



## Cyngor Cymuned Pentir

### Minutes of the Full Council Thursday Evening 21st November 2024 in Penrhosgarnedd Community Centre at 7.00

#### 1. **Presennol: /Present**

Cllr I Ellis Chair Cllr C W Owen (Vice-Chair) Cllr L A James; Cllr J Pierce: Cllr D Jones-Morris; Cllr J Griffiths; Cllr E Roberts; Cllr B. Jones; Cllr A Joyce; George Owen; Megan Jones; County Councillor Dafydd Meurig; Translator from Awen Menai and the Clerk

#### 2. **Ymddiheuriadau: Apologies**

Jên Dafydd who had been invited to be co-opted

#### 3. **Cyfethol / Co-opt**

Before commencing the official process of co-opting Cllr A Joyce accused the Council of maladministration and that he had expected to see 6 persons present and/or their details available. The Councillor was assured that the Council had followed the correct process by advertising the vacancies on the website for 14 days in case 10 electors might have contacted the Gwynedd Council Elections Officer to request an election, and had subsequently invited individuals to declare an interest. 6 names had been sent to the Clerk and a panel was set up to have an informal chat with the 6 individuals and to send them a time to meet the panel on Wednesday 13th November. The list of names and timings were shown.

On the 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 individuals had appeared, as 1 had stated in advance that she had had second thoughts and one individual did not appear.

The panel had reached a decision and the Clerk had invited 3 to attend tonight's meeting to be officially co-opted and to thank the 4th for declaring his interest. Two were present tonight with one having apologised that she was in Cardiff and unable to be present.

Cllr L A James proposed that the Council should co-opt Megan Jones and Jên Dafydd as community councillors for Glasinfryn Ward. The proposal was seconded by Cllr J Pierce.

#### **8 voted in favour with one abstention**

Cllr D Jones-Morris proposed that the Council should co-opt George Owen as Community Councillor for the Faenol ward. The proposal was seconded by Cllr B Jones.

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**The Chair welcomed the 2 new Councillors to the Council**

#### 4. **Datgan buddiant / Declaration of interest**

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

**As Councillor Dafydd Meurig was keen to attend another meeting the Chair requested permission to switch the next two items around, namely discussion of item 6 and then item 5.**

#### 5. **Derbyn cofnodion / Accept Minutes 10fed o Hydref / October 2024**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record, as proposed by Cllr D Jones-Morris and seconded by Cllr C W Owen.

#### 6. **Materion yn codi o'r cofnodion / Matters arising**

**Diweddariad o'r datblygiad yn Caerhun / Update on the development at Caerhun**



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After a word of welcome from the Chair the County Councillor reported his dissatisfaction with the development that has taken place at this location. However, because of his background as a former Cabinet member with responsibility for the Environment he was aware that such matters took many months to resolve.

He added that enforcement was not a matter of immediate action but of initiating discussions and that both sides must be given an opportunity to respond.

He would continue to try to persuade the enforcement department and would come back with any update.

He was thanked for coming along to the Council.

**The County Councillor left to attend another meeting.**

**Before moving on, the Chair revealed his dissatisfaction and disappointment with the way Cllr A Joyce had behaved in front of strangers. 2 who had now been co-opted to serve on the Council.**

### **Other Matters arising**

No update received from the Transport Officer following his visit to us but complaints regarding the wellbeing route were continuing.

Faenol Hill Roundabout consultation – oppose any development unless it is above the level of the road as on the A55 due to a high number of pedestrians and cyclists using the crossing and heavy road traffic from several directions on the roundabout.

**To invite the Traffic officer back at the beginning of the year.**

### **Ysbyty Gwynedd Litter**

The clerk had not received any response from the Hospital and it was therefore suggested that a letter be sent to Ffion Johnston Chief Executive of Y G.

Cllr L A James, whilst declaring an interest as a person employed by the Health Service, added that she was aware that hospitals had to comply with recycling laws from 2025-26 onwards and wondered whether there would be scope for the Council to work in partnership with the site.

**It was agreed to discuss this further as a project for 2025-26 when the act came into force.**

### **Adoption of a Language Policy**

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**The Language Policy of Pentir Community Council was submitted for adoption** Cllr D Jones-Morris proposed that we accept it and the proposal was seconded by Cllr J Griffiths.

10 voted in favour with 1 against.

### **The Policy was adopted**

## **7. Materion ariannol / Financial Issues**

### **i. Mantolen ariannol / Financial report**

A balance sheet was included in the pack that was distributed showing £36,545.12p in the current account and £41,383.14p in the deposit account.



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### ii. Cofnodion cyfarfod IBC / Minutes of FSC meeting 25/07/2024

It was noted that all policies already adopted now appear on our website bilingually.

Lightsource had received planning permission and was keen to know about projects that would be suitable for funding through their community financial contribution. The Clerk had contacted them to see if the money would be available now or when the project was operational – no response had been received yet. National Salary Scales for Clerks had increased – Clerk to contact our accountants who are the payroll providers.

#### Cynllunio / Planning

##### No application to consider

#### 8. Materion y Clerc / Topics from the Clerk

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##### ▪ **Update on Y Ganolfan / Ysgol y Faenol**

##### • **Report of the Annual meeting**

Cllr L A James -Secretary to the Management Committee - reported that she felt very uncomfortable that Pentir Community Council had been accused of acting illegally and that our Solicitor had been named and indeed humiliated during discussion about the car park situation. She expressed thanks for the support received from other members of the Council who were not members of the Management Committee.

Cllr A Joyce – who is also a member of the Council and the Management Committee had nothing to state

##### • **Education/Property Department Meeting Chair/Clerk**

A meeting had been arranged between the Chair, the Clerk and Officers from the Education and Property Departments of Gwynedd Council following the signing of the temporary licence which was now operational over the car park and in order to obtain an update on the situation from both parties and to discuss the terms of a draft lease for the New Centre.

There was also very encouraging news about the dispute that had existed between the Church and Gwynedd Council regarding the New Centre with the hope that the exchange of contracts in respect of the land transfer would take place early in the new year.

The draft terms will obviously need to be shared with our solicitors and **we will then receive guidance through the solicitors.**

- **Adoption of Policies Review and adoption of Pentir Council's Language Policy**  
**See above under 'Perthyn' Correspondence and its Language Policy / Adoption of a Language Policy.**



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### ▪ **Cemetery Chapel**      **Material/pattern samples**

Examples of oak-coloured Amtico in two sizes were shared. Agreed on the largest size and the Company was given permission to proceed to install it.

## 9. **Materion y Cyngorwyr / Councillors Topics**

### **Cllr I Ellis**      **Christmas lights**

Following difficulties with the size of the equipment first received which was too large for the location/poles a second order was received that will be suitable and ready for installation. The Chair was thanked for his commitment with this project which was being undertaken for the first time. Two Christmas trees would be installed by the Council this year and the work on our behalf would be carried out by Gwynedd Council workers as well as collecting the trees from Llanrug for installation. Pentir digging work was fine last year but digging needed in Treborth.

### **Cllr L A James**      **Parc Menai Roundabout**

She reported that there was some confusion on the roundabout in question as vehicles coming from the direction of Caernarfon/Faenol Road were unsure if cars on the Roundabout were leaving towards Caernarfon or continuing onwards to go to Parc Menai.

### **Clerk to contact Highways**

### **Cllr A Joyce**      **Risk Register**

The Chair explained that a risk register is a live document that is adapted as necessary i.e. if a new risk is identified (for example this year's Christmas Lights) or if a risk has been removed. Cllr Joyce was asked if he would scrutinise the English translations as some words may not have been translated appropriately.

He agreed to do so before proceeding to read a statement which had clearly been prepared in advance regarding his dissatisfaction with the Council's documentation.

### **Cllr B. Jones**      **Parking in the Penrhos area**

This 'old' issue was raised again as it was now not only staff members parking but also patients were looking for parking spaces too. It was discussed whether it would be possible for the Council to fund the distribution of suitable signage for residents as it was not possible to obtain a solution from Gwynedd Council. Their response was that everyone had the right to park on public roads as long as they did not pose a danger to other users.

Such signage would not be legal and therefore such a scheme would be a waste of time and money.

Clerk to inquire and invite the Member of Parliament, Claire Hughes, to discuss. Whilst we are aware that the member is in London from Monday to Thursday, perhaps a representative of hers may be able to attend.

There would be no meeting of the Full Council during December so the next meeting would be on 9th January.

The meeting concluded at 9.15