

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2023
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)

Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Matthew Cooling, Ron McCoo, Alun Wyn Evans
Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mark Kendall, Eileen Jones, Marisa O’Hara.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

Cl 118. **1. APOLOGIES**

13.12.23 Cllrs. Cathy Evans, Aled Lewis, Gareth Mason, Olivia Woodward

Cl 119. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

13.12.23 Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 13.

Cl 120. **3. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**

13.12.23 The Chair reported attending the Services of Remembrance, held at Bryn Paderau and St Cadfans Church, together with attending the Christmas Lights Switch on Event.

Cl 121. **4. MINUTES**

13.12.23 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2023.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8th November 2023.

Cl 122. **5. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

13.12.23 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O’Hara and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023.

Cl 123. **6. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT**

13.12.23 The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which reported on the following items:
Skatepark
Tywyn Hospital Ward Closure

Remembrance
Christmas Lights Event
Snowdonia National Park Community Engagement
Politicians Surgeries
Public Art
Tywyn Promenade
Defibrillators

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl 124
13.12.23 **7. TO NOTE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS 2023/24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AGREEMENT BACKDATED TO APRIL 2023**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara that the pay agreement be noted.

Cl 125.
13.12.23 **8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported on discussion regarding the maintenance issues with the Bailey Bridge. An agreement has been reached between Gwynedd Council and the contractors with work expected to commence in the New Year.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported on attending the celebration by Network Rail following the opening of the Barmouth Viaduct after an extensive refurbishment.

Cllr. Mark Kendall attended the Cost of Living event that was held at the school and asked whether the Council could run a similar event in the future, perhaps as part of the Christmas Lights event.

Cl 126.
13.12.23 **9. 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 asked if there had been any progress with the proposed new double yellow along Idris Villas. Cllr. John Pughe responded that the work has not yet commenced but he will make enquiries as to when the work is scheduled for.

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara asked if there was an update on the disabled parking bay request that had been raised? Cllr. John Pughe responded that there are only a limited number of bays that can be installed each year but he will follow this application up.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported that the previously reported blocked drains in Cwm Maethlon had been cleared independently ahead of Gwynedd Council attending.

Cl 127.
13.12.23 **10. MOTION TO ADOPT A DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** that the Dignity at Work Policy be adopted by Tywyn Town Council.

Cl 128. **11. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**

13.12.23 None received.

Cl 129. **12. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

13.12.23 Tywyn Hospital Action Group – Meeting notes
Planning Application NP5/79/350A Nant y Cynog Farm, Cwm Maethlon LL36 9HY
Menter Mon – Smart Towns Wales workshops
Planning Application C23/0898/09/LL Pall Mall Caravan Park
Future Generations Commissioner – Cymru Can seven year strategy
One Voice Wales – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales webinar
Network Rail – Barmouth Viaduct Update
One Voice Wales – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales presentation
Network Rail – Barmouth Celebration Event

Correspondence noted.

Cl 130. **13. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

13.12.23 The Chair of Ynysymaengwyn Trust, Cllr. Aled Lewis had given his apologies to the Meeting and provided the following written report.

Mark Blunden will be retiring from his role as Woodland Manager at Ynysymaengwyn at the end of December and Rob Blunden has been promoted to succeed Mark.

Following the closure of the caravan park at the end of the season, the playpark equipment has been removed, surrounding fence taken down, and the multiple layers of wood chip, some 350mm in depth, excavated down to the base layer in preparation for the erection of a new playpark incorporating inclusive elements. Erection of the new park will commence in the New Year with the aim for the work to be fully completed in readiness for Easter.

Fencing along the Afon Dysynni riverbank, the old boathouse section is imminent, these works will be undertaken by a local fencing contractor.

The latest tree inspection report from Arbtech has been received and any lopping, pollarding or, in some instances felling, will be undertaken in line with the suggested actions contained in the report.

Other works will continue in the woodlands over the closed season as in previous years, ie, footpath and bridge maintenance, replacement of signage and replanting of trees with various native hardwood species.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR