

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 08th NOVEMBER 2017
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Alun W. Evans (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, John Pughe, Nancy E. Clarke, Marisa D. O’Hara, Eileen Jones, Aled M. Lewis, Quentin E. Deakin, Cathy Evans, Harriet Webb, Mike Stevens, Frank Bridle, Anne Lloyd-Jones

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 169 **APOLOGIES:**
08.11.17

No apologies received

Cl. 170 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
08.11.17

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones (Cl. 187)

Cl. 171 **DISCUSSION – THE DYFI BIOSPHERE WITH MR ANDY ROWLAND**
08.11.17

Mr Andy Rowland from EcoDyfi, one of the partners in the Dyfi Biosphere programme, was invited to attend the meeting in order to give the Council a clearer idea of what it means to be a part of the Dyfi Biosphere and the benefits of the UNESCO afforded status.

We were informed that the Dyfi Biosphere comprises 762 sq.km of land and 78 sq. km of sea in Mid Wales, UK. It is the only Biosphere in Wales, consisting of the whole of the Dyfi river catchment and the university town of Aberystwyth. The area includes parts of Gwynedd, Ceredigion and Powys County Council areas, and most of the northern third of the land area lies within Snowdonia National Park.

The purpose of the Dyfi Biosphere is to inspire people and organisations to work together in creating sustainable futures to be proud of. It connects people with nature and cultural heritage while strengthening the local economy.

The Dyfi Biosphere has created research opportunities and encourages collaboration across different economic sectors within the region. The Biosphere designation, bolstered by UNESCO means that there are potential benefits to tourism and farming and agriculture.

Councillors had the opportunity to ask a number of questions and of particular relevance to Tywyn’s potential inclusion were, “what is the cost?” – currently nothing, and “would planning restrictions be incurred?” – not at the present time but restrictions could be agreed by the partners in the future should they wish.

- Cl. 172
08.11.17 **DISCUSSION – MARINE SAFETY WITH BARRY DAVIES**
Barry Davies was unable to attend the meeting at short notice. This item will be rescheduled for the Council Meeting to be held on 13.12.17
- Cl. 173
08.11.17 **CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT:**
The Chairman visited the Railway Buildings in Tywyn
The Chairman congratulated Elfyn Evans and Dan Barrit on their Rally GB success
7th November attended a Finance Committee Meeting
- Cl. 174
08.11.17 **MINUTES:**
Receive and approve: -
- a) Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 11th October 2017
- RESOLVED:** To receive and approve with Councillor Alun Evans proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the proposal.
- Cl. 175
08.11.17 **STANDING COMMITTEES:**
Receive and approve: -
Finance Committee
- a) Minutes of Meeting held 7th November 2017
- RESOLVED:** To receive and approve with Councillor Eileen Jones proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the proposal.
- Cl. 176
08.11.17 **RENEWAL OF THE LEASE ON THE RAILWAY BUILDINGS**
Motion to renew the lease on the Railway Buildings.
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the motion.
- Cl. 177
08.11.17 **FLOODING AT PLAS EDWARDS**
Motion to request that the cause of flooding at Plas Edwards be investigated.
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor Alun Evans seconding the motion.
- Cl. 178
08.11.17 **COUNCIL FACEBOOK AND TWITTER**
Motion to launch an official Tywyn Town Council Facebook page and Twitter feed.
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Harriet Parry proposing and Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the motion.
- Cl. 179
08.11.17 **SITING OF BICYCLE REPAIR STATION**
Motion to request the permanent siting of the Bicycle Repair Station adjacent to the Council Office in the vicinity of the old fountain.

RESOLVED: To vary the motion to “Motion to request the permanent siting of the Bicycle Repair Station in the station car park” this was proposed by Councillor Frank Bridle and seconded by Councillor Aled Lewis. The varied motion was duly passed with Councillor Nancy Clarke proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion

Cl. 180 **VICTORIAN SHELTER**

08.11.17 Motion undertake basic upkeep of the Victorian Shelter

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Mike Stevens proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion

Cl. 181 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

08.11.17 Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report for the month of October 2017

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the motion

Cl. 182 **NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

08.11.17

- During the full Council on 5 October, members supported a proposal to establish a company controlled by the Council that will be responsible for the county’s leisure centres in future.
- Last year, the tourism sector in Gwynedd had its most successful year ever, with expenditure in the local economy reaching over £1 billion. Over seven million people visited Gwynedd during 2016 – an increase of 3.2% on the previous year. There was also an increase of 5.5% in the number of tourists that stayed overnight, providing a welcome boost to businesses in the tourism sector.
- Cuts to the breakfast club provision for primary school children will mean providing free school breakfasts between 8.25am and 8.50am but introducing a fee for providing childcare to those who want it between 8am and 8.25am.
- Gwynedd Council will benefit from increased funding made available by the Welsh Assembly for new homes in the county, they will benefit to the tune of £6.3 million this year and a further £6.7 million next year.
- Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones also wished to express her sadness at the passing of Carl Sargeant
- Councillor Mike Stevens is in negotiations with Gwynedd Council regarding the upkeep and renewal of the bicycle storage units at the station.

RESOLVED: To accept the information with Councillor Alun Wyn Evans proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the proposal.

Cl. 183 **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

08.11.17 None to report

Cl. 184 **CLERK’S REPORT**

08.11.17 Motion to receive Clerk’s Report

RESOLVED: To receive the report with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the proposal. Councillor John Pughe pointed out that the clerk had been misinformed as to the ownership of the toilet block on Cae Bach car park.

Cl. 185
08.11.17

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

a) Email from Independent Reviewing Panel considering the future of Local and Community Councils. Second question for consideration "How should they operate?"

RESOLVED: To respond with the comments of the Council

b) Email from Alison Mills regarding the donation of a memorial bench.

RESOLVED: To respond suggesting the donation of a plaque to be fixed to a bench we already have and a contribution towards the up-keep of the benches in Bryn Y Pederau.

Correspondence Received That Does **Not Necessitate Action by the Council**

a) Thank you letter from Clybiau Ffermwyr Ifanc Meirionnydd

b) Thank you letter from the Dail Dysynni

RESOLVED: To accept the information

Cl. 186
08.11.17

ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Motion that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Alun Wyn Evans proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the motion.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones left the meeting

Cl. 187
08.11.17

YNYSYMAENGWYN CARAVAN PARK

Motion to receive legal advice on matters relating to the Ynysymaengwyn Caravan Park and employees and to agree a further course of action.

RESOLVED: To arrange an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 22nd November at 6:00 pm to discuss at greater length.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:10pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIRMAN