

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 2024
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

Cl 171. **1. APOLOGIES**
13.3.24 Alun Wyn Evans.

Cl 172. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
13.3.24 Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 11.

Cl 173. **3. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**
13.3.24 The Chair reported that it is all very quiet at present and that there is no activity to report this month.

Cl 174. **4. MINUTES**
13.3.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 14th February 2024.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O’Hara and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 14th February 2024.

Cl 175. **5. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024**
13.3.24 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O’Hara, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2024.

Cl 176. **6. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT**
13.3.24 The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which reported on the following items:
Skatepark
The wet weather has continued for much of the last month with little improvement being seen in the condition of the surrounding grass area. It is planned to soil and reseed the affected areas after Easter.

The skatepark event is on schedule for Easter Saturday, March 30th with toilets and catering stalls booked. The event is being co-ordinated by Maverick.

Electric Car Charging

The charging points at the Leisure Centre have now been connected to the electricity supply but are not yet operational. It is hoped that the final stages in the process will be completed soon.

Cae Bach Car Park

Work has been undertaken to repair a fault with one of the garage doors.

Cambrian Road Car Park

The work undertaken at Gwynedd Caravan Park has now been completed and the remaining spoil in the Cambrian Road Car Park will be removed shortly.

Website

Discussions have been held with contractors to complete work on the new Council website with work expected to start soon.

Makerspace

Work has started on building the workbenches and it is hoped that the Council will soon be in a position to create user groups to operate the Makerspace.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Eileen Jones, seconded by Cllr. Ron McCoo and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl 177.

7. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL

13.3.24

FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported on attending the meeting with Lafan Cymru to discuss the proposed public art installation project for Tywyn and also attending a meeting of the Aberdyfi Harbour Committee. The art installation project is ongoing but the preferred location is on the High Street close to the Council Office and Leisure Centre. The Beach Wardens will be operating in Tywyn from Whitsun with a new permanent officer appointed.

Cl 178.

8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL

13.3.24

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara asked about the changes to the Town bus service which no longer serves the Promenade and connections with other services have altered to no longer work as well as previously. Cllr. John Pughe responded that he will raise the matter with Gwynedd Council.

Cllr. Matthew Cooling asked for an update on the Corbett Arms Hotel. Cllr. John Pughe responded Gwynedd Council are monitoring the situation and will be taking enforcement action if work is not completed in accordance with previous orders.

Cllr. Eileen Jones raised an issue with the guttering at Llys Cadfan, Cllr. John Pughe responded that Gwynedd Council are aware of the issue.

Cllr. Matthew Cooling asked about whether Gwynedd Council was looking to buy redundant office buildings to convert to Homes. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that a number of properties have already been purchased by Gwynedd Council to increase their housing stock. Cllr. Olivia Woodward raised an issue with the narrow section of pavement on Brynhyfryd Road and children walking in the road. Cllr. John Pughe responded that it is a Highways issue but options could be to widen the pavement and install a priority traffic scheme. It was noted that there is a safe crossing point on the road near the hospital and a safe route is available on the opposite side of the road.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones informed the Meeting of plans to renew the gas pipeline from Pennal and Tywyn. More information will be circulated when it becomes available.

Cl 179. **9. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**

13.3.24 A Freedom of Information Request from a member of the public.

Cl 180. **10. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

13.3.24 Ambulance Services Commissioner – Final engagement phase of the EMRTS Service Review Update.

Ynysymaengwyn Trust Accounts for the year ending 31.3.2022

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report

One Voice Wales & Planning Aid Wales – Joint event on sustainability in planning, biodiversity and climate change.

Correspondence noted.

Cl 181. **11. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

13.3.24 The Trustees had not held a meeting since the February Ordinary Meeting and so had nothing to report other than work reported then was still ongoing.

Cllr. John Pughe asked if there was an update on the condition of the Lodge. In the absence of the Council representative, the Clerk informed the Meeting that no update had been received in the office.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.28pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR