

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2025
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)

Cllrs. Matthew Cooling, Kath Charters, Nancy Clarke, Cathy Evans, Alun Wyn Evans, Eileen Jones, Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Gareth Mason, Ron McCoo, Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Quentin Deakin gave thanks for the work undertaken to repair the history trail planter in Tywyn and the reinstatement of the board at Neptune.

Phil Pugh spoke about the recent changes at Beacon Garage and whether planning regulations have been followed. The site looks unsightly and does not give a good impression for visitors to Tywyn.

Dean Cook spoke to say that Gwynedd Council have been informed of the changes at Beacon Garage and will be making a site visit. The construction of the tyre bays and fences has made it difficult for motorists leaving the site and for pedestrians walking past. Gwynedd Council were asked to prioritise investigating the changes.

Ali Rabin, the owner of Beacon Garage, spoke to give the background to the changes and his experience in operating similar sites. The site will be tidied up to make it look more presentable as it is important to work with and be part of the community.

PCSO Andy Williams addressed the meeting to introduce himself as one of the new PCSO's for the area and to give updates on local policing matters.

Cl 146. **1. APOLOGIES**

15.1.25 Cllr. Marisa O'Hara.

Cl 147. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

15.1.25 Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 15.

Cllr. Kath Charters, Item 15.

Cl 148. **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

15.1.25 The Chair reported that due to the Christmas Holidays, there was very little to report.

Cl 149. **4. MINUTES**

15.1.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2024.**

It was Proposed by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2024.

Cl 150. **5. MINUTES**

15.1.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 11th December 2024.**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2024.

- Cl 151.
15.1.25 **6. MINUTES**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 2nd January 2025.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 2nd January 2025.
- Cl 152.
15.1.25 **7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024**
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2024.
- Cl 153.
15.1.25 **8. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**
The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.
Ffiws Tywyn
The felting workshops increased to two sessions per week in December due to an increase in the number people wishing to attend. Plans are being made to resume these workshops in the Spring. The first grant payment of £11,571.36, towards the capital and revenue costs of operating the Ffiws, has now been received. This funding will enable the project to move forward with more courses and open days being able to be supported.
Land by the Office
Morris and Bates Solicitors have been appointed to act for the Council regarding the lease of the land by the office with all concerns that the Council had being addressed by Gwynedd Council.
Work has started with the fountain completely dismantled, the base constructed and repair work having been undertaken to the surrounding area. The project is expected to be completed by the end of January.

Councillors discussed the report and asked questions regarding matters reported in previous reports. These included new gates at Brook Street Gardens, a new pedestrian crossing, Cambrian Road Car Park upgrades, website and email and progress with CCTV. The Clerk responded to update Councillors with the progress on each item.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Gareth Mason and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.
- Cl 154.
15.1.25 **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**
Cllr. John Pughe spoke to say that this item is not for Councillors to report on their activities as Gwynedd Councillors and should be concentrated on matters relating to Tywyn. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that she would therefore not be making a report.
- Cl 155.
15.1.25 **10. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**
Cllr. Matthew Cooling raised the issue of dog fouling in Tywyn and asked if this is something that the Gwynedd Councillors could assist with. Cllr. John Pughe responded that he has previously asked that the dog warden visit Tywyn more frequently. Cllr. Anne

Lloyd-Jones asked that people report instances of dog fouling with evidence so that the warden can act.

Cllr. Eillen Jones raised the issue of young people requiring sponsorship to attend certain courses at Newtown College and what support can be offered. Councillors discussed the situation and asked for more facts in order to consider the matter fully.

Cl 156.
15.1.25 **11. MOTION TO DISCUSS THE RECENT WATER SUPPLY ISSUES IN TYWYN AND PROPOSE A COURSE OF ACTION**

Cllr. Gareth Mason opened the discussion stating that the water issues are becoming a regular issue and that the Council should write to Dwr Cymru to ask about the condition of the infrastructure in Tywyn. Councillors discussed the Motion at length highlighting the number of instances of burst pipes and expressing concern at the age of the network. It was felt that the response from Dwr Cymru has been more reactive than proactive and the Clerk was asked to write to Dwr Cymru explaining the Council's concerns.

Cl 157.
15.1.25 **12. MOTION TO DISCUSS THE ONGOING UTILITY WORKS IN CWM MAETHLON AND PROPOSE A COURSE OF ACTION**

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans raised issues about the poor condition of the road and gullies together with the number of recent road closures. There have been many instances of localised flooding, caused by poor maintenance, and the number of road closures, often at short notice, have had a detrimental effect on residents. Councillors discussed the issues raised and asked that the Clerk write to Gwynedd Council highlighting the areas where the flooding is most serious.

Cl 158.
15.1.25 **13. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**
None received

Cl 159.
15.1.25 **14. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

Gwynedd Gwynedd Council – Election results
Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of Constituencies
Dyfi Biosphere – Newsletter
Protect Bronglais Services – Public Meeting Invitation

Correspondence noted.

Cllr. Kath Charters left the meeting

Cl 160.
15.1.25 **15. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative on the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, reported that there have been recent resignations of Trustees together with changes made by the Trust to the Board of Directors of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf. New Directors were appointed on an interim basis, in order to ensure that the company can continue to trade following the departure of three Directors from the company. The new Directors will be holding their first Board Meeting this week. The Trustees discussed appointing a consultant to review both the operation of the Trust and its trading subsidiary company and this will require further discussions to be held.

Councillors discussed the report at length with Cllr. Mark Kendall answering in detail numerous questions regarding the decision to change the Directors and provided detailed information about the responsibilities that both Trustees and Directors of a trading subsidiary have to the Trust.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Gareth Mason, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** that the Ynysymaengwyn Trust report be accepted.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.26pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR