

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Ceredigion Youth Council**  
**Online via Microsoft Teams**  
**Friday 22 October 2021**

(13:15 – 15.00)

**Present:**



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| Naimur Rahman          | Ysgol Bro Pedr  |
| Gwion Owen             | Ysgol Bro Pedr  |
| Rhys Corden            | Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron & Support and Prevention Services |
| Jacob Willis           | Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron                                   |
| Poppy Evans            | Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron & UKYP MYP                        |
| Jessica Jones          | Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron                                   |
| Elin Howells           | Ysgol Gyfun Aberaeron                                   |
| Molly Crombie          | Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi                                |
| Evelyn Rees            | Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi                                |
| Megan Williams         | Ysgol Henry Richard & Ceredigion Young Farmers Clubs    |
| Jessica Jones          | Ysgol Henry Richard                                     |
| Hanna Morgans Bowen    | Ysgol Bro Teifi   |
| Gwenllian Morgan       | Ysgol Bro Teifi   |
| Cadan Pearce           | Ysgol Bro Teifi   |
| Alexandra Moore        | Ysgol Penglais  |
| Ella Bradick           | Ysgol Penglais  |
| Elen Llewelyn-Williams | Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig                                   |
| Elain Morgan           | Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig                                   |
| Luned Jones            | Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig                                   |




**Also Present:** Cllr Catrin Miles (Cabinet Member; Schools, Lifelong Learning & Skills, Support and Intervention – Ceredigion County Council), Gwion Bowen (Chair and Children and Young People's Participation Officer, Youth Work and Engagement Service), Lowri Edwards (Corporate Lead Officer, Democratic Services – Ceredigion County Council) Lowri Evans (Team Manager, Youth Work and Engagement Service – Ceredigion County Council), Carys Huntly (Regional Wellbeing Assessment Coordinator – Regional / Ceredigion County Council)

**Speakers:** Samantha Boswell (Electoral Services Engagement and Processing Officer – Ceredigion County Council), Emma Harries (Service Support Officer, Electoral Services – Ceredigion County Council)

**Apologies:** Gethin Jones (Corporate Manager, Support and Prevention Service – Ceredigion County Council), Elen James (Corporate Lead Officer, Porth Cymorth Cynnar – Ceredigion County Council)

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| 1       | <b>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions (Colleagues)</b>                                  |
|         | Gwion Bowen opened the meeting by welcoming the new Youth Council.                        |
|         | Ceredigion County Council colleagues in attendance introduced themselves and their roles. |
|         | Apologies noted by Gethin Jones, Corporate Manager.                                       |

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| <b>2</b> | <b>Navigating Microsoft Teams</b>   |
|          | <p>Gwion Bowen explained the ‘housekeeping’ elements of Microsoft Teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connection issues</li> <li>• Mute button</li> <li>• Chat function</li> <li>• Email correspondence to follow</li> </ul> <p>Gwion also provided some background to the Youth Council, and due to the pandemic, we have not been able to host in-person meetings at the Chamber. The Local Authority will continue to review this to see whether we are able to invite the Youth Council to have the experience of being in the Chamber in Penmorfa before the end of their office term. At present, we will continue with virtual meetings.</p>   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Youth Council Members’ Introduction</b>  |
|          | <p>Youth Council members introduced themselves, who they are representing (school / organisations etc.) and a hobby they enjoy.</p>   |
| <b>4</b> | <b>What is our Youth Council and 2021/22 Youth Council structure?</b>   |
|          | <p>Gwion Bowen presented to the Youth Council.</p> <div data-bbox="748 1133 954 1256" data-label="Image">  <p>Cyfarfod 1af Cyngor<br/>leuenctid 2021.22.ppt</p> </div>   |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Consultation: Assessment of Local Wellbeing Discussion</b>   |
|          | <p>Gwion Bowen presented a video and a series of slides illustrating the purpose of the Assessment of Local Wellbeing which is currently being undertaken.</p> <p>Youth Council members participated in a quiz which aided with sharing thoughts and perspectives largely covering the following headings;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Cohesion</li> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Physical and Mental Health</li> <li>• Language and Culture</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="748 1944 954 2067" data-label="Image">  <p>Local Assessment of<br/>Wellbeing - Cyngor Ie</p> </div> |

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|           | <p><b>Link to Megan's Story:</b><br/> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFeOYlxJbmw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFeOYlxJbmw</a></p> <p>Youth Council members shared thoughts and opinions on what is important to them and their communities.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <br/>       Cyfarfod<br/>       Rhagarweiniol Cyngo     </div> |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Presentation: Voting at 16</b>   |
|           | <p>Emma Harries and Samantha Boswell presented 'Voting at 16' to the Youth Council.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <br/>       Pleidleisio yn 16 ac<br/>       17 - Voting at 16 and     </div> <p>Gwion asked whether Youth Council members could share this information with their peers in their schools.</p>  |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) Update</b>  |
|           | <p>Poppy Evans introduced herself and her role as recently elected Member of UK Youth Parliament representing Ceredigion. Poppy touched on her work to date, referencing the 'Mind our Futures' online event in which she co-hosted with CAVO and Youth Services. Poppy talked about her role, and what it will entail locally, and nationally alongside the British Youth Council and Children in Wales.</p>                                   |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Wales Youth Parliament Update</b>  |
|           | <p>Gwion Bowen updated the Youth Council on the Welsh Youth Parliament, which is different to the UK Youth Parliament, but both do work alongside each other. Registration is now open for young people to vote at the next WYP with elections taking place in November 2021.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <br/>       WYP Update.pptx     </div>   |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Communication: Regeneration of Welsh Town Centres – Welsh Government Voluntary Response</b>  |
|           | <p>Gwion Bowen touched on the above consultation, which will be circulated to the Youth Council via e-mail shortly. This is a voluntary task for the Youth Council, and if they wish to respond, all the details will be included in the correspondence.</p>  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Information Sharing and Date of Next Meeting</b>   |
|           | <p>Gwion shared information about the next meeting which will be held on the 04/02/2022.</p>  |

During the next meeting we will look to elect a Chair for Ceredigion Youth Council. Gwion explained that this process will involve those who are interested in representing the Youth Council as chair, will have the opportunity to describe to the group why they are a suitable candidate to champion the voices of the Youth Council. Each candidate will have 30 seconds to a minute to undertake this task, and then a vote will take place.

Gwion also asked the Youth Council to start to think of 'hot topics' for the next meeting. 'Hot topics' are agreed by the Youth Council, and these are what shape the focus of the Youth Council for the year. Typically, hot topics include things such as; Housing, Welsh Language, Education, Transport and all the things that young people consider important to them, or where they see a need for change.

Dates of meetings;

Meeting 1; 22/10/21

Meeting 2; 04/02/22

Meeting 3; 11/03/22

End of office, Pawb a'i Farn Event; 8/07/22