

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**  
**ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Cathy Evans, Matthew Cooling, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mick Stevens, Joseph Smith, Aled Lewis, Alun Wyn Evans, Marisa O'Hara, John Pughe

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 073  
14.04.21 **APOLOGIES:**  
Nancy Clarke  
Gareth Mason

Cl. 074  
14.04.21 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**  
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones – Item 20 Ynysymaengwyn Update – Caravan Park Owner

Cl. 075  
14.04.21 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Thanks were expressed to Councillor John Pughe for taking the Chair at the last meeting
- The work on the Council Office is not expected to be completed until mid-May
- Tywyn benches remain in a poor state despite Gwynedd Council assurances
- Congratulations to Councillors Cathy Evans and Gareth Mason on the successful conversion of the Happy Valley telephone kiosk into a defibrillator cabinet
- The skate park is currently closed due to continued deterioration in condition
- The new Friendship Bench in Brook Street Gardens was featured on S4C's Heno programme, thanks goes to Jane Barraclough and Dawn Northern for their work
- Letters have been received from the Ombudsman for Wales' Office

Cl. 076  
14.04.21 **MINUTES:**  
Receive and approve: -

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**RESOLVED:** To receive and approve with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.

Cl. 077  
14.04.21 **STANDING COMMITTEES:**  
Receive and approve: -

Environment Committee

Meeting held on Monday, 22nd March 2021

**RESOLVED:** To receive and approve with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.

Cl. 078 **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

14.04.21 Councillor Cathy Evans reported that she had attended a meeting of the Governors of Ysgol Penybryn

Councillor Alun Wyn Evans reported that the forthcoming One Voice Wales meeting had been postponed until 26<sup>th</sup> May

Cl. 079 **HAPPY VALLEY SPEED CONCERNS**

14.04.21 Motion to consider means of reducing the speed of traffic along the Happy Valley Road.

**RESOLVED:** To hold discussion with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

Ideas discussed included historic and current data collection, the possibility of making the road an 'access only' road. The road's use as a cycle route and anecdotal accounts were heard relating to accidents on the road and the situation when the main road between Aberdyfi and Machynlleth needs to be closed. Gwynedd Councillors asked to investigate possibilities with Gwynedd Council

Cl. 080 **BRYN Y PADERAU HANDRAIL**

14.04.21 Motion to install a handrail at Bryn Y Paderau.

**RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion

Cl. 081 **DONATION**

14.04.21 Motion to contribute to the cost of the QR code notices being posted by History Point in the town

**RESOLVED:** To approve the motion and donate £150 with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

A request as made for a recorded vote on this matter and the votes were received as below

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAINING:
John Pughe	Anne Lloyd-Jones	None
Matthew Cooling	Mike Stevens	
Aled Lewis		
Joseph Smith		
Cathy Evans		
Ron McCoo		
Alun Wyn Evans		

- Cl. 082  
14.04.21 **PROMENADE CAR PARK AGREEMENT**  
Motion to agree the service level agreement as issued by Gwynedd Council for the receipt of 10% of the parking fees on the Promenade
- MOTION DEFEATED**  
Clerk to respond to the Council's concerns about the Service Level Agreement
- Cl. 083  
14.04.21 **GARDENING AND WATERING CONTRACT**  
Motion to appoint a contractor to undertake the Gardening and Watering of the town plants for a period of 2 years
- RESOLVED:** To the motion and appoint Contractor 2 with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.
- Cl. 084  
14.04.21 **GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**  
Motion to appoint a contractor to undertake the Grass Cutting of Council land for a period of 2 years
- RESOLVED:** To the motion and appoint Contractor B with Councillor Joseph Smith proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.
- Cl. 085  
14.04.21 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21**  
Motion to approve the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2020/21
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.
- Cl. 086  
14.04.21 **TREASURER'S REPORT**  
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for March 2021
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.
- Cl. 087  
14.04.21 **NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL**
- Gwynedd Council will be painting the Victorian Shelter during May, the plaques from the shelter have been restored and will be re-installed after the painting.
  - A new glass recycling bin will be arriving in the Leisure Centre car park which will take all colours of glass and new paper and plastics bin will also be provided.
  - Words of tribute were given in respect of the death of Prince Phillip
  - Gwynedd are warning about rogue traders and doorstep crimes and urging those affected to call Crimestoppers
  - The Archive Service is to reopen again in Gwynedd documents will need to be pre-ordered
  - Gwynedd is thanking businesses for the contributions they have made in dealing with the Covid crisis
  - Gwynedd Council is urging caution as the economy re-opens
  - Changes will be made to the refuse collection arrangements in Meirionnydd following successful changes in other parts of the county, this may include a

change of collection day and also a dedicated team for the region ensuring a continuity of service

- There will be a seasonal increase in the Maritime staff with extra provision for the Tywyn area.

Cl. 088  
14.04.21

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Motion to receive Clerk's Report

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report with Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor Joseph Smith seconding the motion.

Cl. 089  
14.04.21

#### **YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST UPDATE**

- Following a relaxation of the Covid regulations people within Wales where allowed unrestricted travel, the caravan park was duly opened, however free flow of traffic had been limited to ensure that visiting caravan owners stop by the lodge to leave their details and proof of address prior to access.
- Further relaxations of the regulations will mean unhindered travel from Wales and England, signage will be erected to direct public parking to the area near the old mansion to ensure some form of segregation from those staying on the touring field.
- Work on the internal footpaths is still continuing.
- A tree condition survey has recently been undertaken by Arbitech and trees identified as requiring immediate attention have been fenced off until the necessary work has been undertaken.
- As suggested by one of the trustees, suitable signage regarding essential tree cutting will be erected.
- Cllr. Cooling expressed concern on behalf of a Tywyn resident regarding some of the tree felling operations and it was explained that as a consequence of the `Ash Dieback Disease` felling is the only safe option.

Councillor John Pughe proposed that Standing Orders be suspended in respect of Order 3(w) 'A meeting shall not exceed a period of 2 hours'

**RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Cathy Evans seconding the motion

Councillor Gareth Mason entered the meeting

Cl. 090  
14.04.21

#### **PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Motion to exclude press and public in accordance with Section 12A of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960

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

In accordance with Public Bodies Admission 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.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the motion with Councillor Joseph Smith proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

Cl. 091

**STATION BUILDING LEASE**

14.04.21

Motion to consider the Heads of Terms for the Tenancy at Will on the Station Building.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Heads of Terms with Councillor Alun Wyn Evans proposing and Councillor Joseph Smith seconding the motion.

Councillor John Pughe proposed that Standing Orders be reinstated in respect of Order 3(w) 'A meeting shall not exceed a period of 2 hours'

**RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Cathy Evans seconding the motion

The meeting was declared closed at 9:39 pm

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIRMAN**

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