

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022**  
**ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM**

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

Councillors: Matthew Cooling, Cathy Evans, Alun Wyn Evans, Rowan Smith,  
Anne Lloyd-Jones, Gareth Mason, Ron McCoo, John Pughe, Marisa O'Hara.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Chris Wood, Town Clerk.

Cl. 180 **APOLOGIES**

9.3.22 Councillors Nancy Clarke, Aled Lewis.

**Proposed** by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Rowan Smith and **resolved** to accept the apologies for absence.

Cl. 181 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PERSONAL CONNECTION**

9.3.22 Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, Owner of a 5 member only Caravan Club site.  
Councillor Eileen Jones, Treasurer of Tywyn Community Ffrij.

Cl. 182 **A PRESENTATION BY QUENTIN DEAKIN**

9.3.22 Quentin Deakin gave a two part presentation to the Council. Part one discussed the Declaration of a Climate Emergency by the Council in February 2019 and suggested further action the Council could take. Part two discussed the Welsh Tree Giveaway supported by the Welsh Government and the Woodland Trust (Wales).

Cl. 183 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

9.3.22 Councillor Eileen Jones reported the following items:

- Reported the damage to Sherwood House during the storm and gave thanks to Gwynedd Council and our Gwynedd Councillors for coordinating the rescue of residents.
- Reported the destruction of the Council's display board at Bailey Bridge.
- Hosted a St David's day tea and cake session with Councillor Cathy Evans.
- Highlighted Food Action Week and the campaign to reduce food waste..

Cl. 177 **MINUTES**

9.2.22 To receive and approve:

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9th February 2022.

**Proposed** by Councillor Gareth Mason, seconded by Councillor John Pughe and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2022.

Cl. 178 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

9.2.22 To receive and approve:

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th February 2022.

Following a discussion around the taking of minutes of an in camera section of a meeting, it was agreed to defer this item to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Cl. 179  
9.3.22 **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL  
FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Councillor Eileen Jones reported attending a Zoom meeting of Dementia Action Gwynedd and that Gwynedd Council have approved the location of the proposed new Friendship Bench. **Proposed** by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Councillor Cathy Evans and **resolved** to proceed with the new Friendship Bench.

Cl. 180  
9.3.22 **TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

The Clerk had circulated the Bank Reconciliation and receipts and payments accounts for February 2022 and reported that he now has access to the Council's bank accounts. This delay has led to the Reconciliation not being completed and it was agreed to defer this item to the next Ordinary meeting.

Cl. 181  
9.3.22 **OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND REQUEST  
ASSISTANCE FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS WITHIN THE REMIT  
OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported that Gwynedd Council will be increasing Council Tax by 2.95% for the financial year 2022/23.

Councillor Ron McCoo asked if there had been any progress with getting signs to prevent overnight camping at Bailey Bridge.

Councillor Eileen Jones asked about the bicycle lockers at the station and what was being done to make them more useable.

Councillor John Pughe asked whether Gwynedd Council could arrange to clean the Victorian shelter more frequently following complaints and raised concerns of uneven paving by the paddling pool and dog fouling.

Cl. 182  
9.3.22 **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported the following items:

- Access to the Council's bank account has been granted and explained the issues this has caused with the Treasurers Report.
- Reported the incident at Bailey Bridge and the damage to the display board.
- The Cambrian News had been sent the Zoom link for the meeting.
- Reported damage to the history information board at the Neptune end of the prom.

**Proposed** by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl. 183  
9.3.22 **TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

A discussion was held around practical ways the Council could support the people of Ukraine. The Council is unable to provide direct financial support but will assist where possible with the coordination of collections if required.

Councillor Eileen Jones reported a march and vigil that is being organised for Sunday March 20th to show support.

