

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. Matthew Cooling (Chair)

Cllrs. Kath Charters, Nancy Clarke, Alun Wyn Evans, Cathy Evans,
Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Gareth Mason, Ron McCoo,
Marisa O'Hara, John Pughe, Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Paul Pearce, from the Welsh Beekeepers' Association, addressed the meeting to provide an update to his initial report to the Council in April 2024 on the spread of Asian Hornets in England and Wales. There were 56 reported cases and 24 nests in 2023. So far in 2025, 384 cases and 96 nests have already been reported which indicates how quickly the Asian Hornet is spreading and becoming established. Each nest will consume 11kg of invertebrates each year which equates to approximately 98,000 honey bees, which would decimate the honeybee population. Additionally, the risk of injury to members of the public and pets, especially dogs, from disturbing a nest is very high, with Asian Hornets being very aggressive and prone to attack in a swarm. Their sting is so strong that a regular beekeeping suit would not provide protection from an attack, with specialist personal protection equipment now recommended. Asian Hornets have been identified in Ireland and so would be able to fly to Scotland. It is also believed that a colony is now established in North Yorkshire.

DEFRA have passed the responsibility to control Asian Hornets on to Local Authorities, which means that should Asian Hornets reach Tywyn, the Town Council would most likely be asked to assist Gwynedd Council. Councillors thanked Paul for providing a comprehensive update and will be working to put in place a plan of how to respond should Asian Hornets reach Tywyn.

CI 078. **1. MOTION TO ELECT THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

10.9.25 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** that Cllr. Gareth Mason be elected Chair of Tywyn Town Council.

CI 079. **2. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

10.9.25 The Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.

CI 080. **3. MOTION TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

10.9.25 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe that Cllr. Mark Kendall be elected Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara that Cllr. Kath Charters be elected Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council.

Councillors voted by show of hands and it was **resolved** that Cllr. Kath Charters be elected Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council.

- CI 0081. **4. TO RECEIVE THE VICE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**
10.9.25 The Vice Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.
- CI 082. **5. APOLOGIES**
10.9.25 Cllr. Eileen Jones.
- CI 083. **6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
10.9.25 None declared.
- CI 084. **7. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**
10.9.25 The Chair gave thanks to Members of the Council for their support in electing him Chair of the Council.
- CI 085. **8. MINUTES**
10.9.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9th July 2025.**
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2025.
- CI 086. **9. MINUTES**
10.9.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 5th August 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 5th August 2025.
- CI 087. **10. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RFO'S FINANCE REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2025**
10.9.25 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the RFO's Finance Report for July and August 2025.
- CI 088. **11. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**
10.9.25 The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.
Tywyn Hospital
Attended two meetings organised by BCUHB relating to the future of Dyfi Ward. The first meeting looked at who would be affected by any changes, with 87 different user groups identified. The second meeting discussed different options for the ward together with essential criteria which would need to be applied to each option. No conclusions were made during this meeting and further meetings are expected to be held in the coming weeks before the process will be opened up to a period of full public consultation.
Gwynedd Youth Services
A further meeting has been held with Gwynedd Youth Services who are keen to progress the planned setting up of an after-school drop-in centre for school children.
Town Centre Regeneration Fund
A grant application to the fund was successful with £9,000 awarded for a project to improve the visual appearance and usability of the area around the office.
Corbett Arms Hotel
It is understood that the planning application was not discussed at the October meeting of the planning committee.
Website
Work with Netwise continues regarding the accessibility of the website, the uploading of all required bilingual documents and the operation of new email addresses for members. It is now expected that this work will all be completed in the next few months.

Community Transport

Attended a meeting to look at the feasibility of establishing a community transport group in the Tywyn area. The scheme would aim to provide low cost, occasional travel to people who would benefit with help in travelling to medical appointments for example. Discussions were held on the practical elements of how the scheme would operate, together with ensuring that all of the legal and safety aspects could be managed. A further meeting is planned for October.

PCSO

Met with the PCSO to receive updates on local policing matters.

Footpaths

Work has been undertaken to keep all footpaths in Tywyn clear and the new scheme to provide local walks from the hospital using the local footpaths is proceeding.

General

Time has been spent this month in assisting members of the public who have visited the office to raise concerns or have asked for help with matters including neighbour disputes, yellow lines, social housing, cemeteries and benches on the promenade. Help was given and advice provided when it was possible, with information provided about who to contact when it was not directly possible to assist.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

CI 089.
10.9.25

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

Cllr. Mark Kendall reported attending a management meeting of the Neuadd Pendre. The management committee is working through some historic issues that have been recently discovered, but the hall is important to Tywyn and support should be offered if required. Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans gave apologies that he will not be able to attend the One Voice Wales conference on October 1st due to work commitments and it was agreed that the Clerk should attend the conference to represent the Council.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported meeting with Gwynedd Council to discuss the repair work that is required to the slipway and promenade at the Neptune end. A grant application towards the cost has not been successful and work continues to secure funding. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones also attended meeting with BCUHB to discuss the future of Dyfi Ward and also the Older People's Forum meeting with BCUHB.

CI 090.
10.9.25

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

Cllr. Mark Kendall asked if there was any update available about the Corbett Arms Hotel. Cllr. John Pughe responded that the planning process has been delayed by challenges from groups wishing to preserve the building. There has been a large cost to Gwynedd Council due to the delays and a considerable disruption to the lives of the people of Tywyn. The road closure order will now need to be extended and it is hoped that all is being done by Gwynedd Council to bring a matters to a conclusion.

CI 091.
10.9.25

14. TO NOTE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS 2025-26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AGREEMENT, BACKDATED TO APRIL 2025

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to accept the pay award.

- CI 092.
10.9.25 **15. MOTION TO INSTALL A NEW PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINE AT THE CAMBRIAN ROAD CAR PARK**
The Clerk introduced the motion and gave an update on the condition of the current machine. Following a discussion by Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Ron McCoo, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to purchase and install a new pay and display machine at the Cambrian Road Car Park.
- CI 093.
10.9.25 **16. MOTION TO INSTALL A HEIGHT BARRIER AT THE CAMBRIAN ROAD CAR PARK**
The Clerk introduced the motion and gave the background to the reasons for the motion being on the Agenda. Following a discussion by Councillors, it was agreed that more details about the proposal were required and what consequences there might be for users of the car park and access for emergency vehicles.
- CI 094.
10.9.25 **17. MOTION TO ORGANISE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT**
The Clerk introduced the motion, explaining that whilst the date of the event had been agreed, formal approval to for expenditure is required. Following a discussion by Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and **resolved** to organise the Christmas Lights Switch On Event.
- CI 095.
10.9.25 **18. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE GWYNEDD NI REGENERATION FUND**
Councillors introduced the motion, explaining details of the scheme, what the application process for funding was and how the funding would be used. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to accept the offer of grant funding from the Gwynedd Ni Regeneration Fund.
- CI 096.
10.9.25 **19. MOTION TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS FOR A CCTV SCHEME IN TYWYN**
Councillors had received details of the two proposed schemes together with the costs. Following an extensive discussion by Councillors, it was agreed to establish a working group to examine the schemes in more detail and fully consider the cost implications for the Council.
- CI 097.
10.9.25 **20. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION C25/0593/09/LL 4 PENDRE GARDENS TYWYN LL36 9DS**
Following a discussion by Councillors, no objection were raised about the application.
- CI 098.
10.9.25 **21. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**
None received
- CI 099.
10.9.25 **22. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**
One Voice Wales – Training Dates
Wales Air Ambulance – Service Update
Llais – July Newsletter
Dyfi Biosphere – Newsletter
BCUHB – Emotional Health, Wellbeing and Resilience website launch
Planning Aid Wales – Newsletter
Mantell Gwynedd – Information Bulletin
One Voice Wales – Training Courses

Correspondence noted.

CI 100.
10.9.25

23. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, gave a verbal report to the Council. The report covered the last meeting of Trustees and actions that have been undertaken since that meeting. Scaffolding has been erected at the Lodge, despite neither the Trust or Council agreeing for any work to be undertaken on the building. The Council had written to the Directors of Parc ynysymaengwyn Cyf in June to advise the company of this but this advice was ignored.

Councillors discussed the report, following which the Chair closed the meeting as an Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held soon to discuss the specialist legal advice which has been received by the Council.

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for
Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 7.00pm.

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