

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2024
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. Matthew Cooling (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

Erranan Bent addressed the Meeting to raise awareness of the health benefits from using a sauna and plans to introduce a mobile sauna business in the area. Councillors asked questions about the proposal, were supportive of the idea and discussed possible locations for the sauna to be sited.

Cl 107.
13.11.24 **1. APOLOGIES**
Cllr. John Pughe.

Cl 108.
13.11.24 **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 17.
Cllr. Mark Kendall, item 12.

Cl 109.
13.11.24 **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**
Due to the absence of Cllr. John Pughe, no report was made to the Meeting.

Cl 110.
13.11.24 **4. MINUTES**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9th October 2024.
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 9th October 2024.

Cl 111.
13.11.24 **5. MINUTES**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024.
It was Proposed by Cllr. Mark Kendall seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and resolved to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 15th October 2024.

Cl 112.
13.11.24 **6. MINUTES**
To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 23rd October 2024.
It was Proposed by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and resolved to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 23rd October 2024.

Cl 113. **7. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024**
13.11.24 It was Proposed by Cllr. Mark Kendall seconded by Cllr. Eileen Jones and resolved to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2024.

Cl 114. **8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**
13.11.24 The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.

Allotments

The old Council noticeboard has been moved to the allotments ready for installation.

CCTV

Attended a meeting Cllr. Matthew Cooling and representatives from Gwynedd Council to discuss how the operation of a CCTV system in Tywyn might work and issues that the Council will need to consider carefully before making a final decision. These issues will include the appointment of a data controller, access to the imagery, system ownership or lease, location of cameras and the number of cameras together with ongoing financial implications.

History Trail Planters

The History Trail planter near to the Hospital has been repaired and the History Trail board which was at the Neptune end of the promenade which suffered storm damage last winter has now been installed in front of Neptune Hall. Many thanks to the Tunnadine family for their help and for allowing the installation on Neptune land.

Remembrance

Attended the Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday November 10th at St Cadfan's Church and also the Service of Remembrance at Bryn Paderau on Monday November 11th.

Ffiws Tywyn

The Ffiws has been busy this month with sewing, felting and lantern making workshops being held. Recruitment of volunteers to lead sessions has begun and a number of open days will be held in the coming months in order to make full use of the equipment that is available.

CiLCA Qualification

The first portfolio training session has been completed and a further bursary towards the cost of the qualification has been obtained.

Christmas Fair

Preparations for the Christmas Fair, which is happening this coming Saturday, are almost complete with everything in place for a successful day. Many thanks to Peckish Tywyn and Cadfans of Tywyn for providing the electricity to run the cross-street lights. There is still time to drop off raffle prizes at the office or bring them along on the day.

One Voice Wales National Conference

Attended the One Voice Wales National Conference in Llanellwedd which included presentations from Jane Bryant, the Cabinet Secretary with Responsibility for Local Councils, the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, the Auditor General for Wales, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales and the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales. The Conference was very informative with opportunities to meet with the speakers and discuss specific issues relevant to Tywyn. The full Conference report has been sent to all Councillors.

BCUHB

Attended a meeting with BCUHB to discuss the ward closure at Tywyn Hospital and the provision of health promotion and the other services that are available in Tywyn. Further meetings are being arranged in the coming months.

Gwynedd Council Highways

Attended a meeting with Gwynedd Council Highways Department and Cllr. John Pughe to discuss potential road improvements in Morfa Ward.

Station Building

Attended a building inspection on behalf of Network Rail at the Station Building and highlighted internal and external repair work that is needed to resolve a damp issue in one of the rooms and to electrical issues in another room.

Budget preparation

Attended a webinar by Scribe Accounts on forecasting, budgeting and setting the precept. This webinar was particularly useful and timely as we begin our budget preparation in the coming weeks.

