

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2026
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. Gareth Mason (Chair)

Cllrs. Kath Charters, Nancy Clarke, Matthew Cooling, Alun Wyn Evans,
Cathy Evans, Eileen Jones, Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo,
Marisa O'Hara, John Pughe.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Quentin Deakin spoke to highlight two issues of concern that he wished to bring to the Council's attention. Firstly, the unsafe condition of areas of the Promenade, North of Pier Road, caused by movement in the expansion joints between concrete sections, which present trip hazards to pedestrians. The second concern was about the number of vehicles travelling at excessive speed around Tywyn, especially along Pier Road and the Promenade. Councillors asked a number of questions and discussed the issues at length. The Clerk responded that the Council would write to Gwynedd Council about the condition of the Promenade and that concerns about speeding vehicles have already been passed on to North Wales Police.

Cl 185. **1. APOLOGIES**
11.3.26 Cllr. Olivia Woodward.

Cl 186. **2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
11.3.26 Cllr. Mark Kendall, Item 12.
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Item 14.
Cllr. Cathy Evans, Item 15.

Cl 187. **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**
11.3.26 Cllr. Gareth Mason reported having received a letter of complaint about the Council and decisions that have been taken by Councillors, and also a letter of complaint regarding work undertaken on Ynysymaengwyn Trust land. Both letters will be dealt with through the proper channels.

Cl 188. **4. MINUTES**
11.3.26 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 11th February 2026.**
It was **proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11th February 2026.

Cl 189. **5. MINUTES**
11.3.26 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 18th February 2026.**
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 18th February 2026.

Cl 190.
11.3.26

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Cllr. Mark Kendall spoke to say that the report was clear and concise and well prepared. It was **proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to receive and approve the Responsible Financial Officer's Report for February 2026.

Cl 191.
11.3.26

7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.

Gwynedd Council Green and Blue Infrastructure Feasibility Study

Attended a meeting with Gwynedd Council, to discuss the scope of a study to be undertaken in Tywyn, to explore options to restore nature and ecosystems in the area. Tywyn has been identified as being the area having the lowest urban tree cover in Gwynedd, and the fully funded feasibility study would be the initial stage in the process. As part of the study, Councillors will be invited to attend a site meeting with Gwynedd Council, visiting areas of Tywyn to discuss suitability for changes. The Council has statutory biodiversity duties under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, and this is an opportunity for the Council to build on those duties and reporting obligations.

Tywyn Community Hospital

Following the ward closure and the consultation process being undertaken by BCUHB, recent assurance work undertaken has found that the second options development session did not reflect a balanced internal and external weighting amongst those attending. BCUHB will therefore now be holding a further facilitated session on Friday 20th March, with an invitation to attend now being extended to both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council.

British Heart Foundation

The British Heart Foundation will be holding a series of table top sales in the Community Ffrij, in the Leisure Centre Car Park. The first event will be on Friday April 3rd between 12.00 and 3.00. Refreshments will be available and the sales will be running every other month, with future sales this year, taking place on June 5th, August 7th, October 2nd and December 4th.

Gwynedd Youth Services

Gwynedd Youth Services are still in the process of setting up the Youth Project, but will begin operating from the Station Building in the near future.

Spring Planting

Spring Planting, in the planters located around Tywyn, has now taken place after the delay caused by the prolonged wet weather. The planting programme includes the new planters located near to the Leisure Centre.

CiILCA

An application for a bursary to cover the costs of the next stage of the qualification has been successful with an award of £845.00 being made. Following changes to the examination process, the new exam portal opens on April 7th, with all work having to be submitted in the next twelve months.

PCSO

Met with the PCSO to receive updates on local policing matters and to enquire when a meeting with the Council could be arranged.

Pay and Display Machine

The new concrete base for the pay and display machine is being installed this week, with work to replace the door and roof of the hut starting soon.

Flags

The new flags for the Promenade have been ordered.

Bus Stops

Gwynedd Council were written to, following the resolution passed at the February Ordinary meeting of the Council, but a response has not yet been received.

Cambrian Road Car Park

Maintenance work to repair the potholes and address drainage issues is currently being undertaken at the Cambrian Road Car Park.

Taith

The setting up of Taith, the new Tywyn and Area Community Transport Scheme is progressing well, with insurance for the organisation in place and publicity material on order. The application for charitable status is ongoing with the constitution agreed and a number of policies confirmed. Recruitment of volunteer drivers is underway and a publicity campaign will be undertaken to increase the number of volunteers to the scheme.

The Slate Wagon

The information board for the slate wagon display is still in production by Llechi and is expected to be installed in the coming weeks.

The Slate Slabs

Work has recently been undertaken to the engraved slate slabs on the High Street, with two pieces removed by Gwynedd Council. It is not currently certain what the reason is for the work, but it is hoped that recently raised health and safety concerns are being addressed.

Allotments

Following a meeting with the Allotment Association, a grant funding application towards the cost of installing the last section of the security fencing is in progress.

General

Time has also been spent this month in assisting members of the public who have visited the office to raise concerns or have asked for help. Discussions were held and advice provided for matters including concerns about dog fouling in Tywyn, the Cambrian Road Car Park, the ward closure at the hospital and general health concerns, parking issues, the Corbett Arms Hotel, leisure activities and the allotments.

Help was given and advice given where possible, with information provided about who to contact when it was not directly possible to assist.

Following the discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

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11.3.26

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

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara provided an update on the finances of the Neuadd Pendre and thanked the Council for the grant funding support that has been provided. Cllr. Marisa O'Hara reported on attending the launch of the Sight Loss Council Cymru, which took place at the Senedd in February.

Cllr. Mark Kendall reported meeting with the Hospital Action Group, who asked whether there was a Council appointed representative to attend the meetings organised by BCUHB. Cllr. Gareth Mason responded that both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council have been invited to future meetings and that the Clerk attends as the Proper Officer of the Council. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending as Gwynedd Councillor and that the Clerk has reported back to the Council on the meetings that he has attended.

Discussion was held regarding the re-establishment of the Steering Group with Cllr. Mark Kendall asked that representations be made to invite the Council as a whole to meetings of the Steering Group.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the Dydd Gwyl Dewi St David's Day parade held on the Promenade which include children from Penybryn, Craig y Deryn, Dyffryn Dulas and Pennal Schools. The event was a success with approximately 150 children taking part.

Cllr. Cathy Evans reported on attending a very successful event, held at the Talyllyn Railway, to mark International Women's Day 2026.

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11.3.26

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

Cllr. Ron McCoo asked if there were any updates regarding the Corbett Arms Hotel. Cllr. John Pughe responded that no new information has been provided recently.

Cllr. Mark Kendall asked that the Council be kept informed about the outcome of meetings held with the BCUHB and also commented on the recent increase in Council Tax payments that affect local residents.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that she is unable to comment about the Corbett Arms Hotel, as she is a member of the planning committee but reported attending meetings of the Gwynedd Council's Standards Committee, Democracy Committee, Area Committee, and the full Council, together with a presentation on the Council's Investment Policy.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones commented on the Council Tax increase and that all of Gwynedd Council's services are coming under increased demand and budgets have had to be increased.

Cllr. Gareth Mason highlighted that support and advice is available from Citizens Advice.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans asked whether the Gwynedd Councillors could raise with Highways the issue of the increase in traffic along the Happy Valley road, due to the gas pipe relaying work together with the inadequate cleaning of the road surface.

Cl 194. **10. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY TYWYN SPIRIT LINK**

11.3.26 The Clerk introduced the item, the application having been distributed to Councillors ahead of the meeting with an update to the organisations financial figures. Following an extensive discussion, which included the recommendation from the Finance Committee meeting of February 18th, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to make an award of £300 in grant funding to Tywyn Spirit Link.

Cl 195. **11. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE SPOTLIGHT AWARDS**

11.3.26 The Clerk introduced the item, the application having been distributed to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Following an extensive discussion, which included the recommendation from the Finance Committee meeting of February 18th, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to make an award of up to £2000, to underwrite any losses incurred in the staging of the Spotlight Awards.

Cllr. Mark Kendall left the meeting.

Cl 196. **12. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY TYWYN EVENTS ORGANISATION**

11.3.26 The Clerk had distributed the application to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Following an extensive discussion, which included the recommendation from the Finance Committee meeting of February 18th, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** to make an award of £700 in grant funding to Tywyn Events Organisation.

Cllr. Mark Kendall returned to the meeting.

Cl 197. **13. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE MAGIC LANTERN**

11.3.26 Cllr. Gareth Mason introduced the item and following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to defer the application to ask the Magic Lantern for more information about the application.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones left the meeting.

Cl 198. **14. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0118/09/AC GOLDEN SANDS**

11.3.26 The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed the application to Councillors ahead of the meeting, explaining the amendment. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to offer no objection to the application.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones returned to the meeting.

Cllr. Cathy Evans left the meeting.

Cl 199. **15. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0120/09/AC ASSEMBLY TERRACE**

11.3.26 The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed the application to Councillors ahead of the meeting, explaining the amendment. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to offer no objection to the application.

Cllr. Cathy Evans returned to the meeting.

CI 200.
11.3.26 **16. TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF DOG FOULING IN BROOK STREET GARDEN**
Complaints had been received regarding the persistent dog fouling in the Brook Street Garden. Councillors discussed the issue at length, commenting on the need for self closing gates to the garden and that new signs should be erected. It was also commented dog owners need to be responsible and clear up after their dogs. It was noted that this issue is not restricted to just the Brook Street Garden, but is occurring all through the Town and that enforcement is a Gwynedd Council responsibility.

CI 201.
11.3.26 **17. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**
None received.

CI 202.
11.3.26 **18. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**
Planning Aid Wales - Welsh Case Studies and Planning Updates Event
Charity Commission - Winter Newsletter
Gwynedd Council - Gwynedd Local Development Plan Questionnaire
SP Energy Networks – Stakeholder Workshop Llandudno
Awel y Mor Off Shore Windfarm – Newsletter
Older People’s Commissioner for Wales – Newsletter
Rural Health and Care Wales – Rural and Coastal Cancer Research Priority Setting
Eryri National Park – St David’s Day Events at Yr Ysgwrn
One Voice Wales – Manifesto 2026-31
Mantell Gwynedd – March Bulletin
Transport for Wales – February Bulletin

Correspondence noted.

CI 203.
11.3.26 **19. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**
Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council’s representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, spoke to report that a letter had been received from the legal firm Hugh James, claiming that they are acting for the Trust and that a number of previously agreed points were now being disputed. Cllr. Mark Kendall continued his report to say that the Trust has not appointed any legal firm and that decisions were being made by individuals outside of lawful Trustee meetings. A response to Hugh James was made on February 26th but no reply has yet been received. Cllr. Mark Kendall explained that the Council is a Trustee of the Charity and will remain so. Councillors discussed the report at length, together with discussions on the amount of time and money that is being spent on this issue and when the Council will act on the advice received. Cllr. Gareth Mason responded that the Council has a duty to protect the assets of the Council and that he hopes shortly to have answers to some of the outstanding questions.

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7.00pm.

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