Notice of appointment of the date for the

exercise of electors’ rights

Llanwinio Community Council

Financial year ending 31 March 2022

1. Date of announcement: 15th Oct 2022

2. Each year the annual accounts are audited by the Auditor General for Wales. Prior to this

date, any interested person has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts

and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc relating to them for 20

working days on reasonable notice. For the year ended 31 March 2022, these documents will

be available on reasonable notice on application to:

R Gallie, Temporary Clerk to the Council

Llanwinio Community Council

Rhyd Goch

Cwm Bach

Whitland

SA34 0DT

Email:clerk@LlanwinioCommunityCouncil.com

between the hours of: 6.00pm and 9.00pm on Monday to Friday

commencing on: 1st Nov 2022

and ending on: 31st Nov 2022

3. From 1st Dec 2022, until the audit has been completed, Local Government Electors and

their representatives also have:

• the right to question the Auditor General about the accounts.

• the right to attend before the Auditor General and make objections to the accounts or any

item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor General. A

copy of the written notice must also be given to the council.

The Auditor General can be contacted via: Community Council Audits, Audit Wales, 24

Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9LJ.

4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004,

the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Auditor General for Wales’ Code

of Audit Practice.

Electors’ rights under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004

The basic position

By law, any interested person has the right to inspect the council’s accounts. If you are

entitled and registered to vote in local council elections, then you (or your

representative) also have the right to ask the Auditor General questions about them or

challenge an item of account contained within them.

The right to inspect the accounts

When a local government body has finalised its accounts for the previous financial year,

it must advertise that they are available for people to look at. Having given reasonable

notice of your intentions, you then have 20 working days to look through the accounts

and supporting documents. You will be able to make copies of the accounts and most of

the relevant documents from the body. You will probably have to pay a copying charge.

The right to ask the auditor questions about the accounts

You can only ask the Auditor General questions about the accounts. The Auditor General

does not have to answer questions about the body’s policies, finances, procedures or

anything else not related to the accounts. Your question must be about the accounts that

are subject to audit. The Auditor General does not have to say whether he thinks

something the council has done, or an item in its accounts, is lawful or reasonable.

The right to object to the accounts

If you think that the body has spent money that they should not have, or that someone

has caused a loss to the body deliberately or by behaving irresponsibly, you can object to

the Auditor General by sending a formal ‘notice of objection’, which must be in writing to

the address below. You must tell the Auditor General why you are objecting. The Auditor

General must reach a decision on your objection. If you are not happy with that decision,

you can appeal to the courts.

You may also object if you think that there is something in the accounts that the Auditor

General should discuss with the council or tell the public about in a ‘public interest

report’. Again, you must give your reasons in writing to the Auditor General at the

address below. In this case, the Auditor General must decide whether to take any action.

The Auditor General will normally, but does not have to, give reasons for their decision

and you cannot appeal to the courts. You may not use this ‘right to object’ to make a

personal complaint or claim against the body.

If you wish to make a personal complaint or claim, you should take these complaints to

your local Citizens’ Advice Bureau, local Law Centre, or your solicitor. You may also be

able to complain to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales if you believe that a

Member of the body has broken the Code of Conduct for Members. The Ombudsman can

be contacted at: 1 Old Field Rd, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5LJ, (tel: (01656) 641 150)