

**MINUTES** of the Ordinary Meeting of the Tywyn Town Council  
held at The Resources Centre, Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn,  
on Wednesday, 14 October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John H.Boulter (Chairman);  
Cllrs. Nancy E. Clarke; Islwyn H.Davies; Eileen M.Ellis;  
Alun W.Evans; Mark D. Kendall; Ron W.McCoo;  
Richie E.Owens; John Pughe; G.M.Stevens;  
Richard M.Vaughan; Daniel A. Wyre.

**Cl. 92**            **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. A.Lloyd-Jones.  
**14:10:15**

**Cl. 93**            **DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR**  
**14:10:15**           **PERSONAL CONNECTION**

The following declared interest in the said items:

Cllr. J.Boulter – Cl. 101 / 102 (vii)  
Cllr. N.E.Clarke – Cl. 102 (iii) (x)  
Cllr. A.W.Evans – Cl.102 (iv) (v)  
Cllr. M.D.Kendall – Cl. 102 (x)  
Cllr. R.W.McCoo – Cl.101  
Cllr. R.E.Owens – Cl. 98 / 101 / 102 (vii)  
Cllr. J. Pughe – Cl. 101  
Cllr. G.M.Stevens – Cl. 99

**Cl. 94**            **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**14:10:15**

The Chairman noted that he had attended the following event:

20:09:15 Battle of Britain Service of Commemoration, Bethany  
English Presbyterian Chapel, Tywyn.

28:09:15 Extraordinary Meeting of Ynysymaengwyn Caravan  
Park and Ynysymaengwyn Trust meeting – Ysgol  
Uwchradd Tywyn

29:09:15 Meeting of Shrewsbury and Aberystwyth Rail Liaison  
Committee – Baptist Church, Tywyn. Objective was  
to gain insight into passenger opinion of the service  
since the increased frequency of trains, which will  
ultimately provide substance to a report being created  
by the Liaison committee.

01:10:15 Finance Committee Meeting – Council Office

05:10:15 2016 International Sheepdog Trials and Country  
Festival meeting held in Y Ganolfan, Abergynolwyn.  
The event to be held at Sandilands Farm, Tywyn – 9  
– 11 September, 2016.

06:10:15 Environment Committee Meeting – Council Office

07:10:15 Planning Committee meeting – Council Office.

**Cl. 95** **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER**  
**14:10:15** **2015 MEETINGS**

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

(a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9 September, 2015.

Cllr. G.M.Stevens expressed his dissatisfaction and objection to the account in the minutes of the proceedings under Gwynedd Councillor's Report (Cl.78 : 09/09/15) - Gwynedd & Môn Joint Local Development Plan and his verbal report.

Cllr. Stevens requested that his disapproval be recorded.

(b) Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 2 September, 2015

(c) Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 7 October, 2015

Discussion was held on the procedure and approval of the Minutes of the Planning Committee. It was explained that according to legislation Planning Applications procedure has to be completed within a short time limit. In order to comply with this Tywyn Council is obligated to consider Planning Applications at regularly held Planning Committee Meetings.

**Cl. 96** **TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**14:10:15** **FOR OCTOBER 2015**

**RESOLVED** - to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Questions were asked regarding some of the payments. These were standard payments, to which replies were given. The only exceptions being the payment to SP Manweb plc, which would be discussed as an Agenda Item, and the payment to Post Office Ltd (B.T), and the suggestion that the Contract for Internet Services be reviewed at the appropriate time.

**Cl. 97** **REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR**

**14:10:15** To receive verbal reports from Gwynedd Councillor on matters in the Council's interest, presented by Cllr. G.Mike Stevens.

2016 International Sheepdog Trials and Country Festival – He had attended a general inaugural meeting at Y Ganolfan, Abergynolwyn on Monday, 5 October, 2015. One of the main discussions at the meeting was attracting support, particularly in

the form of grants and donations. He was disappointed at the lack of response from Gwynedd Council.

Code of Conduct – Both he and Cllr. John Pughe had attended a Training Seminar on the ‘Code of Conduct’ held in Cae Penarlâg, Dolgellau, on Monday 12 October. He noted two issues appertaining to procedure and the information given at the Seminar. (a) Public Notices and Agenda. Public should be informed of all Council Meetings, including Committee Meetings, and notices giving date, venue, time as well as the Agenda should be displayed on the Council Notice Board. By not complying with this the Council was ‘out-of-line’ and acting illegally. It was a matter that would have to be looked at in the future. (b) Declaration of Interest. Where a Councillor had declared interest, including Personal Interest, in a matter on the Agenda, he / she was to leave the room when it was to be discussed, and not to take part in the discussion or to cast his / her vote.

Communities Scrutiny Committee – He had attended a meeting that had recently been held when Street Enforcement responsibilities were discussed. These include Fly Tipping and Fly Posting as well as Dog Fouling. Discussion was held on how to improve the enforcement of penalties to curtail Fly Tipping and Fly Posting. As regards to the latter enforcement action would be taken on those holding the land where the actual event being advertised was to be held. It would be the responsibility of such persons to ensure that any advertising posters were removed after the event had been held. Failure to do so would incur a fine of £75 per poster, rising to £100 per poster if not paid within the fortnight.

Post 16-Education Travel Charges - Reference was made to the irregularities between different areas of Gwynedd regarding travel charges being imposed on students over 16 yrs. of age. There was concern regarding the necessity to purchase Bus Passes per term and the financial hardship upon families, also the complications arising from restriction on the times of the day when the Bus Passes could be used.

**Cl. 98**  
**14:10:15**

**RBL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Short discussion was held on the customary practice to present a financial donation to the Royal British Legion towards the acquisition of two poppy wreaths for dedication on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, 2015.

**RESOLVED** – to present same donation as in previous years towards the RBL Poppy Appeal Fund. (£100).

**Cl. 99**                    **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF PENDRE**  
**14:10:15**                **ENTERPRISE PARK AND A494**

The matter was introduced by Cllr. M.Kendall, who had requested for it to be included as an Agenda item. With the building of the new Police and Fire Station at Pendre Enterprise Park he expressed concern that the Fire Engine, when answering emergency calls could be delayed by traffic conditions when joining the A493 (Tywyn - Brynchrug) from Pendre Enterprise Park.

Based on his experience in the Fire Service, he informed that this could be avoided by installing a warning system at the junction. This would only be used when the Fire Engine was responding to a call-out. In such circumstances, the warning system can be controlled from the Fire Station, and turned to red as the fire engine is leaving the station. This set up a clear exit and would prevent any delay to the fire engine.

Cllr. Kendall proposed that steps be taken by the Council for Traffic lights to be erected at the junction of Pendre enterprise Park and the A493.

**RESOLVED** – to support the proposal that Traffic lights are erected at the junction of Pendre Enterprise Park and that letters are written to Transportation and Street Care Service, Gwynedd Council; North Wales Fire Service and North Wales Police.

**Cl. 101**                    **PARKING RESTRICTIONS – LOVER’S LANE**

**14:10:15**

The matter was introduced by Cllr. M.Kendall, who had requested for it to be included as an Agenda item. A situation existed along that section of Lover’s Lane between Pendre Railway Crossing (Tal-y-Llyn Railway) and entrance to Gerllan Housing Estate. There are two junctions along this particular section of the road- the road from Gerllan Housing Estate and Ffordd Dyfrig. Car drivers find their views obstructed by vehicles parked along Lover’s Lane, often on both sides. Several reasons were given why cars are parked at this particular location. In addition to this there is no footpath for pedestrians.

Members were aware of the situation and the existing problem. Several suggestions were put forward as to what parking restrictions could be imposed to resolve the situation.

**RESOLVED** - letter to be written to Transportation and Street Care Service Gwynedd Council informing them of the situation and to give consideration as to how it could be resolved and to impose parking restrictions.

**Cl. 102**  
**14:10:15**

**REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL DONATIONS**

Minutes of the Finance Committee held in the Committee Room, Council Office, High Street, Tywyn, on Thursday, 1 October, 2015 at 6.00 p.m. were distributed to Councillors. (The following account is based on those minutes).

Present at the meeting were Cllrs. John H.Boulter (Chairman) Nancy E.Clarke; Alun W.Evans.

Also in attendance was Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Ron W.McCoo; Richie E.Owens.

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**RESOLVED** - to approve the following recommendations made by the Finance Committee

(i) Papur Llafar y Deillion Dolgellau a'r Cylch / Dolgellau and District Talking Newspaper for the Blind –TO DONATE - £50

(ii) Theatr Bara Caws Theatre – TO DONATE - £25

(iii) Tywyn & Bryncrug First Responders Team – TO DONATE - £100

(Cllr. N.E.Clarke declared interest and did not take part in the discussion or voting at the Finance Meeting or the Council Meeting).

(iv) Dail Dysynni – TO DONATE - £100

(Cllr. A.W.Evans declared interest and did not take part in the discussion or voting at the Finance Meeting or the Council Meeting).

(v) 2016 International Sheepdog Trials & County Festival – TO DONATE £500 x 2 (over two financial years)

(Cllr. A.W.Evans declared interest and did not take part in the discussion or voting at the Finance Meeting or the Council Meeting).

(vi) Morfa Cadfan Tenants Association – to donate - £100

(Cllr. A. Lloyd-Jones declared interest and did not take part in the discussion at the Finance Meeting).

(vii) South Meirionnydd Older People's Forum - TO DONATE - £100

(Cllrs. J.H.Boulter; R.E.Owens and A.Lloyd-Jones declared interest and did not take part in the discussion or voting. Cllr. A.W.Evans chaired this part of the meeting).

- (viii) Shelter Cymru – NO DONATION
- (ix) Advice Canolbarth Cymru / Mid Wales (new operating name of Canolfan Cynghori Bro Ddyfi Advice Centre) – NO DONATION

It was **RESOLVED** not to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the following two requests for financial donation.

- (x) Sefydliad Trefnu Digwyddiadau Tywyn Events Organisation  
(Cllr. N.E.Clarke declared interest and did not take part in the discussion or voting at the Finance Committee or at the Council Meeting. Cllr. M.D.Kendall declared interest and did not take part in the discussion or voting at the Council Meeting).

- (xi) Côr Meibion Bro Dysynni

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a donation of £100 be made to each organisation, based on the knowledge of their activity and contribution to local community. However, as a Balance Statement of their Financial Accounts had not been presented with their request, it was agreed that regulations be upheld and that a statement of their financial affairs be submitted before approving applications. There was further objection to the request from Tywyn Events Organisation based on the fact that they had not submitted a copy of their Constitution. This could not be taken into consideration as it has never been the practice of Tywyn Town Council to request sight of the Constitution of any organisation. Therefore, to request a copy of their Constitution from Tywyn Events Organisation could be viewed as the Council showing discrimination against that particular organisation.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) requests for Financial Assistance from Tywyn Events Organisation and Côr Meibion Bro Dysynni be left on the table,
  - (ii) letter to be sent to both organisations inviting them to submit a copy of their Financial Accounts, following receipt of which their requests would be given further consideration.
- (xii) Tywyn Churches Together & Tywyn Royal British Legion Christmas Event 2015

Clerk explained that this particular request had been received after the meeting of the Financial Committee had been held. As the particular event was to be held on Sunday evening, 6 December, 2015, at Neuadd Pendre, it was rather obvious that it could not be withheld. The request was for a financial contribution towards the printing of the programme for the

Carol Service, following the successful 'Silent Night' event held in 2014.

The Clerk further explained that he had discussed the matter with Mr Peter Chadwick, who had written the letter. Mr Chadwick had given an explanation for the absence of a Financial Account. The event is organised jointly by the Tywyn Churches Together and Tywyn Royal British Legion, and the cost is covered by the former who have a small operating budget. Any surplus money is donated to Charities. This year the recipient will be

**RESOLVED** - to donate £100 towards the cost of printing the programmes.

**Cl. 103**  
**08:10:15**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Copies of the report of environment meeting held in the Council Office, High Street, Tywyn, on Tuesday, 6 October, 2015, at 6.00 p.m. were distributed to Councillors. (The following minutes are based on that report).

Present at the meeting were Cllrs. John H.Boulter (Chairman); Nancy E.Clarke; Alun W.Evans; Ron W.McCoo.

Also in attendance was Cllr. Richie E.Owens.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Islwyn H.Davies; Anne Lloyd-Jones.

THE RE-LOCATING AND ILLUMINATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE,

Invoice was received from SP Power Systems Ltd. for Connection Charges for new Unmetered Supply of electricity from the Existing Highway to outside the Council Office. This Connection charge was payable in full prior to the commencement of any of their work. Therefore, there was no option but to make the payment. (Payment made to SP Manweb plc of £1,272.55 listed in the Treasurer's Report).

In addition to this, the Clerk had discovered that SP Power Systems Ltd. would only be responsible for the connecting of electricity supply; they would not be providing a Junction Box. This would be an additional item that the Council would have to be responsible for. A verbal quotation had been received from Street Lighting Dep. Dolgellau (Gwynedd Council) for this.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk held an emergency meeting at the end of the afternoon of Wednesday,

1 October, 2015, (Cllr. R.W.McCoo could not be present due to personal circumstances), and had agreed that two further quotations be sought from Phil Pugh Electrical, Tywyn, and Ron Thomas Electrical, Brynecrug.

Since then, the Clerk had sent an email to Dave Wood, Gwynedd Council, and requesting permission to carry out Tywyn Council's proposals (trusting that there would be no objections!). He in turn had referred the matter to Bryan Hughes. A site meeting was held on the morning of Monday, 5 October, 2015, the purpose of which was to discuss an alternative location for the Christmas Tree, as a 'Canolfan Hamdden Bro Dysynni Leisure Centre' sign had been erected on the intended spot. Present were: Bryan Hughes, Canolfan Hamdden Bro Dysynni; Cllrs. John H.Boulter; Alun W.Evans; RonW.McCoo and the Clerk. Agreement was reached on an alternative location, which would be in front of the disused water fountain and close to the steps leading to the Council Office.

Ron Thomas Electrical presented a provisional quotation via email. On receiving further information, he confirmed that his provisional quotation was still standing.

Phil Pugh electrical had requested further information, and subsequently had submitted a sealed quotation.

The sealed quotation from Phil Pugh was opened, and all three were discussed.

**RESOLVED** – to accept the quotation from Phil Pugh.

There was some discontent expressed regarding the payment of £1,272.55 made to SP Manweb plc. Whilst accepting that the payment had to be made, it was regarded that an Emergency Meeting of the Council should have been convened to discuss the matter.

**RESOLVED** – to give retrospective approval to the payment of £1272.55 made to SP Manweb.

SP Power Systems Ltd. has advised that they will be present on site Thursday, 22 October, to carry out excavation work and lay the electricity cables on Friday, 23 October, 2015.



### CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

It was recommendation of the Environment Committee that the town should keep to its 'green image' and have the solar powered small Christmas trees for the lampposts again this year.

Plantscape had promised to keep the same price as last year.  
40 x Plantscape Christmas Tree Per Half @ £105 per unit  
£4,200.00

Erect and take down 2 cross street motifs (2014) (Gwynedd)  
£1,674.00

Erect and take down Christmas Tree lights (2014)  
(Gwynedd)£1,034.68

TOTAL - £6,908.68

(All prices are exclusive of VAT)

**RESOLVED** - to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee re. obtaining small solar powered Christmas Trees from Plantscape.

Discussion was held on continuing to present request to Gwynedd Council to erect and take down the 2 x cross street motifs and Christmas Tree light. Having given consideration to all aspect of the work involved, it was conceded that there was no other alternative. It was also conceded that due to the lack of time, it would not be practical and follow past practice and request a quotation from Gwynedd Council in the first instance. It was accepted that there would be an increase on the above quotations, but that that with some negotiation that this would be kept to a minimum.

**RESOLVED** - To proceed to request Gwynedd to erect and take down 2 x cross street motifs and Christmas Tree Lights as in previous years, and for a reduction in the cost, bearing in mind that there would be some increase due to inflation.

It was necessary to make alternative arrangements for the supply of electricity to cross street motif by Cambrian Square. Following the meeting of the Environment Committee the Clerk had discussed the matter with R. Alun Pierce, Street Lighting Dept. Dolgellau. Cllr. Ron Mc Coo had made initial enquiries re. the possibility of supply of electricity from Waste Facilities Management Ltd. who had expressed their willingness to oblige.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To receive the report from the Environment Committee

- (ii) Clerk to approach Waste Facilities Management Ltd. re. supply of electricity from their premises (Cambrian House)

### Christmas Tree

It was the recommendation of the Environment Committee that the Christmas Tree be purchased from the usual supplier – Leighton Estate Woodlands (Estate Office, Leighton, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8HT). Collection arrangements as per previous years (with agreement) – courtesy of Mr Mark Blunden (& others) and Cllr. Richard M. Vaughan.

Meeting was informed that it had become known that Leighton Estate Woodlands would not be able to provide a Christmas Tree this year.

This led to a protracted discussion on the erecting of a Christmas Tree, and raised several aspects that had been previously discussed and resolved i.e. the new location for the tree.

**RESOLVED** – enquiries to be made re. an alternative supplies for a Christmas Tree, including Ynysymaengwyn.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Cllr. Richie E.Owens requested approval to organise the placing of small wooden remembrance crosses along the edge of the flower border outside the Council Office. Meeting was unanimous that this venture had proved to be popular last year, was well supported and the opportunity much appreciated. It was recommended that it be repeated again this year.

**RESOLVED:** open permission be given for the creation of a ‘Garden of Remembrance’ to be set up outside the Council Office, to abolish the need for a request to be presented each year.

### SPRING AND SUMMER PLANTING.

Following the Council’s decision to assume complete responsibility for the planting and maintenance of the flower beds outside the Council Office, the Clerk had been asked to ascertain whether or not there was the possibility that Tywyn Council would give a contract to Gwynedd to carry out the work. As they would soon be in the process of ordering flowers, a reply was needed imminently.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the recommendation of the Environment Committee that Gwynedd be given the contract, on the grounds of their knowledge and experience of:

- The amount of plants to order
- The actual planting at the beginning and clearing at the end of the season
- Maintenance i.e. weeding etc. during the season.

Council was informed that a meeting of the Bro Dysynni Community Garden Project, under the Wales National Exercise Referral Scheme (NERS), organised by Rachel Roberts, Canolfan Hamdden Bro Dysynni, had been held that day. It was the intention of that group to develop a community garden project using the land between the Leisure Centre and the High Street, in which event the flower beds would not be available for use as in the past.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) enquires to be made to ascertain the situation re. the availability of the land and the intentions of the Community Garden Project Group.
- (b) To proceed to award the contract of Spring Planting to Gwynedd, pending continuation of the availability of the land.

It was the report of the Environment Committee that no actual arrangements could be made for the Spring planting of the floor standing planters (6 green plastic + 2 wooden); the reason being that there were unsubstantiated rumours circulating in the town regarding the future of Pendre Garden Centre.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) To receive the report of the Environment Committee
- (b) Enquiries to be continued to ascertain the situation regarding the future of Pendre Garden Centre.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the recommendation of the Environment Committee that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. David Edwards (Monty) to convey the Council's appreciation for the dedication and amount of work undertaken by him in the gardening and maintenance of the flower plants on the approach road into the town from Aberdyfi, and in particular at Tywyn Railway Station.

Due to the lateness of time, it was agreed that the order of the Agenda be revised, and that the following two items be discussed as a matter of priority. Discussion on the remaining items on the Agenda to be deferred, and that an additional

meeting of the Council to be convened to complete the business on the Agenda.

**Cl. 104**  
**14:10:15**

**THE SITING OF THE NEW DYFI BRIDGE**

Matter was placed as an Agenda item at the request of Cllr. A.W.Evans, who presented a verbal report following his visit to the A487 New Dyfi Bridge Public Information Exhibition held at Y Plas, Machynlleth on Wednesday, 7 October, 2015.

Cllr. Evans was displeased with several aspects of the Exhibition:

- Lack of sufficient notification of the exhibition – he had only become aware of it that morning following through a news item on Radio Cymru (Welsh Radio)
- It did not meet with his expectations
- The information displayed did not give sufficient answer to queries that he had
- The venue did not suit him
- The opening times were not convenient

His main concern and objection was that the proposed new bridge would not solve the problem of flooding under the Railway Bridge, which was one of the main problems when flooding occurred. The line of the new road and bridge would be from a new A487 / A493 Junction, joining the A487 to Aberystwyth in the vicinity of the entrance to the Dyfi Eco Park. This would be immediately before the Railway Bridge. A continuation of the new road to bypass the town of Machynlleth, joining the A487 to Aberystwyth south of the town, in the vicinity of Ysgol Bro Hyddgen would avoid this.

**RESOLVED:** letter to be forwarded to those concerned expressing the Council's discontent of the lack of communication and that it was not informed of the Information Exhibition.

**Cl. 105**  
**14:10:15**

**ROYAL MAIL SORTING OFFICE, PENDRE  
ENTERPRISE PARK, TYWYN**

Following an article in the Cambrian News, Thursday, 8 October, 2015, Council was discontent to learn that Royal Mail proposed to close the Tywyn Postal Sorting Office. Should the closure go ahead, staff would be relocated to Machynlleth, but would be expected to travel there and back in their own vehicles, a round journey of 30 miles.

This would inevitably mean deterioration in the postal service to the residents of Tywyn and the surrounding area. There would also be an adverse impact on the livelihood of the staff at the Tywyn Sorting Office, as well as their families.

**RESOLVED** – letter to be forwarded to Royal Mail conveying the concern and discontent of Tywyn Town Council regarding this matter, requesting information for their decision to take this measure and how can it be justified.

Due to the lateness of time, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at this stage, and that no further business to be conducted.

It was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be reconvened: at The Resources Centre, Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn, on Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

to complete the business on the Agenda.

The Meeting was declared closed at 9.30 p.m.

The Minutes of the continuation of the Council Meeting

PRESENT: Cllr. John H.Boulter (Chairman);  
Cllrs. Nancy E. Clarke; Eileen M.Ellis;  
Mark D. Kendall; A.Lloyd-Jones; Ron W.McCoo;  
Richie E.Owens; John Pughe; G.M.Stevens;

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :Cllr. Alun W.Evans;  
Islwyn H.Davies; Richard M.Vaughan.

**Cl. 106**  
**21:10:15**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**  
**THE RELOCATING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND**  
**CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS**

The Clerk requested permission to commence the meeting by continuing with this matter, and presenting a verbal report on the latest developments.

The Clerk had made enquiries, but there was not a suitable tree available from Ynysymaengwyn. However, he had succeeded in obtaining one from another supplier, this being Derwen Garden Centre, Welshpool. Its height would be comparable to the ones obtained in previous years, but the cost would be double the sum that was normally paid. It was probable that it would be even higher were it not for the fact that the Council was making its own arrangements for collection.

The Clerk stated that he had approached Waste Facilities Management Ltd. They confirmed that they were perfectly agreeable to providing a supply of electricity from their premises (Cambrian House) for the Cross-street Motif.

The Clerk noted that during all discussion, no mention had been made of a date for the 'Turning on of the Christmas Lights'. He had worked on the assumption that it would be the same as in

2014, the corresponding date being Friday, 20 November, 2015. Both Plantscape and Derwen Garden Centre had confirmed that they would be able to deliver in time for this date. Should the Council decide to forward the event, and arrange it for Friday, 27 November, 2017, it was clear that this would also be possible.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) To accept the Clerk's report and give retrospective approval for the purchase of a Christmas Tree from Derwen Garden Centre at the increased price.
- (b) That the 'Turning on of the Christmas Lights' event to be held on Friday, 20 November, 2015
- (c) The act of Turning on the Lights' to be done by the Chairman of the Council and Mayor, Cllr. John Boulter.

Cllr. Stevens stated that in his opinion that Friday, 20 November, 2015 would be too early for this event, and that Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism & Commerce would be arranging their 'Santa Grotto' for Friday, 27, November, 2015.

**Cl. 107  
21 :10:15**

**UN LLAIS CYMRU MEIRIONNYDD AREA  
COMMITTEE**

Cllr. A.W.Evans had prepared a report of the Meirionnydd Area Committee held at Dolgellau on Wednesday, 23 September, 2015. In his absence, his report was presented by the Clerk.

The Guest Speaker at the Committee was Anwen Davies, Social Enterprise Liaison Manager, Cyngor Gwynedd.

Anwen Davies referred to the financial challenge facing Gwynedd Council, and the need to make savings of £7 million in its budget by April 2016. She referred to the measures taken by Gwynedd Council to implement this, and her role in the transfer of responsibilities from Gwynedd Council to Town and community Councils. There were a number of issues that should be taken into consideration, but it was her opinion that it was an opportunity to be innovative.

Several questions were raised by Councillors present regarding this.

Other matters raised at the Meeting:

- Cllr. Elfed ap Gomer was nominated to represent the Area Committee on Snowdonia National Park
- UHY Hacker Young had lost its contract as External Auditor
- Insurance Company AON was sponsoring the Annual Conference and AGM. Councils were asked to bear this in mind when renewing their Insurance Policy.

- All Community and Town Councils in Merioneth were now members of Un Llais Cymru.

**Cl. 108**                    **UN LLAIS CYMRU – ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND**  
**21:10:15**                    **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A verbal report was presented on the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting held at the Bont Pavilion, Pontrhydfendiagd, on Saturday, 3 October, 2015. His impression was that less Councils were represented this year than in the past. From the attendance register, he made this to be 97, compared to 121 in 2014. Cllr. Alun Evans and the Clerk represented Tywyn Town Council.

During the morning session the main speaker was Leighton Andrews AM, Minister for Public Services. His address barely took 15 minutes; on the other hand, he did accept and answered many questions from the floor. But it was all very low key and non-controversial. The main theme of his presentation and questions was the re-organisation of Local Authorities at all levels, based on the Legislating for Stronger Community and Town Councils. The other two speakers were Dr Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive of NALC since April 2014, and Keith Edwards, Independent Consultant Specialising in Strategic review, service transformation =, community benefits and new models of ownership

The Afternoon session gave over to the Annual General Meeting when the usual procedures were undertaken. All nine proposals were carried either unanimously or with a small number voting against. There was stronger opposition to the ninth proposal, but was carried with a clear majority. - 'That membership fees are uplifted by up to 3% for the financial year 2016 – 17'.

**Cl. 109**                    **CLERK'S REPORT**  
**21:10:15**                    Clerk's Report for September was circulated to members.

The Report was shorter than normal; the one issue being noted was the presence of the Internal Auditor to audit the Financial Accounts of Ynysymaengwyn Caravan Park and Ynysymaengwyn Trust.

**TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE.**

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

**Cl. 110**                    Mr Robin Hughes MILCM, Clerk Criccieth Town – Objections  
**21:10:15**                    to Planning Applications  
**RESOLVED** – to receive correspondence and note its contents

- Cl. 111**      Wales Audit Office – External Audit Arrangements:  
**21:10:15**      Annual Returns 2015 – 16; 2016 – 17 and 2018 – 19  
**RESOLVED** – to receive correspondence and not information given
- Cl. 112**      Snowdonia National Park Authority & Town & Community  
**21:10:15**      Councils evening November 2015 – Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi,  
Thursday, 19 November, 2015 - .6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.  
**RESOLVED** – any Councillor interested in attending to submit name his / her name to the Clerk.
- Cl. 113**      Mr David Coleman, Brynderw, Aberllefenni, Machynlleth –  
**21:10:15**      Gwynedd Challenge – Public Rights of Way in Gwynedd  
**RESOLVED** – to receive correspondence and note its contents
- Cl. 114**      Gwynedd – Communications Unit – Gwynedd Challenge –  
**21:10:15**      Evening Public Forum – Thursday, 15 October, 2015 – 6.45  
p.m. Drop-In Session – Baptist Church – Wednesday, 21 October, 2015 – 2.00  
p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Due to the present circumstances and the change in the Council Meetings, the event had already taken place.
- Cl. 115**      Correspondence Received That Does Not Necessitate Action by  
**21:10:15**      the Council And Is Available At The Clerk’s Office For Perusal  
By Any Interested Councillor
- (a) Welsh Government – Shared Purpose: Shared Future – Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
  - (b) Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner North Wales – The People’s Award
  - (c) Un Llais Cymru – Betsi Cadwaladr Report – Mike Harriman, Stakeholder Group Representative
  - (d) Welsh Government Written Statements: Responses to the Consultation on Land Transaction Tax; Responses to the Consultation on Landfill Disposable Tax – Minister for Finance and Government Business
  - (e) Welsh Government – Preparing for Public Service Boards Conference 2015 – Minister for Public Services
  - (f) North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority – Public Consultation on the Fire & Rescue Services provided in North Wales 2016 – 2017 and beyond
  - (g) Mike Harriman, Stakeholder Reference Group – Green Paper: Our Health, Our Health Service – Closing Date for responses – 20 November, 2015
  - (h) Simon Thomas AM – Regional Bulletin - [Simon.Thomas@Assembly.Wales](mailto:Simon.Thomas@Assembly.Wales)
  - (i) Welsh Government – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Annual Report – February 2016 – Closing date for responses – 30 November, 2105
  - (j) Welsh Government – Natural Resources Wales – Management Bulletin – Issue 24 – October 2015



- (k) Gwynedd – Highways Maintenance and Municipal Service – Works Programme October, 2015

**Cl. 116**  
**21:10:15**

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK**

A report of the current situation was presented. There had been two applicants. Copies of their CV had been printed on Pink Paper, which were collected at the end of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) To invite both applicants to attend an Interview for the job.
- (b) Interviews to be held:
  - In The Resources Centre, Ysgol Uwchradd, Tywyn
  - On Wednesday, 4 November, 2015
  - At 6.00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup>. interviewee); 7.30.p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup>. Interviewee)

**Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

In accordance with Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings act, - Local Government (Access to information) Act (1985) Schedule 12A, parts 1.1. and 4.14, public and press are therefore excluded from this part of the meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.