

**GWYNEDD COUNCIL
COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE**

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

3 December 2020

Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors:- Edgar W. Owen (Chair)
Simon Glyn (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Dylan Bullard, Stephen Churchman, Steve Collings, Annwen Daniels, R.Glyn Daniels, Anwen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Alan Jones Evans, Aled Evans, Dylan Fernley, Peter Antony Garlick, Gareth Wyn Griffith, Selwyn Griffiths, Alwyn Gruffydd, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Louise Hughes, R.Medwyn Hughes, Judith Humphreys, Nia Jeffreys, Peredur Jenkins, Aled Wyn Jones, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Elwyn Jones, Eric Merfyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Morris Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, Keith Jones, Kevin Morris Jones, Linda A. W. Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dilwyn Lloyd, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, Jason Parry, Nigel Pickavance, Rheinallt Puw, Peter Read, Dewi Wyn Roberts, Elfed P. Roberts, Gareth A. Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Mair Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Mike Stevens, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas, Catrin Wager, Cemlyn Williams, Eirwyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gareth Williams, Gruffydd Williams and Owain Williams.

Officers:

Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Morwenna Edwards (Corporate Director), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Iwan Evans (Head of Legal Services / Monitoring Officer), Geraint Owen (Head of Corporate Support Department / Head of Democracy Service), Rhun ap Gareth (Senior Solicitor / Deputy Monitoring Officer), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democratic Services Officer).

Also in attendance:

Alwen Williams (North Wales Economic Ambition Board Portfolio Director) and Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community Department) (for item 10).
Dr Einir Young (Chair of the Standards Committee) (for item 11)

Apologies:

Councillors:- Menna Baines, Aeron M. Jones, Dafydd Owen, W. Roy Owen and Hefin Underwood.

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SUBJECT

Item 8: COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2021/22

DECISION

- 1.1 To continue the Council's Local Scheme for the year commencing 1 April 2021 as it was in 2020/21. Therefore, the following conditions (a - c below) regarding the continuation of the discretionary elements would apply:**
- 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 backdate period for pensioners and working age claimants from the standard three months contained within the Prescribed Scheme.**
- 1.2 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 2021/22, provided that it will not change the substance of the scheme.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour: 55
Against: 0
Abstentions: 5

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Councillor Stephen Churchman because he claimed Council Tax reduction on his home, and was thereby a beneficiary of the scheme.

The member was not of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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SUBJECT

Item 9: COUNCIL TAX: DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ALLOW DISCOUNTS AND/OR RAISE A PREMIUM 2021/22

DECISION

That the Council defers the decision with regards to permitting discounts and charging a premium, asking the Cabinet to consider the propriety of increasing the level by up to 100%. The Cabinet is requested to hold a consultation process on this basis, to consider the relevant factors, and to submit a further recommendation to the Council in March 2021 in accordance with Section 12, 12B and 12A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour: 53
Against: 1
Abstentions: 0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Councillor Peredur Jenkins because he rented out two properties.
Councillor Aled Wyn Jones because a close relative had a second home in Gwynedd.
Councillor Linda Morgan because she had family who owned second homes.
Councillor Dewi Wyn Roberts because he had a connection with someone who would be affected by the premium.
Councillor Angela Russell because she owned a second home and worked for people who had second homes.
Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn as he had a close connection to a person who paid the premium.

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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Item 10: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL

DECISION

- (a) To approve the Overarching Business Plan as the document that sets out the arrangements for delivering the North Wales Growth Deal as the basis for completing the Final Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments.**
- (b) To approve the provisions in Governance Agreement 2, which involve the non-executive functions, and specifically adopt the arrangements for Scrutiny that have been noted in "*Governance Agreement 2: Appendix 3*" as the basis for completing the Final Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments.**
- (c) Subject to completing Governance Agreement 2, that Gwynedd Council agrees to act as the Host Authority and the Accountable Body and signs the letter of the Grant Funding Proposal on behalf of the Partners through the Chief Finance Officer.**
- (ch) To approve the method used to calculate the cost of borrowing, which is required in principle to facilitate the negative cash flow for the Growth Deal, and to include a provision within the Council Budget to pay this contribution and the established core and supplementary contributions as set out in GA2 (and in paragraphs 5.5 - 5.7 of the report).**
- (d) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer, to agree minor changes to the documents with the Partners as necessary to complete the agreement.**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour: 44
Against: 5
Abstentions: 7

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 12: NOTICE OF MOTION

DECISION

- (a) To write to the Welsh Government urging them to utilise any levers at their disposal to mitigate any detrimental impact on animals and vulnerable people of the hosting of fireworks displays.**
- (b) To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.**
- (c) To request the Communities Scrutiny Committee to give consideration within its work programme to review what steps the Council can take to promote or encourage:**
 - **that all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries should be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.**
 - **a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.**
 - **local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public displays.**
 - **people to limit the use of fireworks to a period close to specific dates.**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour: 46
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
