

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 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, Ron McCoo, Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

Cl 179.

1. APOLOGIES

12.3.25 Cllrs. Gareth Mason and Marisa O'Hara.

Cl 180.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

12.3.25 Cllr. Matthew Cooling, Item 13.

Cl 181.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

12.3.25

The Chair reported on the changing condition of the Corbett Arms Hotel and of attending meeting with Gwynedd Council representatives. No reports have been received from Gwynedd Council and the next course of action is unclear.

Cl 182.

4. MINUTES

12.3.25

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 12th February 2025.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Kath Charters and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2025.

Cl 183.

5. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RFO'S FINANCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025

12.3.25

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Eileen Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2025.

Cl 184.

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

12.3.25

The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.

CCTV

A meeting was held with Gwynedd Council to discuss the proposed installation of CCTV in Tywyn. The team took onboard the comments from the recent meeting held with the PCSO's and spent time on preliminary design and scoping work. The proposal of works from Gwynedd Council will be passed to members as soon as it is available and will be an Agenda item for discussion at a future meeting.

Slate Installation

Work on the structure is now complete with the sleepers, rails and ballast in place. The narrow areas alongside the pathway and in front of the office have both had the soil removed and replaced with ballast. The new wagon is not yet finished and we are waiting for an installation date.

Proposed New Pedestrian Crossing

The written response from Gwynedd Council was sent to Councillors.

Tim Taclus Tidy Team

Requests have been made to the Team to help tidy up certain areas of the town, including around the car parks, the area of parking by the astro pitch and some pavement areas.

Tywyn Hospital Steering Group

Attended the first meeting of the Tywyn Hospital Steering Group. This group has been set up by BCUHB to oversee the workstreams that have been established to take forward the key themes identified during the Tywyn Engagement Workshop held in April 2024 and the supporting engagement workshop programme. The Group is also tasked with ensuring oversight of the plans and progress of the established workstreams - Care Closer to Home, Workforce Recruitment and Retention, Population Health, Engagement. Updates to the Council will be provided after each meeting.

Anchors

Following a request from the maritime department and in conjunction with Gwynedd Council, ownership of two military anchors that were recovered from the sea near the mouth of the Afon Dysynni has been transferred to Tywyn Town Council by the Receiver of Wrecks. It is planned to install the anchors on the Promenade, with the exact location still being discussed with Gwynedd Council.

Bins

A number of new bins have been installed around the town, including a multipurpose bin near the Council Office, to help keep Tywyn free of litter and to encourage recycling.

CiLCA

All of the training courses for the CiLCA Qualification have now been completed with the examination submissions now being prepared. It is expected that the final submissions will be made by the end of the year.

Promenade

A meeting was held with Gwynedd Council to discuss the upkeep of the Promenade and areas and structures that Tywyn Town Council might consider taking responsibility for. A formal proposal will be put together by Gwynedd Council and presented to the Council for discussion once received.

General

Time has also been spent this month in assisting members of the public who have raised concerns or asked for help with matters including allotment enquiries, arranging access for Scottish Power to attend overhanging branches near cabling on the Allotments, assisting the Ffrij with administration and grant funding, car park enquiries, completing the Council's Bio Diversity Report, discussions on gardening and planting matters, preparing for the VE Day event and preparation work ahead of the financial year end for the Audit.

Help was given and advice provided as to where help might be available when it was not directly possible to assist.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl 185.
12.3.25

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

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the meeting to discuss the School Pastors scheme as well as Penybryn School's St David's Day parade on the promenade. Other meetings attended included BCUHB Population Health Workstream, North Wales Police Safety for Councilors and Gwynedd Council meetings.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans informed the Council that the Merioneth County show will this year be held in Tywyn on Wednesday August 20th.

Cl 186.
12.3.25

8. 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 enquired about the large amount of shingle that has been washed up on the Promenade in recent months. Cllr. John Pughe responded that Gwynedd Council are aware of the issue and that work will be under taken in the next few weeks to clear the Promenade.

Cllr. Cathy Evans asked if there had been an update on gully clearing in Cwm Maethlon. The Clerk will ask Gwynedd Council for a response.

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12.3.25

9. TO DISCUSS THE SCHOOL PASTORS SCHEME

Fiona Covington-Mann spoke about the School Pastors scheme and the benefits the introduction of a scheme in Tywyn would bring. School Pastors are trained and have a proven record in supporting young people. The cost of the scheme was discussed, £2,000.00 to set up and approximately £1,200.00 per year which would cover training and DBS checks, together with the number of volunteers needed and what time commitment would be required.

Councillors asked questions and discussed the scheme in detail, following which it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Kath Charters and **resolved** that the Finance Committee meet to investigate the scheme in more detail and report back to the Council.

Cl 188.
12.3.25

10. MOTION THAT TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL REMAINS A MEMBER OF ONE VOICE WALES FOR 2025-26

Following a discussion by Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Kath Charters and **resolved** that Tywyn Town Council remains a member of One Voice Wales for 2025-26.

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12.3.25

11. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL

None received

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12.3.25

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

Eryri National Park Authority – Planning Guidance Note

Talyllyn Railway – Tourist Tax Campaign

Penybryn School – St Davids Day Parade

Mantell Gwynedd – Safeguarding Training Sessions

Gwynedd Council – Managing the use of dwellings as Holiday Homes

Ambition North Wales – Regional Transport Plan Public Consultation

North Wales Police – Street Pastors for Tywyn

Gwynedd Council – New Pedestrian Crossing Update

Dyfi Biosphere – Newsletter

Eryri National Park Authority – Article 4 Implementation

Senedd Report – Role, Governance and Accountability of the Community and Town Council Sector

Correspondence noted.

Cllr. Matthew Cooling left the meeting

CI 191.

12.3.25

13. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, gave updates to the Council on matters including the appointment of an external consultant to review the operation of the Trust and its trading subsidiary company, Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf, the condition of the Lodge, the installation of electric meters on the touring field, discussion regarding a logo and identity for the Trust together with an updated website and the bridge replacement programme. The sale of honey last year, from the bee hives at Ynysymaengwyn, produced over £400 which will be used to enable pollinators to be planted at Ynysymaengwyn and the money from the sale of timber has been received by the Trust.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to accept the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Report.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.37pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR