

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2016
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Alun W. Evans (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Eileen M. Ellis, Nancy E. Clarke
Richie Owens, John H. Boulter, Mark D. Kendall
Mike Stevens, Islwyn H. Davies, Anne Lloyd-Jones
John Pughe, Dan A. Wyre

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

Cl. 130 **APOLOGIES:**
9.11.16

All Councillors present

Cl. 131 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
9.11.16

Cllr Richie Owens (Cl. 138)
Cllr Dan Wyre (Cl.153)

Cl. 132 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT:**
9.11.16

Councillor Alun Evans noted the following engagements:

- Attended a meeting of the International Sheepdog Trials Committee, where it was reported the event created a turnover of £109,000 and brought economic benefit worth £2million to the area
- 20.10.16 Attended a ceremony to name Talylyn Railway's new locomotive, St Cadfan
- 30.10.16 Chaired a Planning Committee
- 7.11.16 Attended a Gwynedd and Môn Public Services Board, well-being drop-in session

Cl. 133 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**
9.11.16 **WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Mark Kendall proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the proposal.

Cl. 134 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD**
9.11.16 **ON THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Islwyn Davies proposing and Councillor Richie Owens seconding the proposal.

Cl. 135 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON**
9.11.16 **TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the proposal.

Cl. 136
9.11.16

CREATING A PUMP PARK AT THE RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Dan Wyre showed photographic examples of pump parks from around the world, explained the purpose of pump parks and materials used for their creation.

It was reported that a pump park could be created using soil, rubble and tarmac and could incorporate grassed areas with trees, with a pump park made from tarmac requiring little maintenance and year-round use availability.

RESOLVED: To establish a working group, consisting of the following: Councillor Dan Wyre (Chair), Councillor Mike Stevens and Councillor Mark Kendall. Invite young people / members of the community to the working group and seek views of residents living near Cambrian Road Recreation Ground.
To investigate cost involved and receive a verbal report at the Council's next meeting.

Cl. 137
9.11.16

NOVUS ENERGY – COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

RESOLVED: Councillor Mark Kendall proposed, with Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal to allocate £4,000 received from Novus Energy in 2016/17 towards developing a pump park.

Cl. 138
9.11.16

DONATION – POPPY APPEAL

Councillor Richie Owens declared a prejudicial interest and left the room.

RESOLVED: Councillor Ron McCoo proposed, with Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal, to donate £200 towards the Poppy Appeal, with an additional £100 compared to previous years, donated in memory of Mr Bob Hawke, a local resident that worked hard for Tywyn over a number of years, and recently passed away.

Councillor Richie Owens re-entered the meeting.

Cl. 139
9.11.16

VICTORIAN SHELTER ON PROMENADE

It was reported by the Town Clerk that Gwynedd Council's Maritime and Country Parks service is not in a position to maintain and restore the shelter and would welcome assistance from Tywyn Town Council.

It was reported by a Councillor that funding could be sought from various sources to restore the Victorian Shelter, with funding available for heritage projects from the Big Lottery Fund. It was also reported that a local individual possesses the original plans for the structure.

RESOLVED: To accept the information and to investigate taking responsibility for the shelter further.

Cl. 140
9.11.16

BLOCKED WATER DRAINS AT REAR OF PROPERTIES ALONG THE HIGH STREET

It was reported by a Councillor that two drains situated at the rear of the leisure centre are blocked due to silt, with water levels at ankle level or higher depending on amount of rainfall.

RESOLVED: To write a letter to Gwynedd Council's Highways Department requesting a site-meeting meeting with Councillors.

Cl. 141
9.11.16

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIGHTING TYWYN AND COOPERATING WITH TYWYN EVENTS ORGANISATION

It was reported by a Councillor that Gwynedd Council's Street Lighting unit is unhappy that details of a quotation provided to Tywyn Town Council are in the local press.

RESOLVED: To place an advert in the Cambrian News for £50.
Permit Tywyn Events Organisation permission to use electricity from the Council office to power equipment such as a snow machine and music player.
To keep arrangements regarding location of Tywyn Events Organisation's Grotto and Sleigh the same as last year.

Cl. 142
9.11.16

APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2016.

Cl. 143
9.11.16

GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

To receive verbal reports from Gwynedd Councillors on matters in the Council's interest.

Gwynedd Councillor Mike Stevens reported the following:

- During August, a meeting had been held in Cardiff, with Ken Skates AM, Transport Secretary present. Discussions were held regarding an alternative road to avoid Brynglas tunnels on the M4 and a Metro system for southern Wales. Councillor Stevens was disappointed that no Gwynedd Council Officer or Cabinet member had attended the meeting to discuss transport schemes for Gwynedd.
- Complaints had been received from local traders in Machynlleth and haulage companies such as Mansel Davies regarding congestion in Machynlleth.
- A refurbishment scheme worth 1 million pounds will begin on Tywyn Swimming Pool by the end of 2016 or early in 2017.

