

**MINUTES** of the Ordinary Meeting of the Tywyn Town Council  
held in the Resources Centre, Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn,  
on Wednesday, 8 July 2015, at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John H. Boulter (Chairman)  
Cllrs. Nancy E. Clarke; Islwyn H. Davies; Eileen M. Ellis;  
Alun Wyn Evans; Mark D. Kendall; Anne Lloyd-Jones;  
Ron W. McCoo; Richie E. Owens; G. Michael Stevens.

**Cl. 41**                    **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. John Pughe; Richard M. Vaughan.  
**08:07:15**

**Cl. 42**                    **DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR**  
**08:07:15**                    **PERSONAL CONNECTION**

The following declared interest in the said items:

Cllr. A. Lloyd-Jones – Cl. 48

Cllr. R. W. McCoo – Cl. 48

Cllr. G. M. Stevens – Cl. 48 / Cl. 58

**Cl. 43**                    **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

**08:07:15**

The Chairman commenced his report by expressing deep sympathy on behalf of all members of Tywyn Town Council and the local residents to the family of Mr Richard Guest, who tragically lost his life in trying to save two young girls from the sea at Tywyn on Saturday afternoon, 4 July, 2015.

As Chairman, he had attended the following events:

20:07:15 – Anniversary Dinner of the Royal British Legion at Neuadd Pendre. On behalf of himself and his wife, who accompanied him, he wished to thank the Royal British Legion for their generous invitation.

23:07:15 – Emergency meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the financing of the urgent repairs needed to the Cambrian Road Skate Park.

29:07:15 – Together with Cllr. Ron McCoo and the Clerk carried out inspection of section of base of concrete steps along the Victorian Promenade and leading onto the beach. By coincidence, Mr William Stockford, Harbour Master was also present, thereby providing opportunity to express concern and discuss the situation.

30:07:15 – Attended drop-in session at the Tywyn Library when opportunity was given to present points of view on how best to minimise the severity of the projected 25% cuts in finance to the Library Service. One worthy point of note was the fact that Tywyn Library provides a multi-purpose function.

02:08:15 – Meeting of the Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board meeting at Neuadd Pendre. Opportunity was given for members of the public to discuss any issues of concern to them.

03:08:15 – Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of the Talyllyn Railway, accompanied by his wife and the Clerk to the Council. A thoroughly enjoyable day, with many distinguished guests present.

05:08:15 –Special Service at St. Cadfan’s Church, Tywyn, as part of the 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Celebrations of the Talyllyn Railway.

06:08:15 - Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative meeting at Neuadd Pendre. Following the Board Meeting of Committee Members, members of the public were able to raise matters that were of concern to the individual committee members.

07:08:15 – Gwynedd Challenge meeting at Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn Secondary School. Presentation was given by Mr Dilwyn Williams; Chief Executive Gwynedd Council on the £50 million saving that Gwynedd Council has to make in its budget over the next years. Mr Williams gave assurance that all points of view expressed would be taken into consideration before a final decision is made.

**Cl. 44**                    **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY / JUNE 2015**  
**08:07:15**                **MEETINGS**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 27 May, 2015
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015

**Cl. 45**                    **TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S**  
**08:07:15**                **REPORT FOR JUNE 2015**

**RESOLVED** – to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

**Cl. 46**                    **GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

**08:07:15**                To receive verbal report from Gwynedd Councillors on matters in the Council’s interest.

Cllr. G.M. Stevens presented the following observations:

Personal – re-iterated the comments made by the Chairman at the commencement of the meeting and offered his condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr Richard Guest following the tragic incident. Following this he had met with the Beach Patrol Staff and discussed the apparent increase in the strength of the rip currents.

Signage – reminded Council of his campaign to have alternative safety signs (RNLI compliant water safety / information sign) located on the sea front, similar to those to be found in other locations. He was of the opinion that this matter should be reviewed by next summer. He also re-iterated his opinion that the permanent flying of the Red Flag gave misleading information.

Maintenance – expressed his gratification with the maintenance work undertaken by the Maritime Staff (local) necessary for the upkeep of the Promenade.

Refuse Collection – question was raised regarding the new arrangements for the collection of refuse, and the apparent employment of additional workforce to undertake the work.

Cllr. A. Lloyd-Jones expressed her condolences with the family of Mr Richard Guest, following the sentiments expressed by Cllrs. J.Boulter and G.M.Stevens. She then proceeded to present the following observations:

Gave account of a total of fourteen meetings or events that she had attended between 10 June and 7 July, 2015, such as:

- Cartrefi Cymundeol Gwynedd (CCG) Board Meeting
- Tourism Event in the Welsh Assembly, Cardiff, in the presence of several AM's including Ken Skates, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism and Carl Sergeant, Minister for Natural Resources.
- Meeting with senior members of Mid Wales Health Collaborative Board (Neuadd Pendre)
- Ysgol Penybryn Governing Body (Chair)
- Training on the Health & Well Being Act 2014 (Caernarfon)

Reference was made to the following Gwynedd matters:

Housing Services in Gwynedd – a series of drop-in information sessions in locations across the count throughout July would be held by Gwynedd Council's Housing Department. Information about all kinds of services that are available in the housing field would be available and several agencies would be present. The drop-in session for the Tywyn area would be at Dolgellau Rugby Club on Thursday, 16 July, 2015 – 2.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Rate Relief for Retail Businesses – A rate relief scheme for retail business in the county was being administered. It could lead to an investment of up to £1.1 million in the county's economy. As many as 700 retail companies in the county could benefit from the national scheme that could involve individual rate relief of p to £1,500 for 2015 / 16.

**Cl. 47 TYWYN PROMENADE****08:07:15**

At the request of Mr Llŷr B. Jones, Economic and Community Senior Manager, Gwynedd Council, a consultation exercise was held with him prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting. The purpose of the consultation was to discuss the provision, resources and facilities towards the Promenade that are at present the responsibility of the Maritime and Country Parks Service. In view of the substantial financial challenges facing Gwynedd Council, it was foreseen that the Maritime and Country Parks Service would have to give consideration to new models of provision, in particular those facilities outside the basic responsibilities of the Service.

Tywyn Town Council was requested to give consideration to the impending situation, and whether or not it would be interested in undertaking responsibility for such facilities that are outside the basic responsibilities of the Maritime and Country Parks Service in the future.

There was unanimous opinion that the consultation with Mr Llŷr B. Jones, Economic and Community Senior Manager, Gwynedd Council had been excellent and positive. Council also declared that it would be content to undertake responsibility for aspects of the Promenade, and proposal was moved to proceed to declare interest in undertaking responsibility for such facilities that are outside the basic responsibilities of the Maritime and Country Parks Service in the future.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) To declare interest in undertaking responsibility for such facilities that are outside the basic responsibilities of the Maritime and Country Parks Service in the future.
- (b) To defer forming any decisive resolutions until such time that any costings were to hand.

**Cl. 48 ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON PUBLIC BODIES FOR 2015 / 2016****08:07:15**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 13 May, the names of both Cllrs. Daniel A. Wyre and Mark D. Kendall were proposed to represent the Council on the Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. Consequently, it was RESOLVED (Cl. 06 / 13:05:15) to defer electing a representative on that particular organisation.

It was also RESOLVED (Cl. 06 / 13:05:15) that enquiries be made with the Legal Department, Gwynedd Council, regarding whether or not it was considered that Cllr. D.A. Wyre would have any Personal Interest in the CTC. The response received from Mr Siôn Hughes, Senior Solicitor, Gwynedd Council, was the fact that Cllr. Wyre contributed photographs to the Tywyn

Brochure, produced by the CTC, would not be conducive to Personal Interest in any matter appertaining to the CTC, unless there was discussion on the photographs in the Brochure.

Therefore, in effect, the original proposal that the names of both Cllr. Wyre and Cllr. Kendall were still on the table. Cllr. Kendall declared that he was prepared to withdraw his name. His decision was accepted by the Council, leaving the name of Cllr. Wyre remaining standing.

Discussion was held on the appropriateness of having a representative on the Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. Should convention prolong, strong views were expressed that there was an obligation to present reports from CTC meetings to the Council, and that it was imperative that Cllr. Wyre be made aware of this expectation. Discussion was held on these two aspects.

**RESOLVED** – that the practice of Tywyn Town Council electing a representative on the Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism and Commerce be discontinued.

Cllr. G. Mike Stevens accepted the advice given by Mr Siôn Hughes, Senior Solicitor, Gwynedd Council, as part of his response and declared Prejudicial Interest. He left the room and did not take part in the discussion or the voting that led to the resolution.

On his return after completion, he accepted the decision of the Council.

**Cl. 49**  
**08:07:15**

**TRAINING SESSION**

Details were given of the Training Session on Module 4 – Understanding the Law to be held at the Dragon Theatre & Community Centre, Barmouth, on Thursday, 16 July, 2015 from 6.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. It was being organised by Un Llais Cymru.

Any Member of the Council interested in attending were asked to inform the Clerk. Cllr. John H. Boulter had already done so.

**RESOLVED** – to support any Member of the Council who wished to attend the Training Session.

**Cl. 50**  
**08:07:15**

**CAMBRIAN ROAD SKATE PARK**

Verbal report was presented following the Emergency Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday, 23 June, to discuss the repair of the Skate Park. As a means of indication, the Clerk had sought a quotation from Mr Chaz Hampson, with whom

there is an agreement to carry out annual maintenance of the Skate Park. His response and quotation was discussed by the Finance Committee, and it was considered that details given of his intended repair schedule and quotation were sound and reasonable. On this basis together with the fact that he had knowledge of the Skate Park; his expertise on maintenance and repair of Skate Parks; that the Council was satisfied with his work in the past and that it was improbable that this could be surpassed, the Finance Committee was confident to accept his quotation. Further to this, it had been directed by the Internal Auditor that in accordance with Financial Regulations that materials proposed to be purchased which are proprietary articles are exempt from contract procedures.

Having given due consideration to all of the above, and that it was imperative that repair work to the Skate Park be carried out urgently; the Finance Committee was content that Mr Hampson be informed forthwith that his quotation had been accepted.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) to receive the verbal report presented by the Clerk,
- (ii) to give retrospective approval to the action taken by the Finance Committee.

**Cl. 51**  
**08:07:15**

**CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2015 - 2016**

**RESOLVED** – to adhere to customary practice that the annual sum of £600 be transferred into the Chairman's Account for the financial year 2015 – 2016.

Cllr. John H.Boulter vacated the Chair while discussion took place and did not take part in the proceedings. Cllr. Alun W.Evans chaired this part of the meeting. Cllr. Boulter returned to the room and continued to chair the remainder of the meeting.

**Cl. 52**  
**08:07:15**

**RENEWAL OF INSURANCE POLICY**

Quotation had been received from Zurich Municipal for renewal of Insurance Cover, currently in a Long Term Agreement, for 2015 / 16.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) to renew Insurance Policy, and pay the due annual premium of £2,735.37 inclusive of insurance premium tax.
- (b) to make enquiries with Zurich Municipal regarding any probable increase in Cover Charges pending the Council undertaking responsibility for such facilities that are outside the basic responsibilities of the Maritime and Country Parks Service.

**Cl. 53**  
**08:07:15**

**4 RED LION STREET, TYWYN**

This was included as an Agenda item at the request of Cllr. Mark D.Kendall, who introduced the matter and presented an explanation of the current situation. He had been approached by the owner of the property opposite 4 Red Lion Street, who was by now in a state of distress. She had been unable to sell her property for many years, allegedly due to the unkempt condition of the site of former 4 Red Lion Street. She was also looking for some form of alternative solution, which she was prepared to pay for.

Members were compassionate towards the vendor in question, and agreed that the condition of the site was unkempt, dangerous and presented a health risk. They also recalled that as a Council it had objected to the Planning Application, and of the long and exhaustive effort made in the past in an effort to resolve the situation, but to no avail. Two main reasons for this was the fact that Planning Permission was granted and that renovation work (demolishing) had commenced; failure to contact the owner despite extensive and thorough research.

Cllr. Mike Stevens informed the Council that he was involved with this matter and was in the process of tracking down who actually is responsible for the site. Due to the legal sensitivity of the situation he was <sup>not</sup> in a position to divulge any further information, but was prepared to pursue the matter.

**RESOLVED** – to accept the explanation presented by Cllr. Stevens, and that the matter be left with him to pursue.

**Cl. 54**  
**08:07:15**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk's written report for the month of June had been circulated to members.

Issues noted in the report:

Tywyn Station Railway Building  
Cambrian Road Car Park  
Christmas Tree Illuminations  
Public Access Defibrillator

**RESOLVED** - to accept the Clerk's Report.

**TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE.**

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council

**Cl. 55** Gwynedd –Transportation and Street Care Service –  
**08:07:15** Proposed Parking Restrictions and Revocations – Introduction, amending and revoking parking restrictions (i) Cambrian Square – Double Yellow Lines (ii) 41 Frankwell Street – Disabled Resident Permit Holder Only (iii) - Ffordd Alban /

Brynheulog – Revoke present Double Yellow Line Restriction (iv) Frankwell Street – Change existing restriction No Waiting 9am – 6pm to No Waiting at any Time / Revoke present Double Yellow Lines restriction and place access protection (v) Change Existing Limited Waiting 45 Min No Return 45 Min 9am – 6pm to Limited Waiting 1 Hour No Return 1 Hour Monday to Saturday 9am – 6pm (vi) Marine Parade – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

**RESOLVED** – to receive correspondence and note information given.

**Cl. 56**                    Consultation on the Future of Gwynedd’s Library and  
**08:07:15**                Information Service – Wednesday, 15 July – Y Ganolfan  
 Porthmadog Arts Centre – 6.00 pm. (a representative)

**RESOLVED** - Cllr. J.H.Boulter (Chairman) nominated to attend on behalf of Council.

**Cl. 57**                    Gwynedd – Transportation and Street Care Service – Speed  
**08:07:15**                Restriction – Aberdyfi Road

**RESOLVED** – to receive correspondence and note information given, in particular that the situation regarding the new entrance to Tywyn & District Memorial Hospital will be monitored.

**Cl. 58**                    Mr Christopher Wood, 34 Faenol Isaf, Tywyn – Letter re. sign  
**08:07:15**                at junction of Neptune Road / Station Road.

**RESOLVED** – letter to be directed to Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism and Commerce as the changes to the corner were undertaken by that organisation under grant obtained from Gwynedd Town Centre Improvement Scheme, and are therefore responsible.

**Cl. 59**                    Planning Aid Wales – Training Workshop – Monday 3 August,  
**08:07:15**                2015 – Plas Tan y Bwlch, Maentwrog – 6.00pm – 9.00p.m.

**RESOLVED** – any Councillor interested in attending to contact the Clerk.

**Cl. 60**                    Adults, Health and Wellbeing – Restructuring of the  
**08:07:15**                Registration Service in Dwyfor and Meirionnydd

**RESOLVED** – letter to be written to convey Council’s strong opposition to the proposal to cease to offer appointments in Tywyn to enable Registration to be made locally on the grounds:

- regular use is being made of the facility
- statistics show increase in both Birth and Death registration between 2013 – 2015
- need to travel would incur additional burden on families – irregular public transport; care of other family members (young and old); financial implications
- lack of publicity given to existing provision
- no consultation held with Council prior to forming proposal.



- Cl. 61**            Gwynedd Ni - Information Service.  
**08:07:15**        **RESOLVED** – to receive correspondence
- Cl. 62**            Welsh Government – Call for Honours Nominations (Birthday  
**08:07:15**        2016) – closing date – 24 July, 2015)  
**RESOLVED** – to receive correspondence and note information given.
- Cl. 63**            Correspondence Received That Does **Not** Necessitate Action by  
**08:07:15**        the Council And Is Available At The Clerk’s Office For Perusal  
By Any Interested Councillor
- (a) Simon Thomas AM – Regional Bulletin (x 2) –  
Simon.Thomas@Assembly.Wales
  - (b) Un Llais Cymru – Resource Efficient Wales – Help for the  
Community
  - (c) National Assembly for Wales – Public Health (Wales) Bill –  
Provision of toilets available for use by the public
  - (d) Un Llais Cymru – Wales Audit News – June, 2016
  - (e) Welsh Government – High Street Campaign – 19 – 26  
September, 2015
  - (f) Un Llais Cymru – Briefing Note – Shale Gas and Hydraulic  
Fracturing in Wales – Natural Resources Wales
  - (g) National Training Advisory Group – The Wales Training  
Strategy
  - (h) Un Llais Cymru – Wales Efficiency Strategy Consultation
  - (i) Un Llais Cymru – Public Appointment – Adjudication Panel  
for Wales – Special Education Needs Tribunal for Wales
  - (j) North Wales Community Health Council – response to  
concern about patient care at Wrexham dementia ward.
  - (k) Welsh Government – Written Statement – Collection and  
Management of Devolved Taxes – June Hutt, Minister for  
Finance.
  - (l) Public Service Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report 2014  
/ 15
  - (m) PEG – Llwyddo yng Ngwynedd celebratory booklet.

The Meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.