

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2023
AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr. Nancy Clarke (Chair)

Cllrs. Matthew Cooling, Ron McCoo, Nancy Clarke, Olivia Woodward,
Alun Wyn Evans, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mark Kendall, Eileen Jones,
Marisa O’Hara, Aled Lewis.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

The Clerk responded to the questions asked by a member of the public at the July Ordinary Meeting about the Cambrian Road Car Park and the Register of Members Interests. Regarding the Cambrian Road Car Park, the events of 20.8.22 were reinvestigated and the Council remains satisfied with the decisions taken at the time. In light of the dismissal of a complaint to the Ombudsman about this matter, the Council considers the matter closed. The Register of Members Interests will be added to the Council website as soon as possible.

CL 068. **1. APOLOGIES**
13.9.23 Cllrs. John Pughe, Gareth Mason.

CL 069. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
13.9.23 Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 18
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Item 18

CL 070. **3. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**
13.9.23 In the absence of the Chairman, no report was presented.

CL 071. **4. MINUTES**
13.9.23 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 12th July 2023.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Ron McCoo, seconded by Cllr. Eileen Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2023.

CL 072. **5. MINUTES**
13.9.23 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 26th July 2023.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Ron McCoo and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 26th July 2023.

CL 073. **6. MINUTES**
13.9.23 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 26th July 2023.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 26th July 2023.

- CL 074.
13.9.23 **7. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2023**
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Eileen Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for July and August 2023.
- CL 075.
13.9.23 **8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**
Cllrs. Anne Lloyd-Jones and Olivia Woodward attended a meeting on dental provision in North Wales.
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones attended a meeting with BCUHB discussing the ward closure at Tywyn Hospital.
- CL 076.
13.9.23 **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**
Cllr. Marisa O'Hara asked whether Gwynedd Council will be installing electronic displays at bus stops in Tywyn. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that she will make enquiries.
Cllr. Mark Kendall asked if there had been any update on Maes Newydd but due to Cllr. John Pughe being absent, no update was available.
Cllr. Eileen Jones asked whether the weeding of the roads could be done earlier in the year. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones replied that the preparations for the Eisteddfordd and the introduction of the 20mph speed limit had taken up a lot of time.
Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported that the issue of overhanging branches in Cwm Maethlon raised at the last meeting had now been resolved without the need for Gwynedd Council to become involved.
Cllr. Cathy Evans asked about the road closure in Cwm Maethlon due to gas works, Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones replied that she had not received a notice of the proposed road closure.
- CL 077.
13.9.23 **10. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**
The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which reported the following items:
Skatepark
Construction of the new skatepark by Maverick Skateparks, commenced as planned on Monday September 11th.
BCUHB
Attended meetings with the Health Board to discuss the ward closure at Tywyn Hospital.
Dental Provision in North Wales
Attended a meeting to discuss the issues around dental provision in North Wales.
Allotments
Arranged for the replacement of a dangerous gate post.
Cambrian News
The Cambrian News has been sent the Agenda and Zoom link for tonight's meeting.
- Cllr. Matthew Cooling asked that there be more detail in the Clerk's Report.
- It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Eileen Jones, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

- CL 078. **11. MOTION TO CEASE THE SIMULTANEOUS BROADCAST OF MEETINGS LIVE ON FACEBOOK**
13.9.23 Cllr. Matthew Cooling spoke to introduce the Motion. Facebook automatically deletes live broadcasts after six months and it was felt a different approach would preserve recordings for a longer period of time and enable them to be stored on a different platform.
Councillors discussed the motion at length following which Cllr. Matthew Cooling withdrew the Motion.
- CL 079. **12. TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP A CAR SHARING SCHEME FOR TYWYN.**
13.9.23 Cllr. Eileen Jones spoke to introduce the Motion as she had been contacted by an organisation that was concerned about members being able to attend meetings. It had been suggested that a car sharing scheme might be a solution and could the Council investigate.
Councillors discussed the Motion at length with comments made concerning insurance, organisation, recruiting volunteers, how existing schemes operate and the financial implications.
It was generally felt that such as scheme was a good idea but there are issues to overcome in its establishment and was worth investigating further.
- CL 080. **13. TO DISCUSS PARKING PERMITS AND PENALTY CHARGING FOR CAE BACH CAR PARK.**
13.9.23 The Clerk presented Councillors with the income and expenditure for the Cae Bach Car Park since the Council taking control. The current situation cannot continue as the Council could be seen to be subsidising a small number of local residents parking and the Clerk put forward proposals to introduce annual parking permits, penalty charges for non payment together with changes to the current parking charges.
Councillors discussed the proposals at length and asked that the Clerk make further investigations and report back to the Council.
- CL 081. **14. MOTION FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL TO SIGN UP TO THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT**
13.9.23 **PLEDGE.**
The Clerk introduced the Motion which was created by the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks and One Voice Wales as a means of the Council to demonstrate its commitment to treat people with civility and respect in their role.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Ron McCoo, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** that Tywyn Town Council signs up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.
- CL082. **15.MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW DOOR TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE**
13.9.23 This matter had been discussed in July at the Personnell Committee Meeting and it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to approve the installation of a new door to the Council Office.
- CL083. **16. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**
13.9.23 None received.

CL 084.

17. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL

One Voice Wales – Meirionydd Area Committee Meeting
North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority – Public Consultation
Magnar – Presentation on the future of Trawsfynydd
Gwynedd Council – Article 4 implementation
Mabon ap Gwynfor – Dental provision in Dwyfor Meirionnydd
One Voice Wales – BCUHB vacancies
Network Rail – Barmouth Viaduct works update
Wales Air Ambulance – Newsletter
Welsh Government – Estates Wales Summer Newsletter
One Voice Wales – September Training Dates
Dwr Cymru – Tywyn Treatment Works update
Gwynedd Council – Local Slate Group meeting
Correspondence noted.

CL 085.

13.9.23

18. TO RECEIVE UPDATES CONCERNING YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST

As Chairman of Ynysymaengwyn Trust, Cllr. Aled Lewis provided the following updates to the Meeting:

The application for the Green Flag Award for 2024 has been successful.

Questions were raised regarding the introduction of the beehives and their impact on the local established colonies but there is no issue arising from their introduction.

New fencing along the riverbank will be undertaken.

It is hoped that a Trust secretary will be in post soon.

There have been issues with river users and anglers being harassed and the situation is being monitored.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.52pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR