



Meeting

THE COUNCIL

Date and Time

1.00 pm, THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2022

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Location

**Multi-location Meeting
Siambr Dafydd Orwig, Council Offices, Caernarfon LL55 1SH /
Virtually on Zoom**

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THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF CYNGOR GWYNEDD – THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a multi-location meeting of **CYNGOR GWYNEDD** which will be held at **1.00 pm** on **THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2022** in **SIAMBR DAFYDD ORWIG, COUNCIL OFFICES, 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', written in a cursive style.

Head of Democracy Services

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

Plaid Cymru - Siambr Dafydd Orwig
Independent – Siambr Hywel Dda
Lib / Lab – Ystafell Ogwen

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

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The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 6th October, 2022 be signed as a true record.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration 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

- (a) To consider any questions from members of the public, the appropriate notice for which have been given under Section 4.18 of the Constitution.

Question by Mr Paul D. Gill (address provided in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution)

"Why is the Council imposing an increase in the Council Tax Premium in an area which is very dependent on the tourist industry and tourist spending locally without independent research and a report thereon to the Council on the effect of such a policy on the local economy bearing in mind that the imposition of the increase will reduce local tourist expenditure putting local jobs and businesses in jeopardy especially at a time of high inflation and energy bills?"

- (b) To consider any questions from elected members, the appropriate notice for which have been given under Section 4.19 of the Constitution.

7. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2023-24

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To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance.

8. COUNCIL TAX: DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ALLOW 24 - 123

DISCOUNTS AND/OR RAISE A PREMIUM 2023-24

To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance.

9. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2021 - GWYNEDD COUNCIL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2021-22 124 - 147

To submit the report of the Council Leader.

10. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 148 - 149

To submit the report of the Monitoring Officer.

11. RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERVIEW PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 150 - 151

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

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT: PETITIONS SCHEME 152 - 167

To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Support.

13. SUPPORT FOR COUNCILLORS - REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF COUNCILLOR SURVEY 168 - 175

To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Support.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HUW ROWLANDS

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under Section 4.20 of the Constitution, Councillor Huw Rowlands will propose as follows:-

“I propose that Gwynedd Council writes to the Governments and relevant train companies, expressing dissatisfaction regarding the standard of train service provided by Avanti West Coast and Transport for Wales in Gwynedd, and the negative effect of this on the County’s residents and economy.”

(B) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR LLIO ELENID OWEN

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under Section 4.20 of the Constitution, Councillor Llio Elenid Owen will propose as follows:-

“The Wales Air Ambulance (WAA) is a vital emergency medical service and it is totally essential for the residents of Gwynedd. Closing their existing sites at Dinas Dinlle and Welshpool and centralising it in north-east Wales

will slow down the emergency response to the furthest and most difficult to reach areas. This is extremely concerning for our residents here in Gwynedd. This will also mean that another exceptionally important service is moving from north-west Wales to the north-east, to the detriment of our rural communities.

The rural nature and secluded roads of our areas here in Gwynedd means that saving lives is challenging, and relocating the WAA will make this an even greater challenge.

This invaluable service must be safeguarded.

I therefore propose that Cyngor Gwynedd calls on the Wales Air Ambulance and relevant bodies to keep the centres at Dinas Dinlle and Welshpool, and build on the services in their current locations.”

(C) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ELFED WYN AB ELWYN

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under Section 4.20 of the Constitution, Councillor Elfed Wyn ab Elwyn will propose as follows:-

“That the Council supports the Welsh Government’s aim to re-open the railways of Wales, to create a railway through west Wales, and to call on them for a scoping / feasibility study of the line between Afon Wen and Bangor.”

15. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION

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To submit, for information – letter from the Welsh Government in response to Councillor Elfed Wyn ab Elwyn’s notice of motion to the 6th October, 2022 Council meeting regarding the Prince of Wales title.