

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Chris Wood (Clerk)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Bethan Davies addressed the meeting to highlight the dangers schoolchildren are facing at present now that there is no crossing patrol at Penybryn School. There have been a number of near miss incidents of concern recently and the police presence will be increased in the future when operational matters allow.

Cl 165.  
12.2.25 **1. APOLOGIES**  
Cllrs. Marisa O'Hara and Olivia Woodward.

Cl 166.  
12.2.25 **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**  
Cllr. Mark Kendall, Item 10.  
Cllr. Kath Charters, Item 14.

Cl 167.  
12.2.25 **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
The Chair reported on the condition of the Corbett Arms Hotel and of attending an onsite meeting with engineers to discuss possible future works. The Chair also reported assisting local residents with housing issues.

Cl 168.  
12.2.25 **4. MINUTES**  
**To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 15th January 2025.**  
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 15th January 2025.

Cl 169.  
12.2.25 **5. MINUTES**  
**To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 5th February 2025.**  
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 5th February 2025.  
Cllr. Nancy Clarke spoke to say that the minutes were inaccurate as she did not decline to take part in the vote and was planning to vote against the motion, however the Chair did not call for votes against the motion, only for those in favour and abstentions.

Cl 170.  
12.2.25 **6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RFO'S FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025**  
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Gareth Mason and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2025.

CI 171.  
12.2.25

## **7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.

### **CCTV**

Met with two PCSO's to discuss possible locations for the installation of CCTV in Tywyn. The meeting was useful in order to gain insights into the Police requirements and to note locations that they would consider being beneficial. A further meeting, with Gwynedd Council to discuss the technical aspects, has been arranged for the beginning of March.

### **Slate Installation**

Work has progressed well and is now close to completion, with just the new wagon and information boards remaining to be installed.

### **Promenade**

Attended a preliminary meeting with John Pughe and Gwynedd Council to discuss grass cutting and asset management on the Promenade for this season.

### **New Pedestrian Crossing**

Had a meeting with a Gwynedd Council Senior Traffic Engineer to discuss the details of the proposed location and the current safety issues. A formal response is expected shortly.

### **Website**

Further discussions have been held with Netwise with the uploading of historic and bilingual documents starting shortly.

### **Bicycle Repair Station**

Gwynedd Council have confirmed that a new Bicycle Repair Station will be installed next to the bicycle lockers in the station car park. Funding for this has been secured through the Circular Economy Project.

### **General**

Time has been spent this month in assisting members of the public who have raised concerns or asked for help with matters including the Corbett Arms Hotel, the Car Wash, dog fouling, the Allotments, boundary disputes, the Penybryn School Crossing Patrol and children's safety, abandoned vehicles, flytipping, fishing on the Dysynni and electric car charging points. Help was given where possible and advice provided as to where help might be available when it was not directly possible to assist.

Cllr. Gareth Mason enquired whether the meetings with Gwynedd Council could be brought forward. The Clerk will make enquiries.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Gareth Mason and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

CI 172.  
12.2.25

## **8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Cllr. Cathy Evans reported attending the Governor's meeting at Penybryn School and asked for assistance with the school's workshops which will be held on the Promenade to mark St David's Day. Cllr. Matthew Cooling added that the new Welsh Language Centre will also be taking part.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the funeral of Henry Jones, past Mayor of Tywyn and Chair of the Council on two occasions. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones also reported attending BCUHB meetings on Care Closer to Home and a One Voice Wales presentation on Cost of Living Support.

Due to technical issues with the audio stream, the meeting was suspended at 7.33pm and resumed at 7.36pm.

Cl 173.  
12.2.25 **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**

There were no questions for the Gwynedd Council Councillors.

Cllr. Mark Kendall left the meeting.

Cl 174.  
12.2.25 **10. MOTION TO INCREASE THE RENT PAYABLE ON THE CAE BACH GARAGES FROM 1st APRIL 2025**

The Clerk gave the background to the item, including the current rent payable, the increase in repair and maintenance costs and the fact that no rent changes had been made since the Council took over the lease of the car park.

Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Gareth Mason and **resolved** that the garage rents be increased by £10.00 per month from 1st April 2025.

Cllr. Mark Kendall returned to the meeting.

Cl 175.  
12.2.25 **11. MOTION TO SUPPORT AND DEVELOP A PARKRUN EVENT IN TYWYN**

Cllr. Kath Charters spoke to introduce the item and referred Councillors to the supporting documents which had been distributed ahead of the meeting. The personal and community benefits of establishing a Parkrun in Tywyn were discussed at length with focus on the costs and volunteer requirements that would be necessary. Councillors discussed the item at length with Cllr. Kath Charters answering questions about the location, funding and community engagement. The proposed grant funding by the Council was discussed with Councillors asking for more information and that the Finance Committee should discuss the proposal as the funding requested exceeds the limits in the Grants Policy.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Kath Charters, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** that the item be brought to the Finance Committee for more discussion.

Cl 176.  
12.2.25 **12. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**

None received

Cl 177.  
12.2.25 **13. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

Gwynedd Gwynedd Council – Language Immersion Unit – Creative Workshop and Parade Update

Gwynedd Council – Family Information Newsletter

One Voice Wales – Cost of Living Support Webinar

Gwynedd Council – Gwynedd Youth Forum Questionnaire

Gwynedd Council – Gwynedd and Eryri Visitor Economy Conference

Dementia Support Tywyn – Steering Group Update

One Voice Wales – Area Committee Survey

Snowdonia National Park – Article 4 Direction Confirmation

*Correspondence noted.*

Cllr. Kath Charters left the meeting

Cl 178.

**14. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

12.2.25

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative on the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, made the following report to the meeting.

The Trustees held a meeting at the Lodge on January 17th, to discuss the condition of the building and the work that will be required.

A Trustees meeting was held on January 23rd which discussed operational matters and that a number of requested documents had still not been received by the Trust.

On February 4th, the Council attended a meeting, called by a number of Trustees, at which a prepared statement was read out. Further to this meeting and the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council on February 5th, two Trustees resigned, one of whom was also a Director of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf.

There are a number of operational matters of both the Trust and its trading subsidiary company, Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf that are of concern and need addressing immediately. The proposal to appoint a firm of consultants to review the Trust and Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf should be actioned as soon as possible.

Councillors discussed the report and the issues raised.

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

The meeting was closed at 8.23pm

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIR**