SECOND HOMES AND LONG-TERM EMPTY DWELLINGS 2025-26

DECISION

That the Council makes no change to the Council Tax Premium for 2025/26. That is, for the financial Year 2025/26:-

- Cyngor Gwynedd allows **NO** discount on class A second homes, in accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
 - Cyngor Gwynedd allows **NO** discount and **CHARGES A PREMIUM OF 150%** on class B second homes, in accordance with Section 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
 - Cyngor Gwynedd allows **NO** discount on homes that have been empty for 6 months or more and **CHARGES A PREMIUM OF 100%** on homes that have been empty for 12 months or more, in accordance with Section 12A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 46 |
| Against | 6 |
| Abstentions | 3 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

- Councillor Dewi Jones as a member of the family owned a long-term empty property that they had inherited.
- Councillor Huw Rowlands as a member of the family had a property that is subject to the Premium.
- Councillor Jina Gwyrfai as she was joint owner of an empty property.
- Councillor Gareth Coj Parry as a member of the family had an empty property.

The members were of the opinion that they were prejudicial interests, and they withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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SUBJECT

Item 9: COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2025-26

DECISION

- i.1. That Cyngor Gwynedd's Local Scheme for the year commencing 1 April 2025 continues as it was during 2024/25. Therefore, the following conditions (a - c below) regarding the continuation of the discretionary elements would continue:
- a) To apply a 100% disregard for war disablement pensions, war widows' pensions and war widowers' pensions, for both pensioners and working age claimants.
 - b) Not to increase the extended reduction periods for pensioners and working age claimants from the standard four weeks in the Prescribed Scheme.
 - c) Not to increase the backdated period for pensioners and working age claimants from the standard three months contained within the Prescribed Scheme.
2. Where appropriate, to delegate powers to the Head of Finance Department, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to make minor amendments to the scheme for 2025/26, on condition that it will not change the substance of the scheme.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 54 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 2 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 10: REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

DECISION

- 1. That the Council adopts the amendments to the Delegation Scheme listed in Appendix 1 of the report**
 - 2. That the Council accepts the information on delegated amendments to the Constitution in Annex 2 and 3 of the report.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 57 |
| 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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Item 11: REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

DECISION

To approve the results of the review of polling districts and polling places in the Dwyfor Meirionnydd and Bangor Aberconwy (to the extent they are within Gwynedd) parliamentary constituencies, following a consultation period.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 54 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 0 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 12: REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF LLANAELHAEARN COMMUNITY

DECISION

To approve changing the name of the Community of Llanaelhaearn to Trefor and Llanaelhaearn in accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 1972.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
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| In favour | 53 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 0 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 13a: A NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DELYTH LLOYD GRIFFITHS

DECISION

In order to satisfy the need for local housing, this Council brings pressure to bear on the Welsh Government for the practice of exchanging social housing to cease immediately, unless the house is exchanged within the local authority, or close to the county's boundary.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 49 |
| Against | 3 |
| Abstentions | 1 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 13b: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HUW ROWLANDS

DECISION

1. **Cyngor Gwynedd asks the UK Government to allocate a fair share of the spending on the HS2 rail line in England to Wales.**
 2. **The Welsh Government is also asked to continue to bring pressure to bear on the UK Government to ensure this.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 54 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 0 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 13c: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JUNE JONES

DECISION

Following the horrific accident on the A4085 road near the village of Garreg, Llanfrothen in November 2023 which saw four young lads lose their lives, that Cyngor Gwynedd corresponds with the Westminster Government's Department for Transport asking them to look at updating the rules to obtain a graduated driving licence where young drivers cannot carry other young passengers without having had six months' driving experience after passing their test.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
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| In favour | 52 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 1 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 13d: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN PUGHE ROBERTS

DECISION

That Cyngor Gwynedd asks the Welsh Government to reconsider their support for the Labour Party in Westminster and that the Welsh Government calls on the Westminster Government to re-establish the Agricultural Property Relief.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 44 |
| Against | 3 |
| Abstentions | 5 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 13e: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELIN WALKER JONES

DECISION

That the Council supports the campaign to establish a School of Dentistry at Bangor University, to write to our elected representatives in the Senedd to lobby the Welsh Government to consider the economic and public health case for the establishment of a school of dentistry in Bangor based on the key findings presented in the Filling the Gap report.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 46 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 1 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 13f: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR RHYS TUDUR

DECISION

Given

- That the Welsh Government has conducted a consultation on varying the Land Transaction Tax
- That varying the tax would give the Council the opportunity to tackle effectively the rate at which second homes are purchased
- That varying the tax would open the door for this Council to bring pressure to bear on the Government to give its fair share of the revenue derived from land tax

This Council calls on the Welsh Government to give Gwynedd a greater role in being able to decide on variations for the Land Transaction Tax.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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|-------------|----|
| In favour | 45 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 2 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