PCSO's

Held meetings with the local PCSO's who provided updates on issues local to Tywyn together with updates on the Police service in general which included the appointment of a new PCSO who is based in Tywyn.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl 115.
13.11.24

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

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending numerous meetings in the past month including the Aberdyfi Harbour Committee, Gwynedd Council Planning Committee, Language Committee, Area Committee, Standards Committee and Democracy Committee. A meeting was also held with Gwynedd Council on the Promenade to discuss the damage to the slipway and work required for repair. Further meetings attended included BCUHB to discuss Tywyn Hospital and the Tywyn/Abergynolwyn slate group.

Cl 116.
13.11.24

10. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara raised the issue of the changes to the Town Bus timetable and the withdrawal of the service along the Promenade. The changes have left a number of people without a bus service to get them into Tywyn and it was asked when Gwynedd Council consulted on the changes. Councillors discussed the changes and their effect on residents and Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones will investigate and report back to the Clerk.

Cl 117.
13.11.24

11. MOTION TO ADOPT THE NEW MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN WALES

The Clerk introduced the Motion and, following a discussion by Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to adopt the new Model Financial Regulations for Community and Town Councils in Wales.

Cllr. Mark Kendall left the meeting.

- Cl 118.
13.11.24 **12. MOTION TO EXTEND TO CURRENT GARDENING AND PLANTING CONTRACT**
The Clerk introduced the item by explaining that discussions with Gwynedd Council around the Council taking responsibility for gardening and planting in new areas in Tywyn are still ongoing and are not expected to be concluded in the near future. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Eileen Jones and **resolved** to extend the current Gardening and Planting contact for two years.

Cllr. Mark Kendall returned to the meeting.

- Cl 119.
13.11.24 **13. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C24/ 0895/09/RA TIR GER MAST CYFATHREBU SANDILANDS ROAD LL36 9AP**
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones declined to take part in the discussion as the application may come before Gwynedd Council. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** that the Council offers no objection to Planning Application C24/0895/09/RA.

- Cl 120.
13.11.24 **14. TO NOTE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS 2024-25 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AGREEMENT, BACKDATED TO APRIL 2024**
Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to note the National Association of Local Councils Pay Agreement, backdated to April 2024.

- Cl 121.
13.11.24 **15. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**
None received

- Cl 122
13.11.24 **16. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**
One Voice Wales – Response to the Senedd Inquiry for Community & Town Councils
Cambrian News – Request for comment
Gwynedd Council – Road Closure Notice, Marconi Bungalows
A member of the Public – Letter regarding Item 10 on the Agenda of the October Ordinary Meeting
Gwynedd Council – Planning Application C24/0852/09/RA Agreeing on the external finish of the Nursery and Welsh Language Centre
Gwynedd Council – Proposed slate project land lease
Gwynedd Council – Draft strategy for new signage for Tywyn
Gwynedd Council – Tourism Survey
Celf Llechi – Update on proposed works in Tywyn
A member of the public – A proposal to consider a trailer sauna in the area
One Voice Wales – Joint OVW/SLCC Event

Correspondence noted.

CI 123.
13.11.24

17. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT

The Council received the following written report from the Ynysymaengwyn Trust representative.

The Trustees held a meeting on Friday November 8th at which five new Trustees were formally appointed. The new Trustees are Adrian Bennett, Andy Penny, Spencer Pughe, Chris Smith and Don Williams

The Trustees discussed the work of the Trust and the operation of its trading subsidiary company, Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf. The new Trustees are looking forward to working with the Directors to ensure that the caravan park acts in the best interests of the Trust

Much of the financial information about the operation of the Caravan Park that has been asked for by the Trust has still not been received but the Trust has now been able to file the Charity Commission Annual Return for 2022-23.

Cllr. Mark Kendall added to the report by saying that he hopes the Trust will work hard to resolve all outstanding issues. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones gave thanks to Rob and Christina for their work on the caravan site and to Cllr. Mark Kendall for his work representing the Council at Trust meetings. Cllr. Mark Kendall spoke to say that there are still issues from the NRW investigation outstanding with Cllr. Nancy Clarke saying that Rob and Christina are working hard to resolve the issues.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.04pm

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