

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2017
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Nancy E. Clarke (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Richie Owens, John H. Boulter,
Mike Stevens, Eileen M. Ellis, Anne Lloyd-Jones,
John Pughe

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

Cl. 247
12.04.17 **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Alun Evans
Councillor Dan Wyre
Councillor Islwyn Davies

Cl. 248
12.04.17 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Mike Stevens (Cl. 256)

Cl. 249
12.04.17 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT:**

No engagements were noted due to the Chairman being absent from the meeting. As Vice-Chairman, Councillor Nancy Clarke thanked the following retiring Councillors for their services to the Council; Councillor John Boulter, Councillor Islwyn Davies, Councillor Richie Owens and Councillor Mark Kendall.

Cl. 250
12.04.17 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2017**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor John Boulter seconding the proposal.

Cl. 251
12.04.17 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF AN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2017**

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

Cl. 252
12.04.17 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF A PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2017**

Due to the nature of the item discussed by the Committee, the Town Clerk was absent from the meeting and a Councillor volunteered to take minutes.

RESOLVED: To defer the matter until the next Council Meeting, due to minutes taken at the meeting being lost in email system.

Cl. 253
12.04.17

DISCUSS POSTPONING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ORDINARY MEETING

RESOLVED: To hold Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 17 May 2017, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Eileen Ellis seconding.

Cl. 254
12.04.17

CREATING A PUMP PARK AT THE RECREATION GROUND

A Councillor informed members of a strongly worded letter of complaint received, which expressed that the pump park scheme was not suitable for the recreation ground as it was given for the children of Tywyn.

RESOLVED: To forward letter of complaint to Town Clerk.

Cl. 255
12.04.17

GWYNEDD COUNCIL - PLANNING APPLICATION

C17/0316/09/LL - Neuadd y Deyrnas Tystion, Gwalia Road, Tywyn, LL36 9DH
Demolish existing store and erection of single storey extension to side of existing hall

RESOLVED: No objection.

Cl. 256
12.04.17

GWYNEDD COUNCIL - NOTICE OF APPLICATION - PREMISES LICENCE MARKET HALL, COLLEGE GREEN, TYWYN, GWYNEDD, LL36 9BY

Councillor Mike Stevens declared a non-prejudicial interest.

RESOLVED: No objection.

Cl. 257
12.04.17

DISCUSS PURCHASING A RECORDING DEVICE TO RECORD ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To contact Aberdyfi Community Council to enquire what device the Council uses to record meetings. To defer the matter until the following month's meeting.

Cl. 258
12.04.17

**NOTICE OF MOTION
BY COUNCILLOR JOHN PUGHE**

I call on Tywyn Town Council to make enquiries with the Welsh Ambulance Service regarding the future of Tywyn Ambulance Station. Should there be any plans to relocate the station from Tywyn, I request the Welsh Ambulance Service to clarify how response targets will be met.

Councillor John Pughe informed members that the Welsh Ambulance Service might have plans to use Dolgellau as a hub for the area, with ambulances based at Dolgellau. In terms of meeting response targets, Tywyn is fortunate in having

an effective Community First Responders that are first on the scene, followed by an ambulance.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones informed members that the Welsh Ambulance Service had confirmed in writing to her that there were no plans to relocate from Tywyn.

RESOLVED: To invite a representative of the Welsh Ambulance Service to attend a Council Meeting, as Tywyn Town Council is concerned the service is overstretched and the service must be maintained in the area.

Cl. 259
12.04.17

APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2017.

Cl. 260
12.04.17

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:

- Pleased to announce that funding has been secured and work will commence after Easter to upgrade Tywyn Swimming Pool.
- News from Gwynedd Council quiet, apart from the Coffee Machine purchased for Cae Penarlâg, Dolgellau.

Gwynedd Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported the following:

- Swimming Pool refurbishment works to commence after Easter.
- Attended a Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Meeting, where information was received explaining that due to the number of passengers on the Cambrian Coast Railway during the summer months, it would not be possible to allow free tickets as allowed in the winter.
- Gwynedd residents have embraced the green revolution, latest figures show that more than 652% of the county's waste is now recycled and Gwynedd is on-track to meet the national target of recycling 64% of waste by March 2020.
- CAMHS - secondary schools in Gwynedd will work in partnership with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to identify at risk pupils, and ensure they receive the most effective support.
- Gwynedd Council's Trading Standards Unit has recently joined forces with north Wales' other authorities to deliver the "Buy With Confidence", a trader approval programme designed to ensure that businesses operate in a legal, honest and fair way. Scheme provides a register of local businesses which have given their commitment to trading fairly, with all prospective members thoroughly audited by Trading Standards before being allowed to join. www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk
- Providing a future for our young people - one of the main concerns of the residents of Gwynedd and Anglesey according to a recent draft report

published by the Gwynedd and Môn Public Services Board. With the key concerns being jobs and homes for young people.

- Local company Brighter Foods sold, with the buyer intending on purchasing a new factory. Currently 170 employees are employed at the site, with a potential for more jobs in the future.

A Councillor questioned both County Councillors regarding grass cutting in Tywyn Cemetery, playgrounds and road verges. Councillors explained that the grass cutting service has been rationalised as part of the Her Gwynedd exercise, and with limited financial resources and manpower the number of cuts per season has been reduced.

RESOLVED: To accept the information from the County Councillors. To write a letter to Gwynedd Council expressing Tywyn Town Council's concern that grass is not collected after cutting in Playgrounds and Cemeteries.

Cl. 261
12.04.17

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

Councillor Eileen Ellis reported that she had attended a Public Meeting with North Wales' Police and Crime Commissioner. A number of other Councillors had also attended the public meeting.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 262
12.04.17

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was circulated to Councillors.

The Town Clerk reported that two items had been omitted from the report;

- £4,000 Community Benefit Fund received from Novus
- Permission received from landowner at Tŷ Mawr to place a gas-fuelled beacon to commemorate the centenary of the ending First World War in November 2018.

RESOLVED: To approve the Clerk's report.

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

Cl. 263
12.04.17

North Wales Community Health Council - Ockenden Team and Watchdog holding an event at Neuadd Pendre on Tuesday, 9 May 2017

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 264
12.04.17

Dyfi Biosphere - Request to attend a Council Meeting to give a presentation

RESOLVED: To invite to attend a Council Meeting held in July 2017.

Cl. 265

Gwynedd Council - Public Toilet - Recreation Ground

12.04.17

It was reported by a Gwynedd Councillor that no decision has yet been taken regarding which public toilets will close. With the decision likely to be made by the new Cabinet in June 2017, when criteria for selecting toilets for closure will be known.

RESOLVED: To defer making a decision to contribute £4,000 towards public toilets located at the Recreation Ground (Promenade) until the criteria for selecting toilets for closure is known and confirmation received from Gwynedd Council on which toilets will close, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the proposal.

Cl. 266

12.04.17

Gwynedd Council - Corporate Property Unit - Victorian Shelter

Zurich, the Council's insurer had confirmed that a reinstatement value was required in order to insure the shelter.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to seek professional advice and contact Ceredigion Council regarding re-instatement value.

Cl. 267

12.04.17

Gwynedd Council - Legal Service - 40MPH Speed Restriction on A493, 125 metres north east of Pall Mall

RESOLVED: To accept information regarding 40MPH Speed Restriction on A493 near Pall Mall. To re-send letter to Gwynedd Council regarding speed of vehicles near Tywyn and District Hospital.

Cl. 268

12.04.17

Welsh Hearts - Request for assistance in providing additional external defibrillators in Tywyn

RESOLVED: To purchase defibrillator location signs. To place stickers on map located outside Council Office in order to show defibrillator locations.

Cl. 269

12.04.17

Snowdonia National Park Authority - Town/Community Council's evenings

A letter had been received giving prior notice of Town/Community Council's evenings held on Tuesday, 13 June 2017, Monday, 19 June 2017 and Tuesday, 20 June 2017. No information was received regarding location of the meetings.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 270

12.04.17

Donation of two pictorial folding letter cards

RESOLVED: To forward the donated pictorial letter cards to Gwynedd County Archive at Dolgellau.

Cl. 271

12.04.17

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) One Voice Wales - Bulletin
- (b) Welsh Government - Good Councillors Guide 2017
- (c) Houses of Parliament - UK Parliament Week, 13-19 November 2017
- (d) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Community and Town Council Report
- (e) Talking Health – Newsletter
- (f) North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner - Closure of Dolgellau Custody Suite

Cl. 272
12.04.17

TYWYN RAILWAY BUILDINGS

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

In accordance with Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act – Local Government (Access to Information) Act (1985) Schedule 12A, parts 1.1 and 4.14, public and press are therefore excluded from this part of the meeting.

A Councillor reported that a verbal complaint had been received from a Spiritualist Group called Angel of Light. With the complaint regarding recent press coverage of rental arrears owed by Tywyn Spiritualist Church, and members of the public concerned that Angel of Light owed money to Tywyn Town Council.

Town Clerk informed members that since the last meeting of the Council in March 2017, the solicitor acting on behalf of the Council has sent two letters to the Chairman and Founder of Tywyn Spiritualist Church regarding the debt owed for rental arrears.

Members were made aware that the Chairman and Founder of Tywyn Spiritualist Church recently passed away and that the Council's solicitor had been informed. Members expressed their concern regarding making a claim on the deceased Chairman's estate and of sending letters to grieving relatives.

RESOLVED: To make a formal resolution confirming, that Angel of Light Spiritualist Group does not owe money to Tywyn Town Council.
To contact solicitor at Morris & Bates in order to request advice on making a claim on the estate of the deceased Chairman and Founder of Tywyn Spiritualist Church.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:22pm

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2017
AT TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Alun W. Evans (Chair)

Councillors: Nancy E. Clarke, Ron McCoo, John Boulter

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors: Mike Stevens, John Pughe, Anne Lloyd-Jones

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

No apologies received

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No Councillor declared an interest

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

To offer businesses a contribution of £50 for providing electricity to illuminate two cross street motifs.

To hold a Christmas window display competition, with pupils of Ysgol Penybryn to judge and the following prizes offered: 1st prize of £25, 2nd prize of £15 and 3rd prize of £10. Town Clerk to write a letter to businesses regarding competition and hand deliver in September 2017.

Allocate a budget of £30 to purchase lights for the Council Office.

To place a Season's Greetings advert in the Cambrian News and Dail Dysynni. Make enquiries regarding the cost of placing a similar advert in Sibrydion.

To allocate a budget of £200 to purchase a Christmas tree.

To move tree closer to road/pavement and make enquiries as to the width of pipe required to place tree in a hole.

To allocate a provisional budget of £500 to purchase new lights for Christmas tree, with further consideration by new Council elected in May 2017. Lights to be LED, able to change colour and programmable, with a preference for white and blue LED lights.

To request a quotation for repairing one Cross Street Motif.

To instruct RJ Electrics to dress Christmas tree and erect two Cross Street Motifs.

To defer making a decision to hire solar powered Christmas trees. To make enquiries with Bala Town Council regarding their LED lights fixed to lamp posts with brackets.

To illuminate Christmas lights from 6pm on Saturday, 25 November 2017, with Council Chair to switch lights on and to contact Tywyn Events Organisation to request assistance in organising entertainment.

4. MAINTAINING PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

During discussion on this item, Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones entered the meeting at approximately 7:35pm.

One quotation had been received for maintaining 21km of footpaths categorised as priority routes. An additional quotation had also been received to clear a path from Cwm Maethlon past Erw Faethlon, which had become overgrown with gorse to a point that it is nearly impassable in many places.

RECOMMENDATION: To contact National Park Authority regarding path from Cwm Maethlon to Erw Faethlon in order to request funding to clear gorse.
To write a letter thanking contractor for submitting a quotation and to explain that Tywyn Town Council is contacting Snowdonia National Park regarding footpath from Cwm Maethlon to Erw Faethlon. To offer contractor an interim arrangement to cut the following footpaths prior to Easter; Faenol Isaf to the beach, Lovers Lane to Bryn Hyfryd Rd/Aberdyfi Rd and from the Broadwater to Ynys-y-Maengwyn.

5. FIXING HERITAGE TRAIL SIGN

RECOMMENDATION: To accept quotation received from Sean's Lawns.

6. REPAIRING LOOSE SLATES AND REPLACING WHITE COLOURED GRAVEL AT BRYN-Y-PADERAU

RECOMMENDATION: To allocate a budget of £1,000 for labour and materials. Town Clerk to contact Huws Gray and Travis Perkins for price of white gravel.

7. RECEIVE LETTER FROM TYWYN GARDEN CLUB CONTAINING FEEDBACK ON FLOOR STANDING PLANTERS

Feedback was received by Tywyn Garden Club, with 2016 summer planting being satisfactory but not spectacular. A suggestion was given that more use could be made of trailing plants. 2016 winter planting of spring flowers was appreciated and the large number of planters within the town.

RECOMMENDATION: To accept the information.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPLYING WINTER / SPRING PLANTS

RECOMMENDATION:

To contact contractor responsible for supplying summer plants for floor standing planters in order to receive information as to the arrangements for planting in 2017. Should contractor wish to relinquish contract, to contact Pendre Garden Centre to provide supply and plant service. To hire 40 hanging planters containing summer plants from Plantscape.

To allocate a budget of £1,600 to purchase winter pansies and spring bulbs such as dwarf Daffodils. With spring bulbs and winter pansies to be planted in beds at Bryn-y-Paderau and Brook Street Garden, in 9 floor standing planters (not including the Promenade and planter near Tywyn and District Hospital). To approach Pendre Garden Centre with the contract of supplying and planting spring bulbs and winter pansies.

To allocate a budget of £1,000 towards purchasing shrubs for Brook Street Garden and Bryn-y-Paderau, and to contact Community Service/community groups to assist in planting. To contact community garden groups to enquire whether any cuttings or spare bulbs are available. To purchase shrubs from Pendre Garden Centre, with a preference for small plants over established plants.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:34pm