

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2026
AT NEUADD PENDRE, TYWYN AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Cllr. Gareth Mason (Chair)

Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Alun Wyn Evans, Cathy Evans, Eileen Jones, Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo, Marisa O'Hara, Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT:

Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

A representative from Gwynedd Council addressed the meeting to present design proposals for the Urban Greening Project. The designs are still under development and Gwynedd Council were seeking feedback on the initial design proposals for Neptune Road. The aim of the scheme is to reduce the amount of surface water entering the sewer network and introduce tree planting and rain gardens to the area.

Councillors discussed the presentation and asked questions. Concerns were raised regarding parking issues, potential access issues to properties and for vulnerable people, climate change and biodiversity, alternative planting areas. Gwynedd Council appreciated the feedback, which was noted and more work on the design proposals will be undertaken before presentation to the Council.

CI 072.

1. APOLOGIES

16.9.26

Cllrs. Kath Charters, Matthew Cooling, John Pughe.

CI 073.

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

16.9.26

Cllr. Eileen Jones, Item 9.

CI 074.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

16.9.26

Cllr. Gareth Mason gave apologies for being unable to attend the School Pastors Commissioning Service but has met with the organiser and is pleased that the scheme is up and running.

CI 075.

4. MINUTES

16.9.26

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2026.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8th July 2026.

CI 076.

5. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2026

16.9.26

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Responsible Financial Officer's Report for July and August 2026.

CI 077.

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

16.9.26

The Clerk provided the following written report to the council.

Llewyrch o'r Llechi

Following on from the completion of the works funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund, Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and myself were interviewed by Gwynedd Council. A promotional film was made about the project, which showcased the improvements to the area around the Council Office, as well as the general improvements to signage, benches and bins in Tywyn.

Fiesta Afternoon

In July, the Council organised an afternoon event of children's games and live music on the grassed area by the Council Office. The afternoon was a great success, with visitors and residents thoroughly enjoying the music and the children enjoying the games. Additionally, local shopkeepers reported an increase in footfall and sales on a Sunday afternoon. Thanks are due to Cllr. Mark Kendall for organising and hosting the children's games, to Totaleigh Music for their help with coordinating the music programme and to the Tywyn Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes for providing financial support.

As a result of the success of the event, two further music afternoons were organised, both of which were popular with residents and visitors.

CiLCA

The final training session has now been completed and work continues with the completion and submission of the assignments. It is hoped that all the submissions will have been made by the end of the year.

Brook Street Garden

Gwynedd Council have completed the work to site a dog bin in the garden. The bin is very visible and with bags being supplied, it is hoped that this will see an immediate decrease in episodes of dog fouling.

More generally, the path in the garden is not in the best of condition and will require maintenance work to be undertaken in the coming months. Some of the new planting has not taken as well as was expected and areas of the garden would benefit from attention in the Spring.

Urban Greening Project

Attended an online meeting with Gwynedd Council to discuss the Urban Greening Project and ideas for Tywyn. This meeting followed on to the presentation made to the Council and more detail was provided on the aims and scope of the project, together with planned next steps. Information about the type of work such as structural tree pits, rain gardens and swales was provided, together with the background to site selection.

The next stage will be to develop draft designs and to assess the impact of any changes to parking arrangements. Maintenance responsibilities will also be included, to ensure the scheme will have a long term impact.

Gwynedd Library Services

Attended a meeting with Gwynedd Library Services to discuss the proposed changes to the library building

School Pastors

Attended the Commissioning Service for the new School Pastors. Thirteen new Pastors were commissioned in a service attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd and the High Sheriff of Gwynedd.

PCSO

Meetings were held with the PCSO to receive updates on local policing matters.

Tywyn Live

Attended Tywyn Live, where the North Wales Police Officers present complimented the Council for working with Tywyn Events to ensure that a safe, well organised event took place. The cups that were supplied by the Council were very well received and the support of the Council was noticed by members of the public and has certainly raised the profile of the Council in the local community.

History Trail Planters

The History Trail Planter by the Cinema has been rebuilt, as it had collapsed after many years in existence. Three planters have now been rebuilt by the Council and the Council should consider all options for the future to ensure the sustainability of the trail.

Wynnstay

Attended the meeting held in Llanegryn by Wynnstay to set out their plans for the future of the business in Tywyn. During a lively and at times passionate meeting, the Chief Executive of Wynnstay Group agreed to review the proposed plans and work together with the community and local Council representatives to ensure that the retail operation can retain a presence on the High Street.

Picnic Tables

During the holiday period, the Council was fortunate to be able to borrow picnic tables to place on the grassed area around the office. The tables were used every day, with many families using them for lunches and socialising in the centre of Tywyn. Users were very responsible, with almost no litter left behind. The Council has now invested in six new picnic benches, which will be of benefit to the community.

Skatepark

Gwynedd Council funded a day of skateboard lessons for beginners at the skatepark during the holiday period. The lessons were well attended and free for the children. It is hoped that funding will allow similar days in the future.

Following a consultation with Maverick, it was recommended that we paint over the graffiti on the painted sections of the skatepark. The Council has obtained the graffiti remover and work will be undertaken to remove the graffiti in the coming weeks.

Portable Appliance Testing

Attended and passed a course in Portable Appliance Testing, which enables the testing of electrical equipment in the Council Office, Community Fridge and Station Building to be undertaken by the Council.

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 the Allotments, neighbour disputes, the ward closure at the hospital, Tywyn Spirit Link, the Community Ffrij, requests for memorial benches, dog fouling, the paddling pool, the road closure due to condition of the Corbett Arms Hotel and other temporary road closures.

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

Councillors discussed the report, with Cllr. Marisa O'Hara thanking Cllr. Mark Kendall for his hard work in organising the Fiesta Afternoon.

Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be received and approved.

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16.9.26

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

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported attending the One Voice Wales Area Meeting. The meeting included a presentation by Llais on health and social care issues in the area, together with a presentation from the One Voice Wales Cost of Living Crisis Project Officer.

Cllrs. Mark Kendall and Anne Lloyd-Jones both reported attending the meeting in Llanegryn organised by Wynnstay Group to discuss the plans for the business in Tywyn. Both Councillors are aware that discussions are continuing and are hopeful for a positive outcome for retaining the retail business in Tywyn. Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans commented that the Tywyn store is still trading. Cllr. Gareth Mason commented that thirteen volunteers have been commissioned as School Pastors, and thanked them for giving up their time volunteering for a valuable initiative.

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16.9.26

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

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones spoke about being interviewed as part of the promotional film made to support the Llewyrch o'r Llechi slate project.

Cllr. Mark Kendall asked if there were plans for more affordable housing in Tywyn, and whether Gwynedd Council have taken a position on the ward closure at Tywyn Community Hospital.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that recent social housing developments have been built on private land, not Council owned land.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones commented that the ward closure is a matter for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board matter and that Gwynedd Council has no jurisdiction over health board decisions. The consultation document is currently being prepared by BCUHB and will be distributed once complete. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones also commented that Tywyn needs inpatient beds as well as the additional services that have been put in place since the ward closed.

Cllr. Cathy Evans asked if there was an update on the Corbett Arms Hotel and road closure. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that Gwynedd Council has an obligation to protect the safety of members of the public, but that the building itself is privately owned. The Clerk gave an update about the road closure, which has now been extended for eighteen months. Councillors discussed the issue, ongoing traffic issues, the road diversion, together with the impact on local businesses and residents. Following the discussion, it was agreed to invite Gwynedd Council to provide an update to the Council.

Cllr. Eileen Jones let the meeting.

CI 080.
16.9.26 **9. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE SOUTH MEIRIONNYDD OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM**

Councillors discussed the motion at length, noting the success of last year's concert. Following the discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to make an award of £300 in grant funding to the South Meirionnydd Older People's Forum

Cllr. Eileen Jones returned to the meeting.

CI 081.
16.9.26 **10. MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW CROSS STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed a report on the condition of the current lights, together with options for replacement. Councillors discussed the report and raised the prospect of commissioning bespoke light. for Tywyn. It was agreed that the Clerk investigates the options and reports back to the Council.

Following the discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Maris O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to approve spending of up to £3,000 on new Christmas Lights.

CI 082.
16.9.26 **11. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**

None received.

CI 083.
16.9.26 **12. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE THAT COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY EMAIL**

Correspondence noted.

CI 084.
16.9.26 **18. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, reported that further to the receipt of the company's accounts for 2024-25, questions had been asked of the Directors. One response has been received by the Trustees, which was regarded as being inadequate and a further response is expected. Cllr. Mark Kendall continued his report, mentioning the absence of the 2025-26 accounts, the lack of any meaningful profit for 2024-25, no rental payments being made to the Trust and unlawful expenditure on the Lodge. On a positive note, meetings are being held between Trustees to discuss outstanding matters and ways to resolve them.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones spoke to congratulate the Trust on obtaining the Green Flag Award for the 15th consecutive year.

The meeting was closed at 8.23pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7.00pm.

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR