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Meeting

THE COUNCIL

Date and Time

1.30 pm, THURSDAY, 3RD JULY, 2025

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Location

Hybrid - Siambr Dafydd Orwig, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Caernarfon LL55 1SH

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WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025

Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF CYNGOR GWYNEDD – THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2025

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a multi-location meeting of **CYNGOR GWYNEDD** which will be held at **1.30 pm** on **THURSDAY, 3RD JULY, 2025** in **SIAMBR DAFYDD ORWIG, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, CAERNARFON LL55 1SH / VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM**, to consider the matters mentioned in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Head of Democracy

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

Plaid Cymru - Siambr Dafydd Orwig
Independent – Siambr Hywel Dda

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

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The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 1st May, 2025 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. QUESTIONS

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

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2024/25

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To submit the report of the Chair of the Standards Committee.

8. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRACY 2024/25

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To submit the report of the Head of Democracy.

9. WALES PENSION PARTNERSHIP - IMPLEMENTING 'FIT FOR THE FUTURE' BUSINESS PLAN

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To submit the report of the Chair of the Pensions Committee.

10. RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERVIEW PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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To submit the report of the Chair of the Interview Panel.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RHYS TUDUR

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

Given the language shift seen in Gwynedd from census to census, this Council welcomes the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations of the Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities and calls upon the Government to urgently introduce measures giving local authorities the powers and funding to counteract the language shift.

(B) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GWYNFOR OWEN

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

Following the revelation that improvements to the Oxford to Cambridge railway line have been changed from an England-only scheme to an England and Wales scheme, and also in the wake of the paltry sum announced in the Westminster Government's spending review of £450m over 10 years, Cyngor Gwynedd is calling on the Welsh Government to demand that the entire Wales Rail Network is devolved to Wales as a matter of urgency. This Council is of the view that Gwynedd and Wales are missing out significantly on investment due to being tied to England on these issues. We believe that Wales should have the same rights as Scotland and Northern Ireland.

(C) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JINA GWYRFAI

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

Given that

- a) Agriculture is one of Wales' main industries, and that a high percentage of Gwynedd's economy is linked to agriculture,**
- a) the stability of the family farm is a vital and invaluable contribution to the preservation of the Welsh language in our Welsh-speaking communities.**
- b) The agricultural industry in Wales *is currently* able to make a valuable contribution to the food stock of the 'United Kingdom' in an age of increasing uncertainty, although the stock is low.**

This Council notes with regret that the Inheritance Tax Act poses a threat to the traditional farming unit, to the economy of the country and to the Welsh countryside, especially to the Welsh-speaking areas.

(At least two farmers are known to have committed suicide since the announcement of the Act and families and related local workers and businesses face collapse if the Act comes into effect in 2026.)

I therefore call on Cyngor Gwynedd to bring pressure to bear on the Welsh Government to take the following actions-

- i) pressurise the Westminster Government to recognise that the farming industry is crucial to the UK's security strategy, and to exclude family farms that produce food from the new tax when it comes into force.**
- ii) make a plea to the Welsh Government to commission research to assess the impact of the Act on the Welsh economy and Welsh-speaking communities; also to implement adequate mitigation measures to protect the agricultural industry which is so crucial to the future of our country's rural communities.**

12. RESPONSES / UPDATES TO PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION

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- (1) Letter from the UK Government in response to Councillor Elwyn Edwards' Notice of Motion to the 6th March, 2025 Council meeting regarding the Justice Jurisdiction.
- (2) Letter from the WLGA in response to Councillor Elwyn Edwards' Notice of Motion to the 6th March, 2025 Council meeting regarding the Justice Jurisdiction.
- (3) Letter from the Welsh Government in response to Councillor Elwyn Edwards' Notice of Motion to the 6th March, 2025 Council meeting regarding the Justice Jurisdiction.
- (4) Letter from the Welsh Government in response to Councillor Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn's Notice of Motion to the 6th March, 2025 Council meeting regarding broadcasting and media rights.
- (5) Letter from the Welsh Government in response to Councillor Elin Hywel's Notice of Motion to the 1st May, 2025 Council meeting regarding welfare reform.
- (6) Letter from the Welsh Government in response to Councillor Gwynfor Owen's Notice of Motion to the 1st May, 2025 Council meeting regarding the increase to employer National Insurance contributions.