

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD  
COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE**

**Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972**

**07/11/2024**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Annwen Hughes (Chair)  
Llio Elenid Owen (Vice-chair)

Stephen Churchman, Elwyn Edwards, Elin Hywel, Beca Roberts, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Rhys Tudur, Linda Morgan, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Jina Gwyrfai, Robert Glyn Daniels, Peter Thomas, Rob Triggs and Gruffydd Williams.

**Officers present:**

Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Advisor) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

**Present for Item 5:**

Dafydd Williams (Head of Environment Department), Gareth Jones (Assistant Head, Environment Department), Bob Thomas (Planning Policy Team Leader), and Llywela Haf Owain (Senior Language and Scrutiny Advisor).

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Edgar Wyn Owen and Elfed Powell Roberts.

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 5: PLANNING AND WELSH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES**

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**DECISION**

1. To accept the report, noting the observations made during the discussion.
  2. That the Committee requests the Welsh Government to review 'Planning Policy Wales' and 'Technical Advice Note (TAN) 20: Planning and the Welsh language' to ensure that the Welsh language receives proper consideration.
  3. Ask the Housing Associations to provide data to the Council to assess knowledge of the Welsh language in planning.
  4. Recognise that no specific qualification has been developed for assessing the linguistic impact of planning developments. Recommend to the Department of Environment and the Language Unit that the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and Bangor University be contacted to encourage them to develop suitable training.
  5. Community and Town Councils should be reminded that they are free to make representations on the potential linguistic impact local planning developments may have on the area.
  6. Consideration should be given to conducting language planning training for Councillors to enable them to assist Community and Town Councils in making representations on the language impact of planning developments.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	14
Abstentions	0
Against	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Rhys Tudur, as he had been a member of the Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities in the past. It was not a prejudicial interest and he did not withdraw from the meeting for the discussion.

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 8: COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME**

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**DECISION**

**Resolved:**

1. To include the following items on the programme:
    - 'Climate and Nature Emergency Plan: Annual Report 2023/24' for the 23 January 2025 meeting.
    - 'Public Toilets' for the 20 March 2025 meeting.
  2. To adopt a revised programme of work for 2024/25.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	13
Abstentions	0
Against	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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