Gwynedd Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported the following:

- Attended Gwynedd and Môn Public Services Board, well-being drop-in session on Monday, 7 November 2016. Questionnaires available online or from Tywyn Library.
- Campaign launched on 7 November 2016 to promote superfast broadband to Gwynedd residents, with campaign organisers working with libraries, schools and community centres.
- Workshops held to encourage landlords to register with Rent Smart Wales
- Details released of recent Court action taken against individuals in breach of a dog control order at Bala. Gwynedd Council naming and shaming individuals responsible for committing environmental crimes such as dog fouling, littering or fly-tipping.
- Gwynedd Council visiting Canolfan Hamdden Bro Dysynni on 7 December 2016 in order for school governors, parents and the wider community to be a part of the process of developing new educational principles for Gwynedd's schools. With Gwynedd Council committed to finding creative ways of safeguarding education in rural communities.
- From January 2017 onwards, Gwynedd Council will introduce an annual fee of £33 for collecting garden waste (standard wheelie bin).
- Gwynedd Council launched a new era for care and social services in the county, which will place greater emphasis on working with other services. Since 1981, the number of older people in need of support in Gwynedd has increased by 173%, and set to increase further.
- Walking football recently introduced at Canolfan Hamdden Bro Dysynni, aimed at men and women aged 50+ and can be played regardless of physical ability and experience.
- Consultation on tax premium on second homes and long-term empty properties closed on 7 November 2016. The matter will be considered by the full Council.
- Gwynedd Council is carrying out a review to ensure that only households that are entitled to a Council Tax single discount receive a 25% reduction in the amount paid.

RESOLVED: To accept the information from the County Councillors.

Cl. 144
9.11.16

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

RESOLVED: No report given from external Committees.

Cl. 145
9.11.16

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To approve the Clerk's report.

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

Cl. 146
9.11.16

Gwynedd Council - Corporate Support - Participation at Committee Meetings

An email had been received from a Senior Solicitor at Gwynedd Council, advising regarding Councillors contributing at Committee meetings which they have not been appointed to. The Solicitor confirmed that Councillors do not enjoy any rights to contribute at a Committee meeting unless a member of the public enjoy those rights or Standing Orders of the Council confirm a right to participate.

RESOLVED: To allow Councillors not appointed to a Committee, the right to participate at all Committee Meetings, apart from the Personnel Committee. To re-evaluate the situation at the Annual Meeting in May 2017 and revise Standing Orders accordingly.

Cl. 147
9.11.16 Gwynedd Council - Transportation and Street Care Service - Active Travel Maps

RESOLVED: Delegate the matter to Councillor Alun Evans, Councillor Nancy Clarke and Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, with a meeting to be held with Gwynedd Council to discuss possible active travel routes within Tywyn.

Cl. 148
9.11.16 Police and Crime Commissioner - Opportunity to have your say

RESOLVED: To write a letter inviting the Police and Crime Commissioner to Tywyn in order to hold a public meeting.

Cl. 149
9.11.16 North Wales Fire and Rescue Service - Affordable fire and rescue services for North Wales - Public Consultation

A Councillor commended the effort of firefighters in dealing with a fire recently at J.B. Owens. However, it was reported that not enough firefighters are available at Tywyn Station and Aberdyfi Station on a regular basis to man a fire engine. It was also reported that problems in recruiting firefighters is also affecting Dolgellau Station, as a consequence, fire engines in southern Meirionnydd are unable to react to emergency calls at all times.

Difficulties in recruiting firefighters may be due to the on-call packages, with recruits needing to be available on an on-call basis for a certain amount of time. Due to the costs and amount of training involved, it was reported that the Fire Service does not currently recruit firefighters to the 12 hour package. Recruits need to be available to meet the requirements of the 24 hour package.

In commending the service offered by personnel of the Fire Service and North Wales Police, the Council noted that in the case of the fire at J.B. Owens the response time of the police was slow.

RESOLVED: To write a letter to North Wales Fire and Rescue Service regarding lack of firefighters. Councillors to complete Fire and Rescue Service questionnaire on an individual basis. To write a letter to North Wales Police regarding slow response to fire at J.B. Owens.

Cl. 150
9.11.16 Richard Vaughan - Letter of resignation

RESOLVED: To write a letter thanking Mr Richard Vaughan for his service to Tywyn Town Council and to the town, recognising his achievement and service in serving as Mayor for two consecutive years.
Not to appoint a representative to Anne Owen Almshouse to replace Mr Vaughan as the Council's representative, and to await a letter from the Trust requesting a representative.

Cl. 151
9.11.16 Royal British Legion - Remembrance Day Arrangements

RESOLVED: To accept the information, with the Chair to attend and lay wreaths.

Cl. 152
9.11.16 Complaint regarding visibility on junction between Warwick Place and Neptune Road

RESOLVED: To write a letter to Gwynedd Council's Highways Department drawing the Council's attention to the situation and to request an inspection.

Cl. 153
9.11.16 Complaint regarding building site on Warwick Place

Councillor Dan Wyre declared a prejudicial and left the room.

A complaint had been received with photographs showing an untidy building site on Warwick Place.

RESOLVED: To write a letter to builder explaining that a complaint has been made to the Council, and to request the builder to tidy the area for the benefit of residents residing nearby.
To write a letter to inform Gwynedd Council's Planning Department that a complaint has been received.
To write a letter to the complainant explaining what action Tywyn Town Council has taken.

Councillor Dan Wyre re-entered the meeting.

Cl. 154
9.11.16 Gwynedd Council - Information that a rubbish bin at the skate park is broken

RESOLVED: To remove broken rubbish bin and keep at Ynys-y-Maengwyn for future use.

Cl. 155
9.11.16 Gwynedd Council - Adult, Health and Wellbeing Department - Rough Sleeping Count

RESOLVED: To receive the information contained within letter.

Cl. 156
9.11.16 Aberdyfi Community Council - Dyfi bridge proposals

Town Clerk informed members that Arthog Community Council has requested information regarding Tywyn Town Council's position on proposed bridge.

RESOLVED: To receive the information contained within letter from Aberdyfi Community Council.
To invite representatives of Alun Griffiths (Contracting) Ltd to a Council Meeting.

Cl. 157
9.11.16 Pendre Garden Centre - Winter plants at Bryn-y-Paderau

RESOLVED: To write a letter expressing a word of thanks to owners of Pendre Garden Centre for their generosity in donating their time and materials to improve the visual appearance of Bryn-y-Paderau in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

Cl. 158
9.11.16 Correspondence Received That Does **Not** Necessitate Action by the Council

And Is Available At The Clerk's Office For Perusal By Any Interested Councillor

- (a) Dail Dysynni - Receipt of financial donation
- (b) Citizens Advice Gwynedd and Môn - Receipt of financial donation
- (c) Meirionnydd Young Farmers Club - Receipt of financial donation
- (d) Gwynedd Council - Highways and Municipal Service - Works Programme November, 2016
- (e) One Voice Wales - Consultancy Services
- (f) North Wales Community Health Council - Review of the national standards for the community health councils
- (g) One Voice Wales - Welsh Government - National Infrastructure Commission for Wales
- (h) Gwynedd Council - Gwynedd and Môn Public Services Board - Well-being of Future Generations Act - 7pm-9pm at Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn, 7 November 2016
- (i) Mid Wales Health Collaborative - Healthy Conversations

The meeting was declared closed at 8:37pm

MINUTES of the Planning Committee
held in the Committee Room, Council Office, High Street, Tywyn,
on Tuesday, 1 November, 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. Alun W.Evans (Chairman)
N.E.Clarke; R.E.Owens; Ron McCoo; A.Lloyd-Jones;
J.H.Boulter; G.M.Stevens; John Pughe

IN ATTENDANCE: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Ron McCoo (5.3)
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones (5.3)
Councillor Mike Stevens (5.2 / 5.3)
Councillor Nancy Clarke (5.3)

3. GWYNEDD COUNCIL – PUBLIC CONSULTATION – REMOVAL OF BT PUBLIC PAYPHONES

RECOMMENDATION: To object to the removal of the public payphone near Tywyn and District Hospital (no 01654 710199) on the following grounds:

- payphones are a necessity in emergencies
- mobile telephone signal is weak
- mobile batteries require frequent charging and could be flat when required
- not everyone has a mobile phone

4. SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – PUBLIC CONSULTATION – REMOVAL OF BT PUBLIC PAYPHONES

RECOMMENDATION: To object to the removal of public payphones (01654 761231 / 01654 782250) from areas surrounding Tywyn on the following grounds:

- payphones are a necessity in emergencies
- mobile telephone signal is weak in rural areas surrounding Tywyn, with no signal whatsoever in some remote areas
- mobile batteries require frequent charging and could be flat when required
- not everyone has a mobile phone

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1

C16/1296/09/LL Proposed single storey extension and roof terrace above

93a Plas Edwards, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 ODA

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

5.2

C16/1298/09/LL Demolish existing two storey rear extension and erection of replacement single storey extension to provide kitchen and restaurant space, together with installation of extraction unit to rear of building

9 Salt Marsh Kitchen, College Green, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 9BS

Councillor Mike Stevens declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting whilst discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

Councillor Mike Stevens re-entered the meeting.

5.3

C16/1314/09/HY Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs and directional signs

Co-op Tywyn, Old Station Yard, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 9AL

Councillors Ron McCoo, Nancy Clarke, Anne Lloyd-Jones and Mike Stevens declared an interest.

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

5.4

C16/1333/09/LL Erection of two storey dwelling and integral garage (amended plant to that approved on planning permission reference C11/0435/09/LL)

34 Faenol Isaf, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 0DW

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

The meeting was declared closed at 6:41pm