- Cl. 184 **TO DISCUSS PROVIDING A SUBSIDY TO FIRST AID TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS AND VOLUNTEERS**  
9.3.22 Nick Aitkin has offered to provide first aid training for up to twelve people and is looking for a subsidy of up to £60. Following discussions, there was no seconder to support a proposal to provide a subsidy. The Clerk will ask Nick to provide more details for the next Ordinary Meeting.
- Cl. 184 **TO DISCUSS SUPPORTING THE PASS WIDE AND SLOW CAMPAIGN**  
9.3.22 Councillor Cathy Evans reported on the Pass Wide and Slow event on September 18th 2022 to highlight issues around horse riding on the roads and traffic.
- Cl. 185 **TO DISCUSS ALTERING THE BUS STOP CLEANING SCHEDULE**  
9.3.22 After a short discussion it was agreed that this should be deferred to the next meeting of the Environment Committee.
- Cl. 186 **TO DISCUSS TAKING ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE**  
9.3.22 The existing organisers are stepping back and it was agreed that the Council should be supporting the Remembrance Sundry Parade and aim to work with the Ladies Section of the Royal British Legion to ensure the parade continues.
- Cl. 187 **MOTION FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL TO SPONSOR, SUPPORT AND CO HOST THE TYWYN SPOTLIGHT AWARDS, TO BE HELD AT THE MAGIC LANTERN CINEMA THIS AUTUMN**  
9.3.22 Councillor Rowan Smith spoke of the success of the last Awards event and the plans to hold another Awards event later this year. The Council sponsored the last event in the sum of £250.00 and the organisers are hoping for a similar donation this year.  
**Proposed** by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Councillor Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to sponsor and support the Tywyn Spotlights Awards 2022.
- Cl. 188 **TO DISCUSS PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH THE CLERK**  
9.3.22 Councillor Eileen Jones reported a number of near misses and one complaint of a person being clipped by a bus on the Church Street corner opposite the Church. The discussion centered on this not being a Council matter and that complaints should be directed to the Police and Gwynedd Council.
- Cl. 189 **TO DISCUSS FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORDINARY AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
9.3.22 Councillors discussed the many options for holding in person, hybrid and Zoom meetings. It was agreed that more information about systems and pricing was required and should be put forward at the May Ordinary Meeting.
- Cl. 190 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES CONCERNING YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST**  
9.3.22 The Clerk read out a report written by Councillor Aled Lewis in his absence.  
There has been no significant damage following the recent high winds. The carpark extension near the dovecote has been completed. Pathways around the toilet block have been resurfaced. The new timber shelter is proving popular and a number of Wellbeing sessions have been held in the woodlands. No work undertaken at or on behalf of

Ynysymaengwyn costs the Trust any money and there is no conflict of interest with any of my other work.

**Proposed** by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Councillor John Pughe and **resolved** to accept the updates.

Cl. 191  
9.3.22

**TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE**

*None received*

Cl. 192  
9.3.22

**TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

1. RJ Electrical - Christmas Lights condition report
2. Gwynedd Council - Electric car charging points
3. Llanfihangel-y-pennant - swydd wag - vacancy
4. One Voice Wales - Training courses
5. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report
6. Closure of the railway between Welshpool and Newtown
7. OECD questionnaire - Regional development in Wales
8. Quentin Deakin - Climate Emergency
9. Gwynedd Council Business Support Bulletin
10. Planning Application Weekly List
11. Boundary Commission for Wales Consultation
12. One Voice Wales - News Bulletin

*Correspondence items noted.*

Cl. 193  
9.3.22

**TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT ROOM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OCCUPIERS OF THE STATION BUILDING**

Councillor Eileen Jones left the meeting following her declaration of interest.

The Clerk gave an update on the current situation at the Station Building with the Ffrij in the right hand room and the Makerspace in the left hand room. It had been suggested that the Makerspace will need the larger room that the Ffrij is currently operating from. The Ffrij would require a sink unit to be installed before being able to swap rooms due to the need to adhere to Food Hygiene Regulations.

The discussion focussed on the needs of both groups and the likely costs that the Council would incur to enable the groups to swap rooms. The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with the organisers of the Makerspace and to report back to the Council. Concern was raised over the costs to the Council of supporting both projects and the Clerk will update the Council with more details.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIR**