

**COFNODION AM CYFARFOD ANGHYFFREDIN A GYNHALIWDYD AR-LEIN ar 22^{ain}
TACHWEDD 2022 am 7yh
MINUTES FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ONLINE on 22nd NOVEMBER 2022 at
7pm**

Pobol yn presennol: Cllr. Paul Harries (Chair) Cllr. Sandra Bayes
Persons Present: Cllr. Elaine Lloyd (Vice Chair) Cllr. John Griffiths
Cllr. Morgan Lewis Cllr. Paddy Davies
Cllr. Jon Letten Cllr. Ros. Cleal
Cllr. Ros McGarry Miss L Evans (Town Clerk)

Ymwelwyr / Visitors Keith Edwards County Cllr. Huw Murphy

Ymddiheuriadau wrth: Cllr. Jano Williams
Apologies received
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1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb / Apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies received from Cllr. Williams.

2. Datganiad o ddiddordeb / Declarations of Interest

2.1. No declarations of interest.

3. Rhagymadroddion / Introductions

3.1. The Chair introduced County Cllr. Huw Murphy and Keith Edwards, the consultant who has been working on this project.

4. Cyflwyno Arolwg Tai DRAFFT CTT / Presentation of NTC DRAFT Housing Survey

4.1. Keith reported that a few drafts of the housing report have been sent to the council. This project has taken longer than expected due to May elections and needing hard copies of the questionnaire and has been quite intense but is happy that it is now completed. The original application included receiving recommendations from the survey results. Keith is happy to do this following feedback from the council.

4.2. Keith conducted around 40 interviews with people from the community before the survey was sent out. Many of the comments received at this point were echoed in the surveys received.

4.3. The findings included no evidence or support for more open market housing developments and concerns regarding 2nd homes/holiday homes. Some people have now made their 2nd home their permanent home during or after lockdown.

4.4. Most respondents did not identify as being in housing need but everyone recognised the need for affordable housing for young families and older people. Three quarters of the housing need were for women, 20% of people in housing need are Welsh speaking.

4.5. The council were keen to find out about the needs of people who had a connection with Newport but not much information was received. This could be down to not being able to reach the people who had moved away from the area.

4.6. Most respondents want a joined-up response that includes concerns on employment, Welsh language and culture. There are wider issues than just housing needs.

5. Cywiriadau/Typos / Corrections/Typos

5.1. Cllr. Davies reported a few grammar mistakes and the Clerk will send her comments directly to Keith.

6. Sylwadau cynghorwyr / Councillor comments

- 6.1. Cllr. Bayes – advised that this survey would always be a snapshot in time and results might be different now with the energy bill crisis. Cllr. Bayes was surprised with the low percentage of people in housing need. People might have low expectations of what their needs are and expect to move away from Newport instead of putting their names on the housing list. Future housing results not included in the results; Keith agreed to look at these figures again.
- 6.2. Cllr. Letten – This report is a good starting point with many potential ideas, more work could be done in addition to this report.
- 6.3. Cllr. Lewis – this is a good base to start from. We need to try and involve the youth as many younger people did not respond to this survey.
- 6.4. Cllr. Lloyd – Need to look at the impact of housing needs on children and young people. Need to ensure that the council implement some action.
- 6.5. Cllr. Davies – the findings of no support for more open market houses is important. Holiday lets do not pay council tax and are not available for local rent. It might be that people are not aware of the differences between 2nd homes and holiday lets.
- 6.6. Clerk – The Clerk questioned a sentence in the report that states that the average wage in North Pembrokeshire is £23k per annum, is this fact? Keith will check this and may remove from the report.
- 6.7. Cllr. McGarry – Some suggestions for retaining properties are for the county council to buy the properties, but they are very expensive. Developers are too powerful; how can we get the housing that the community needs? Legislation needs to come from the Welsh Government, very hard to implement at local level. Holiday lets do provide local work but is not well paid.
- 6.8. Cllr. Cleal - agreed with Cllr. McGarry's observations. We need young people to stay in the area and older people to retire gracefully. Houses that are built have no windows or gardens.
- 6.9. Cllr. Griffiths - cost of land is higher in Newport than in Dinas. Need to look to central Government.
- 6.10. County Cllr. Huw Murphy – tourism brings in a lot of money to Pembrokeshire.
- 6.11. Cllr. Bayes – PCC should look at buying the development land at Pen y Bont for community land trust. It would be helpful to find out how many people are on the housing waiting list in Newport. Cllr. Bayes to draft a letter to the Clerk to ask the county councillor about waiting list numbers.

7. Argymhellion / Recommendations

7.1. Keith will redraft the report and include recommendations.

8. Rhestr dosarthiad / Distribution list

- 8.1. PCC, PCNPA, Welsh Government, Paul Davies MS/AS, our MP, PAVS, Planed, Cefin Campbell, Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire council, Welsh Rural Forum, National Park Wales, Shan Gwenllian-liaison for Plaid Cymru, Friends of the National Park, local libraries, Party leader of the Senedd, social media, Facebook.
- 8.2. A public meeting should be held to discuss the results once the final report is received. Chair to decide if an extra meeting to be called to discuss the final report.

9. Cyhoeddusrwydd / Publicity

9.1. To be decided once the final report has been received
The meeting closed at 8.30pm.