

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2024
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

Cl 139. **1. APOLOGIES**
10.1.24 Cllr. Cathy Evans.

Cl 140. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
10.1.24 Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 18
Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, Item 15.

Cl 141. **3. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**
10.1.24 The Chair reported that this time of year is always very quiet and so had nothing to report.

Cl 142. **4. MINUTES**
10.1.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th December 2023.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2023.

Cl 143. **5. MINUTES**
10.1.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th December 2023.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2023.

- Cl 144. **6. MINUTES**
10.1.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20th December 2023.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Gareth Mason and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 20th December 2023.
- Cl 145. **7. MINUTES**
10.1.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Gareth Mason and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 3rd January 2024.
- Cl 146. **8. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023**
10.1.24 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2023.
- Cl 147. **9. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**
10.1.24 The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which reported on the following items:
Skatepark
Despite the recent wet weather, the newly grassed areas have started to show good growth apart from the flat area adjacent to the tarmac pad. Growth in this area will be closely monitored in the coming weeks and turf will be laid if necessary.
Tywyn Hospital Ward Closure
The January meeting with BCUHB has been postponed until January 26th however, a written update was provided.
At present, the following posts have been filled – Band 7 Ward Manager, 2 x Band 6 Clinical Care practitioners, Band 5 Registered Nurse, 2 International Nurses. The remaining vacant posts are for a Band 6 Deputy Ward Manager, Band 5 Registered Nurse, Band 7 Clinical care Practitioner.
There are 5 patients from Tywyn as inpatients at Dolgellau Hospital, the Tuag Adref service made 412 home visits in December and there were 54 visits to the Minor Injuries Unit in December.
Tywyn Promenade
No update has been received from Gwynedd Council regarding repairs to the promenade.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.
- Cl 148. **10. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**
10.1.24 Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported attending the One Voice Wales January meeting which included a presentation on the community wifi project in Tywyn and the work being undertaken to extend the scheme.

Cl 149.
10.1.24 **11. 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 enquired if there was an update on the promenade lighting? Cllr. John Pughe responded that there was no update yet and no date has been given for work to commence.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones commented on a report in the Cambrian News about electric carcharging points in Tywyn. The new charge points at the leisure centre are still not in use but Gwynedd Council are aware of the issue.

Cl 150.
10.1.24 **12. TO PREPARE A BUDGET FOR 2024/25 AND TO RECOMMEND A PRECEPT REQUIREMENT TO GWYNEDD COUNCIL FO THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR.**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to accept the Budget recommendation from the Finance Committee meeting held on 10.1.2024 and to recommend a Precept of £101,894.13 to Gwynedd Council for the 2024/25 financial year.

Cl 151.
10.1.24 **13. MOTION TO APPOINT A NEW COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YNYSYMAENGWYN BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Cllr. Mark Kendall introduced the Motion following concern that by the Council Representative also being the Chair of Trustees and the Chair of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf, there was a conflict of interest.

There followed an extensive discussion between Councillors about the Motion and specifically about the role of the Council Representative, conflicts and declarations of interest, the fact that the representative is elected annually in May so no need to change anything at present, how the set up looks to an outsider and could a second representative be appointed.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans proposed that the Motion be delayed until May, this was seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones. No vote was taken as Cllr. John Pughe left the meeting at 7.43pm and was replaced in the Chair by Cllr. Nancy Clarke.

Discussion resumed and it was proposed by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara to vote on the original motion. A recorded vote was held with five votes in favour of the motion and six votes against the motion. The motion was defeated.

Cl 152.
10.1.24 **14. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C23/0562/09/LL DEMOLISH MORTUARY AND TOILET BLOCK AND BUILD A PASSIVHAUS DWELLING. PENTRE POETH NATIONAL STREET, TYWYN, GWYNEDD, LL36 9DB**

The Council had been asked by ADRA, the freeholders of Cae Bach Car Park, to give an opinion on the access in the planning application. ADRA set out their opinion and following discussion between Councillors, it was agreed that the Council agree with ADRA's position on access.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans left the meeting.

Cl 153. **15. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION NP5/79/338B INSTALLATION OF A HYDRO-POWER**
10.1.24 **GENERATING SCHEME (0.01MW), INCLUDING AN IMPOUND WEIR, INSTALLATION OF**
90M ABOVE GROUND, AND 490M BURIED PENSTOCK, CONSTRUCTION OF TURBINE
BUILDING AND OUTFLOW. FFERM ERW FAETHLON, TYWYN. LL36 9HY

Councillors discussed the application in detail and it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Seconded by Cllr. Aled Lewis and **resolved** that no objection be made to Planning Application NP5/79/338B.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans returned to the meeting.

Cl 154. **16. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**

10.1.24 None received.

Cl 155. **17. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

10.1.24 One Voice Wales – Training Dates

Correspondence noted.

Cl 156. **18. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

10.1.24 The Chair of Ynysymaengwyn Trust, Cllr. Aled Lewis gave the following verbal report to the meeting:

The Trustees and Directors are holding a series of meeting to resolve the relationship between the Company and the Trust as there are a number of legal issues which need clarification.

The old playground has been removed with work on the new playground expected to start in the next two weeks in order to be completed by Easter.

The new staff are settling in well with the site opening on March 1st.

The Green Flag application will be submitted next month along with the Woodland Management Plan which is available for anyone to view.

It was agreed that the Council should be submitting a regular report to the Trust via the Council Representative to give the view of the Council on Trust matters.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.12pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR