

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2025
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. Kath Charters (Chair)

Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Cathy Evans, Alun Wyn Evans, Eileen Jones,
Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo, John Pughe,
Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public addressed the meeting raising concerns that work being undertaken on the Lodge at Ynysymaengwyn did not involve local building contractors, asked what quotes had been obtained and how a company based so far away could be competitive. The Clerk responded that the decision to appoint the building company had been made by the Directors of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf and that the Council had no involvement in the process, knew no details about the work involved or how the building company had been appointed. Any questions should be directed to the directors of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf.

Cllr. Mark Kendall responded that the directors of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf had been written to by the Council and instructed not to undertake any work without the Council's consent as it does not own or lease any of the land and buildings at Ynysymaengwyn. Cllr. Mark Kendall had been asked by the Council to obtain quotes for the scaffolding and building work, but on one site visit, was met by a trustee who informed him that what was going on was nothing to do with him, builders had already been appointed and that he should not have anything to do with Ynysymaengwyn.

The Council has instructed solicitors to provide advice to the Council on various issues relating to Charity 1118400, Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, Miss Mary Corbetts Gift to Ynysymaengwyn and so will not be commenting further at present.

Cl 105.
8.10.25 **1. APOLOGIES**
Cllr. Matthew Cooling, Gareth Mason, Marisa O'Hara.

Cl 106.
8.10.25 **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
Cllr. Eileen Jones, Item 11.
Cllr. John Pughe, Item 11.

Cl 107.
8.10.25 **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**
Cllr. Gareth Mason gave the following written report to the meeting.
Discussions took place around Ynysymaengwyn, to be transparent and to share information. Many conversations have been had with residents about the condition of the Corbett Arms Hotel and the last train being cancelled again, from December to March.

- CI 108.
8.10.25 **4. MINUTES**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th September 2025.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2025.
- CI 109.
8.10.25 **5. MINUTES**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 1st October 2025.
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 1st October 2025.
- CI 110.
8.10.25 **6. MINUTES**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th September 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 24th September 2025.
- CI 111.
8.10.25 **7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RFO'S FINANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to receive and approve the RFO's Finance Report for September 2025.
- CI 112.
8.10.25 **8. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**
The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.
Tywyn Hospital
A further meeting with BCUHB, relating to the future of Dyfi Ward will be held later this month and a full report of the meeting will be made at the November Ordinary meeting of the Council.
Gwynedd Youth Services
Further meetings have been held with Gwynedd Council 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
Work has started on the improvements programme, which is due to be completed by the end of the year.
Corbett Arms Hotel
It is understood that the planning application was not discussed at the meeting of the Gwynedd Council planning committee held at the beginning of October. Some machinery has now left the site and the Council has asked Gwynedd Council to provide an update.
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.
PCSO
Met with the PCSO to receive updates on local policing matters.
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. Further discussions were held with a member of the public regarding the continual speeding of vehicles and possible traffic calming measures that could be considered by Gwynedd Council. 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. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl 113.
8.10.25 **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL
FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

The Clerk reported that the One Voice Wales Conference and AGM that he was planning to attend to represent Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, was cancelled. A new date for the meeting will be confirmed once alternative arrangements have been made.

Cl 114.
8.10.25 **10. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE
A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO
TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**

Cllr. Mark Kendall asked if there was any update about the Corbett Arms Hotel, as machinery has now been moved from the site. Cllr. John Pughe responded that machinery has been moved to other jobs whilst the planning issues are resolved and that additional movement sensors have been installed in the building following further recent movement. Cllr. John Pughe also expressed concern at the length of time residents and businesses in Tywyn have been affected by the road closure, but that neither Tywyn Town Council or Gwynedd Council are to blame for the condition of the building, which remains in private ownership.

Cllr. Mark Kendal asked about how much the Gwynedd Councillors opinions would be considered when Gwynedd Council is looking to build social housing in the area as there are plots available. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that the local members views would be taken into consideration but the process has changed with decisions not necessarily reflecting local views.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending a meeting of Gwynedd Council where possible changes to ward boundaries were being discussed. Following representations, there will be no changes in the Tywyn wards.

Cllrs. Eileen Jones and John Pughe left the meeting.

Cl 115.
8.10.25 **11. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE SOUTH MEIRIONNYDD
OLDER PEOPLES FORUM**

The Clerk introduced the item, following a recommendation from the Finance Committee that a grant of £300.00 should be awarded. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and **resolved** to award a grant of £300.00 to the South Meirionnydd Older People's Forum.

Cllrs. Eileen Jones and John Pughe returned to the meeting.

Cl 116.
8.10.25 **12. MOTION TO GIVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO
APPROVE GRANT FUNDING OF UP TO £750.00**

Cllr. Gareth Mason had written to the Clerk to ask that the motion be amended to include "as long as the application meets the policy, the committee can authorise". It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Olivia Woodward and **resolved** to accept the amendment to the motion.

Councillors discussed the amended motion in detail with some views expressed against the motion as the Council would lose control of scrutiny and the committee only consists of six members of the Council with a quorum of three. Following the discussion, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Kath Charters to give delegated authority to the Finance Committee to approve grant funding of up to £750.00 as long as the application meets the policy. There was no seconder to the Motion, which therefore failed.

Cl 117. **13. TO REVIEW THE GRANTS POLICY**

8.10.25 The Clerk had distributed the policy ahead of the meeting and Councillors discussed the proposed changes at length. Following the discussion, Councillors agreed to defer the review. The Clerk was asked to consider the matters raised and to develop a new policy in time for discussion at the November Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Cl 118. **14. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**

8.10.25 None received

Cl 119. **15. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

8.10.25 Keep Wales Tidy – Green Space and Biodiversity Webinar
Play Wales – Play for Wales Magazine
Mantell Gwynedd – Information Bulletin
Llais – September Newsletter
Wales Air Ambulance – Appeal Progress Update
Democracy and Boundary Commission – Draft Annual Remuneration Report

Correspondence noted.

Cllr. Mark Kendall read out an email, which had been forwarded to Councillors, concerning the actions of people purporting to be Trustees of Charity 1118400, Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, Miss Mary Corbetts Gift to Ynysymaengwyn.

Cl 120. **23. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

8.10.25 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 that no permission had been granted for any work to be undertaken, 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 8.08pm

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

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR