

CYNGOR TREF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

Tywyn Town Council is pleased to present its Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Council Membership

The Town Council has thirteen councillors, shared across three wards, and during the course of the year all positions were occupied.

A list of all Councillors, the wards they represent, and their record of attendance is given in the table at the end of this document.

Finances

The Council compiles monthly, effective management information, and has produced the following draft financial information for the financial year ended 31st March 2026. Each year, the Council is subject to a full audit by Audit Wales and an internal audit by Gwynedd Council. Both the full and internal audits will be published when they are available.

	31st March 2025	31st March 2026	Change
	£	£	£
Balances b/fwd	154,818	175,849	21,031
Precept	101,894	104,951	3,057
Other receipts	72,650	56,641	(16,013)
Staff costs	51,199	59,508	8,309
Loan interest	10,603	10,603	0
Other payments	91,711	105,280	13,569
Balances c/fwd	175,849	162,049	13,800
Total value of cash	175,849	162,049	13,800

The draft figures for 2025-26 show the Council to be in a good financial position. The table shows the Council's finances at the end of 2025, the end of 2026 and the net changes over the year. The Council's reserves are within the recommended guidelines, and are considered appropriate for the size of the Council and its responsibilities.

- Staff costs have risen due to an increase in the workload of the Clerk, together with the increase in the employer's National Insurance payments and a pay award.
- Other payments have increased this year, due to the Council providing a higher level of financial support, in the form of grant funding, to many local organisations
- Other receipts have decreased this year, primarily due to a reduced amount of grant funding received

The Council operates stringent financial controls which ensure that all expenditure is properly accounted for. Dual authorisation is required for all payments and comprehensive financial reports are presented at each Council meeting, which detail all payments and receipts, together with bank reconciliations and bank statements.

The Town's Councillors, unlike Gwynedd Council Members, are all unpaid and freely give up their time to undertake their Council obligations. A small allowance, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, is provided to Members, and details of attendances and allowances are given in the table at the end of this document.

Community Works

During the year, The Council has undertaken, and assisted with, many activities to benefit the residents of Tywyn. Examples include:

Operating the Community Ffrij.

Operating Ffiws Tywyn, a community space for undertaking creative crafts and projects.

Providing support to the Tywyn and District Model Railway Society.

Undertaking repair work to the Cambrian Road Car Park.

Attending regular meetings with BCUHB to discuss the ward closure at Tywyn Hospital.

Continued improvements to the land around the skatepark.

Organising a community event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Completed the installation of a public display about the slate heritage of Tywyn, to complement the aims of the Slate Landscape World Heritage Project.

Meeting regularly with the Allotment Association to ensure the allotments continue to be productive and well maintained.

Working with Gwynedd Council to establish a Youth Club in Tywyn.

Organising and running the Christmas Lights Switch On event, together with a Christmas Market, Craft Fair, live music performances from local groups and a Lantern Parade.

Working with Gwynedd Council to ensure repair work is undertaken to the Promenade.

Working with the local Police and Gwynedd Council to develop a CCTV system for Tywyn.

Holding a Service of Remembrance at Bryn Paderau.

Repairing and maintaining the History Trail planters and information boards across Tywyn.

Holding regular meetings with North Wales Police to discuss local policing matters.

Meeting regularly with our Gwynedd Council representatives to discuss matters relating to Tywyn.

Making representations to Gwynedd Council about improving the amenities in Tywyn.

Ensuring all gardening and planting work undertaken enhances the biodiversity of Tywyn.

Reviewing local planning applications.

Working in partnership with Gwynedd Council to ensure the amenities on the Promenade are kept in good order.

Undertaken landscaping works around the office, to improve amenity space for the community.

Working with Tim Taclus, to help identify areas of Tywyn that would benefit from their assistance.

Working with Gwynedd Council to ensure that the Easter Market continues to run smoothly and to provide support to stallholders.

Attendance

Ward	Councillor	Date elected or coopted	Allowance claimed	Ordinary Meeting Attendance	Extraordinary Meeting Attendance	Committee Meeting Attendance
Morfa	Kath Charters	12.12.2024	No	11/11	3/3	3/3
	Nancy Clarke	5.5.2022	Yes	10/11	3/3	4/4
	Matthew Cooling	5.5.2022	Yes	9/11	2/3	1/1
	Gareth Mason	5.5.2022	Yes	8/11	3/3	4/5
	Ron McCoo	5.5.2022	Yes	10/11	1/3	-
	John Pughe	5.5.2022	Yes	11/11	3/3	2/3
West	Alun Wyn Evans	5.5.2022	Yes	10/11	1/3	1/1
	Eileen Jones	5.5.2022	Yes	9/11	2/3	2/3
	Mark Kendall	11.1.2023	Yes	11/11	3/3	1/1
	Anne Lloyd-Jones	5.5.2022	No	10/11	2/3	5/5
	Marisa O'Hara	5.5.2022	Yes	9/11	3/3	1/1
	Olivia Woodward	20.7.2022	No	9/11	2/3	-
East	Cathy Evans	5.5.2022	Yes	10/11	1/3	-