

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2026
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. Kath Charters (Chair)

Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Matthew Cooling, Cathy Evans, Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Marisa O'Hara, John Pughe, Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Hugo Iffla addressed the meeting and spoke to dispute some of the reports that have been made to the Council concerning Ynysymaengwyn and to ask if the Council is willing to cooperate with the Trustees on working to find a satisfactory way forward.

1. APOLOGIES

14.1.26 Cllrs. Gareth Mason, Eileen Jones, Alun Wyn Evans.

2. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

14.1.26 Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Item 9.
Cllr. John Pughe, Item 9.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

14.1.26 Cllr. Gareth Mason had sent a written report which Cllr. Kath Charters read out to the meeting. The report congratulated the Talyllyn Railway on being awarded a National Lottery grant of £3.7 million pounds, towards their redevelopment plans for Wharf and Pendre.

4. MINUTES

14.1.26 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th December 2025.**

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 10th December 2025.

5. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025

14.1.26 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Responsible Financial Officer's Report for December 2025.

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

14.1.26 The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.

Tywyn Wellbeing Walks

Attended the launch of the Tywyn Wellbeing Walks, which are a series of three walks in nature that start from Tywyn Hospital and the Health Centre. The walks are for a mix of abilities and were developed by Rural Health and Care Wales. With the launch of the Tywyn walks, there are now more than twenty walks across six locations in the area, all starting at hospitals or GP surgeries. Leaflets showing the walks are available at the Council Office, Library, the Hospital and the Health Centre.

Model Railway Club

Met with members of the Tywyn Model Railway Club who are looking to establish a club in Tywyn. The store room, connected to the station building, has been identified as being a suitable location for the club, and it is expected that the Club will begin operating shortly.

Best Christmas Window Award

Following the discovery of a Best Christmas Window Display trophy in the Council Office, it was decided to make an award this year. Layla's Lounge was judged to have the best Christmas window this year, and fortunately, Santa was available to make the presentation on behalf of the Council.

Ffrij Tywyn Community Fridge

Decoration of the Community Ffrij has been completed, and the fridge and freezer are now in position. The servicing and repair of the boiler is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Opening hours for the Ffrij are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10.00am to 11.00am.

Gwynedd Youth Services

The Youth Club is still in the process of moving furniture and equipment into the station building and will be operating two evenings a week, starting after the February half term holiday. The Youth Club will also have access to the Ffisws which will provide more opportunities and experiences for those attending.

Town Centre Regeneration Fund

Three new planters have been ordered which will complement the new benches. All the requirements for the grant funding have been met and the financial award has now been received by the Council.

Allotments

The Allotment Association has recently appointed a new secretary, with Don Williams taking over from Diane Eccles. Thanks are due to Diane for her work over many years and best wishes and congratulations are sent to Don on his new role.

Asian Hornets

The new policy has been forwarded on to the Welsh Government by the Welsh Bee Keepers Association and has been shared widely across Wales. Many beekeeping associations are planning specific briefing events and it is good to hear that the Council has been able to take the lead on this important subject with our policy being so well received.

PCSO

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

Pay and Display Machine

All work with the merchant services provider, to enable contactless payments to be made, has now been completed following a request for more information. An installation date has not yet been provided, but installation is expected to be completed soon and well ahead of the season starting at Easter.

Foster Wales

A meeting was held with the Foster Wales to see what help the Council can provide to the service in order to raise awareness of local fostering opportunities and the work of Maethu Gwynedd. Posters have been promoted on the Council's social media and on the noticeboard at the Council office.

Flagpoles

A meeting was held with the Harbourmaster to discuss repair work which will be required on the flagpoles on the Promenade. The locks are badly corroded and will be replaced before Easter.

Talylllyn Railway

Attended the announcement of the award of a grant from National Lottery Heritage Fund to the Talylllyn Railway, which will be used for a major upgrade to the engineering works and other facilities. The Railway was awarded £3.7 million towards the works by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which will cost in total over £5.5 million, with the balance funded by other grant awards and fundraising by the Railway itself.

General

Time has again 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 concerns about building safety, help with contacting Gwynedd Council, drainage and issues, parking, social housing, the Corbett Arms Hotel and the allotments. 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.

Councillors discussed the report, asked if the PCSO could be invited to a meeting with Councillors, and discussed the Asian Hornet update. Thanks were given to the Clerk by Cllr. Mark Kendall, and supported by Cllr. Kath Charters, for work undertaken and also for providing comprehensive reports to the Council.

Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl 160.

14.1.26

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

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the launch of the Tywyn Wellbeing Walks and attending the Talyllyn Railway for the announcement of the National Lottery Heritage Award.

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara gave an update on the Neuadd Pendre, discussed upcoming events and thanked the Council for the Grant Funding that had been received.

Cl 161.

14.1.26

8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS OF, AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS, REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN

Cllr. John Pughe commented that as a member of the Gwynedd Council Planning Committee, he can't make any comments on the Corbett Arms Hotel. Cllr. John Pughe then spoke about the ward closure at Tywyn Community Hospital and that people are not being treated locally. The upcoming meetings at the Hub and Older People's Forum were mentioned with residents encouraged to attend. Cllr. Mark Kendall asked if it was known that BCUHB were funding private beds in Tywyn to be available for patients. Cllr. John Pughe responded that he has been made aware that beds are available, but doesn't know the details of the scheme and commented on the great facilities that are in Tywyn and that the building should be being fully utilised in order to ease the strain on other hospitals.

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara asked whether there had been any update regarding the parking issues in Idris Villas because the situation there is getting worse. Cllr. John Pughe responded that there has been no further update from Gwynedd Council.

Cllr. Cathy Evans asked if there has been any news regarding the condition of the road in Cwm Maethlon and if the mud from the contacting work will be cleaned and potholes repaired. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that no update has been received but was aware of the upcoming road closure.

Cllr. Mark Kendall asked about the ward closure at Tywyn Community Hospital and whether it was supported by the Gwynedd Councillors. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that she had attended all the meetings arranged by BCUHB and could see from the data provided why the ward has not been reopened. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones also commented that she did not want the ward to close originally and that even though she might have benefited personally had the ward been open in recent months, it is a difficult situation when recruitment and maintaining additional services is such an issue.

Cllrs. Anne Lloyd-Jones and John Pughe left the meeting.

CI 162.
14.1.26 **9. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C25/0403/09/CR THE CORBETT ARMS HOTEL**
The application and supporting documents had been distributed in advance of the meeting and Councillors discussed the revised planning application in detail. Concerns were raised about the cost and timescale of the works, the effect that the road closure is having on the residents and businesses in Tywyn and the long term future of the building. Following the discussion, it was agreed that the Council should object to the revised planning application on the grounds that the smaller element of demolition is not advantageous to the people or business of Tywyn and that there is no clear timescale for the road closure to be lifted.

Cllrs. Anne Lloyd-Jones and John Pughe returned to the meeting.

CI 163.
14.1.26 **10. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY CYNGOR AR BOPETH GWYNEDD CITIZENS ADVICE**
Councillors had received the Grant Funding application and supporting paperwork ahead of the meeting. Cllr. Kath Charters introduced the item, following which Councillors discussed the application. Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to make an award of £750.00 in grant funding to Cyngor ar Bopeth Gwynedd Citizens Advice.

CI 164.
14.1.26 **11. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**
None received

CI 165.
14.1.26 **12. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**
Llais – December Newsletter
BCUHB - Tywyn Community Hospital Engagement Update
Rural Health and Care Wales – Launch of the Tywyn Wellbeing Walks
Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site 2025 - Annual Report.
One Voice Wales – December Bulletin
Dyfi Biosphere – December Newsletter
Liz Saville-Roberts – Veterans Social and Networking Event

Correspondence noted.

CI 166.
14.1.26 **13. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**
Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, spoke to report that further to legal advice received tonight, no report will be made to the Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7.58pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 7.00pm.

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