



Cyngor Cymuned Pentir

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2024 in Glasinfryn Community Centre at 7.00 pm

1. Presennol /Present

Cllr I Ellis (Chair); Cllr L A James; Cllr E Roberts; Cllr J Pierce; Cllr A Joyce; Cllr D Jones-Morris; Cllr C Owen (Clerk); and Sioned Jones (Translator)

2. Ymddiheuriadau/ Apologies

Cllr J Griffiths; Cllr B Jones

Before commencing the meeting, the members were thanked for being willing to change the date of the meeting because of the Clerk's hospital treatment on the 11th of the month. He was welcomed to the meeting tonight and wished a full recovery

3. Datgan buddiant / Declaration of interest

Cllr A Joyce and Cllr L A James declared that they were trustees of Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre

4. Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion / Matters arising

It was explained that a request had been received by Cefin Roberts, asking whether it would be possible for the group he had represented before us in June, 'active Pentir actif', to use the items on the Historical Panel in Pentir, or were they copyrighted.

Clerk to enquire, but no objection. We discussed the need for a letter from the Council as a letter of support if the building were to be put on the market.

Cllr A Joyce asked why his comments regarding the proposed licence for the Penrhosgarnedd Centre car park had not been recorded.

It was explained that he was given a verbal explanation in the June meeting and that the explanation remains the same 'As he had declared an interest – trustee/treasurer of the centre – and had left the room when the Licence was discussed in the May meeting, it was not appropriate for him to comment on the issue as his interest is biased

It was noted that the Chair had visited Cllr Menna Baines, who resigned from her role as a Community Councillor, to ask whether she would reconsider. 'She couldn't be swayed regarding her decision, but she was thanked for her contribution and was told that she is welcome to come to our meetings as an observer in her role as a Local Member

The Chair was thanked for his efforts

5. Derbyn cofnodion / Accept Minutes 13 Mehefin / June 2024

Their accuracy was proposed by Cllr J Pierce and seconded by Cllr L A James
Accepted with a majority

6. Materion ariannol / Financial Issues

i. Mantolen ariannol / Financial Balance Sheet

'The financial balance sheet was shared, showing £22,007.66 in the current account and £41,181.77 in the deposit account after receiving £200.39 in interest

ii. Cofnodion cyfarfod IBC / Minutes of FSC 26/06/2024

The package included the June Minutes that had been accepted as accurate minutes the previous evening, 24/07/24.



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It was noted that, following inspection, 2 defib machines had to be reported because of faults

New batteries had been installed in the machine in Treborth, and the one in Caerhun had been temporarily replaced and sent off to be repaired

It was suggested to the Clerk that many councillors were happy to conduct the inspections rather than him having to go around each one himself

Clerk to contact members when he receives an inspection request email

FSC Meeting 24/07/24

A meeting was held last night specifically to discuss the policies that need to be reviewed/modified if necessary, and adopted for 2024-25 **See under item 8 Policies**

It was recommended that the payments needing attention be paid, and this was confirmed

7. Cynllunio / Planning

C24/0532/25/LL Lleoliad / Location: Land at Pentir Substation, Pentir, Bangor, LL57 4ED

Bwriad / Proposal: Proposed Energy Storage Facility, accompanying access, landscaping, infrastructure, supporting equipment, with grid connection import and export capacity of 57MWac.

No Objection

C24/0511/25/DT Lleoliad / Location: Mon Awelon, Treborth, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2NJ

Bwriad / Proposal: Proposed one-storey extension

This case was discussed in detail because an objector had contacted the Clerk expressing concern for their property. It was agreed that this would be a civil matter and that there were no obvious reasons that would contradict planning policies. Therefore, the committee had to declare **No further comment**

C24/0529/18/CR Fferm Ty'n Llwyn Lôn Ty'n Llwyn, Pentir, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4DY

Converting an outbuilding into a holiday unit This application was also discussed before failing to reach a decision to support or object

Although it is easier to support the conversion of buildings into holiday units rather than houses, it was questioned whether allowing this application from an individual who doesn't farm would push the holiday unit quota for the area – possibly resulting in having to refuse future applications from farmers, who are incentivised to diversify, because the quota has been reached

Clerk to ask for more details

8. Materion y Clerc / Topics from the Clerk

- **Electing a Vice Chair** It was agreed that the election would be postponed until September because some members had apologised that they were not in attendance, and as we now have 3 empty seats
- **Policies** It was confirmed last night that the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Language Policy and Financial Rules had already been translated but needed reviewing. The rest of our policies need to be reviewed and translated, and Health and Safety and Complaints Policies need to be created from scratch **FSC to look through them before presenting them to be adopted by the Full Council**



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It was noted that the committee needs to budget for translating the website, which has historically been Welsh-only. This may need to be undertaken over a period of more than a year

- **Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / FOI**

This matter has not concluded but there has been a request to establish someone to conduct an internal review of how the Council has responded to this request thus far

It was agreed that the Chair would undertake this task alongside Cllr C W Owen

- **Ymgynghoriad ar y system bleidleisio / Consultation voting system**

Cyngor Gwynedd, via the Clerk, has sent information regarding a different voting system for the next local elections in 2027 – **There will be an opportunity to discuss this in our next meeting on 12th September**

- **Empty seats** **Faenol and Glasinfryn Ward x 2**

We need to announce on our website that we have empty seats by the end of August so that we can hope to co-opt members in September-October

- **Insurance** **Schedule**

The Pentir Council Insurance now includes the Penrhosgarnedd Centre building in line with the legal instruction we received from our solicitor, and the unwillingness of the committee to include the names of Cyngor Pentir and Cyngor Gwynedd in their insurance policy

Cllr Joyce expressed that he believed the Council had spent too much on insurance

- **The Cemetery Chapel** **Quote 2 is correct**

2 quotes have now been received and the Clerk has asked whether the second quote had taken into account the thickness needed to bring the floor up to tile level. The Company – Ross Hughes – confirmed they were aware of this and their price includes completing the work to the appropriate level

Clerk to contact the Company to offer them the work after agreeing on the colour and pattern

- **Pentir Council 2024-25 Calendar** **Submission**

Due to hospital stay, the handbook was incomplete. Hope to complete it by September

- **Update on Ysgol y Faenol School / Centre** **Licence and Car Park**

Cyngor Gwynedd has appointed a contractor to undertake the work to modify and secure the car park by the beginning of the autumn term – work will commence as soon as possible during the School Holidays

Cllr L A James noted that her partner sometimes undertakes removal work for the appointed Contractor. As it was Cyngor Gwynedd, rather than Pentir Council, that had assigned the work, it was not necessary for her to declare an interest

9. Materion y Cyngorwyr / Councillors Topics

Cllr D Jones Morris **Weeds on the roadside**

Clerk to contact Cyngor Gwynedd to see whether it is possible get them sprayed or get the Tîm Tacluso to remove them

Rubbish bins

Although an officer has visited both sites, neither of the bins have been installed

Clerk to enquire again

Cllr I Ellis **Well-being Pathway**

It was only by accident that it came to light that there will be no crossing by the shop in line with the original plans; and this was because one person had objected. The Chair has contacted the traffic officer and invited them to the next Council meeting on 12th September

Christmas lights



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The number of poles has been sent to the street lighting department, but there has been no response thus far

When confirmation is received that the identified poles are suitable, it is recommended that the Clerk proceeds to order the lights so that the work to connect and install the lights can be done at the same time

The Meeting concluded at 9.20