

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Eileen Jones (Chair), Kath Charters, Nancy Clarke, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Gareth Mason, John Pughe.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr. Matthew Cooling.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Chris Wood (Clerk).

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

Cllr. Nancy Clarke, item 6.

**3. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY TYWYN SPIRIT LINK AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MARCH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillors discussed the application at length, noting that the funding request was to assist with start up costs, was for a modest amount and included a budget and projected growth and income. Councillors discussed the financial projection and noted that it was difficult to understand the provided information regarding income and attendance. Following the discussion, it was agreed to defer the application to the March Ordinary Meeting and to ask for clarification on the provided income and attendance information.

**4. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY CYLCH MEITHRIN TY MABON AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MARCH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillors discussed the application in detail, noting that the project is to be located at Ysgol Penybryn and included . Questions were asked whether the Council is allowed to make grant funding available for under these circumstances and further information would be needed in order to make an informed decision.

Following the discussion, it was agreed to ask the applicant for more information and that the Clerk investigates whether a legal power exists to make this award.

**5. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE SPOTLIGHT AWARDS AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MARCH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillors discussed the application in detail, and noted that the application is for a community event, organised by the Magic Lantern Cinema. The application was for £2,000.00, but the event is staged biannually. The Council has an events budget for this type of community event and following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Gareth Mason and **resolved** to make a recommendation to the March Ordinary Meeting of Tywyn Town Council that up to £2,000.00 be made available to underwrite The Spotlight Awards.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe that an award of £2,000.00 be made to the event but the proposal was not seconded and did not proceed to a vote.

**6. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY TYWYN EVENTS ORGANISATION AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MARCH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillors discussed the application at length, noting that the application was in two parts, Tywyn Live and the Easter Light Fest. Councillors discussed the changes in regulations over the years, which have increased the costs for organisers, and the difficulties involved in putting on outdoor events in Tywyn. Discussions were held regarding the two parts of the application, following which it was **proposed** by Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Gareth Mason and **resolved** to make a recommendation to the March Ordinary Meeting of Tywyn Town Council that £700.00 in grant funding be made to Tywyn Events Organisation towards the Lantern Marking Workshops for the Easter Light Fest. It was also agreed that further discussion was required before a recommendation could be made for the application to provide financial support to Tywyn Live and that completed Grant Application Forms would need to be submitted for both parts of the application.

**7. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE MAGIC LANTERN CINEMA, TO COMMEMORATE THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST FILM SCREENING IN THE BUILDING AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MARCH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillors discussed the application at length, noting that the Cinema does a lot for the community, but is a private business which limits the ability of the Council to provide grant funding. Discussion was held regarding the calendar of proposed events, together with which events can be thought of as being community based and which are commercial. It was agreed that the history of the cinema talk, the archive film footage of the area and the November finale can be regarded community events.

Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Gareth Mason, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to make a recommendation to the March Ordinary Meeting of Tywyn Town Council that grant funding of £4,300.00 be made available towards the cost of the three community events being organised.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.00pm.