

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Alun W. Evans (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Eileen M. Ellis,
Richie Owens, John H. Boulter, John Pughe, Dan Wyre,
Mike Stevens, Richard M. Vaughan, Islwyn H. Davies

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

Cl. 78 **APOLOGIES:**
14.09.16

Councillor Nancy E. Clarke
Councillor Mark D. Kendall

Cl. 79 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
14.09.16

Cllr John Boulter (Cl. 86)

Cl. 80 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT:**
14.09.16

Councillor Alun Evans noted the following engagements:

- 10.08.16 Chaired a Planning Committee
- 13.08.16 Attended and Chaired a meeting of the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee
- Attended the International Sheepdog Trials and congratulated the event organisers for bringing such a successful event to Tywyn

Cl. 81 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**
14.09.16 **WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor John Boulter seconding the proposal, with a correction rubbish should be spelt rubbish.

Cl. 82 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON**
14.09.16 **WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2016**

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

Cl. 83 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD**
14.09.16 **ON TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2016**

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

Cl. 84
14.09.16

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF A SITE MEETING AT THE SKATE PARK HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2016

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

Cl. 85
14.09.16

CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SKATE PARK AND GRAFFITI WORKSHOP

Councillor Dan Wyre briefly outlined a proposal to turn the recreation ground into a “pump park” for bicycles and requested permission to investigate the proposal further and submit a report to the Council.

Information had been received by a local PCSO on holding a Graffiti Workshop at the skate park. With the workshop run on an educational basis, to teach anti-vandalism messages, provide ownership of the skate park to look at a theme e.g. drugs/alcohol, environmental issues etc ...

RESOLVED: To give Councillor Dan Wyre permission to make enquiries into creating a pump park at the recreation ground.
To defer making a decision to install a pedestrian gate at the recreation ground.
To upgrade the maintenance contract, with contractor to visit the skate park to repair and paint ramps twice per year.
To make enquiries into the full cost of the workshop, including the paint supplies needed and cost of boards for painting instead of directly onto ramps. To involve the Youth Club, with the Town Council to sponsor the workshop.

Cl. 86
14.09.16

TRAINING SESSION AT NEUADD PENDRE TO DEMONSTRATE HOW TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillor John Boulter declared a prejudicial interest and left the room whilst discussion took place.

During discussion, Councillor Islwyn Davies entered the meeting at approximately 19:25.

RESOLVED: To hold a training session at Neuadd Pendre, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Richard Vaughan seconding the proposal.

Councillor John Boulter re-entered the meeting.

Cl. 87
14.09.16

REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLVED: A report from the External Auditor for the 2015/16 financial year had not been received. To accept the information.

Cl. 88
14.09.16

APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2016

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurer's Report for July and August 2016, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal.

Cl. 89
14.09.16

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:

- Closure of HSBC's branch in Tywyn. A concession had been given by HSBC in a meeting Councillor Stevens attended with Councillor John Pughe, HSBC would install an unbranded ATM machine in the town.
- Received complaints regarding owners taking their dogs to the children's paddling pool and informed the Council that this situation is being monitored.
- Received complaints regarding a school bus operated by a company not having seat belts.
- Informed the Council that street parking along the High Street is as follows: maximum 1 hour allowed from Monday to Saturday, with Sunday being unrestricted.
- An evaluation is underway on how the EU Coastal Development scheme impacted on Tywyn.
- Continuing with working on installing beach safety signs and an alternative to the proposed Dyfi bridge
- Will be meeting the Planning Inspector regarding the Gwynedd and Anglesey JLDP.

Gwynedd Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported the following:

- HSBC. Attended a meeting with Liz Saville Roberts MP and other Gwynedd Councillors to discuss the closure of Tywyn branch.
- Informed the Council of the Tywyn flooding scheme evaluation.
- Received an anonymous letter regarding the Corbett Arms and due to the nature of the content would not be reading the letter. A copy of the letter will be given to the Town Clerk.
- Sale of the Institute building completed.
- Tywyn Library to remain open as an area library. With the opening hours to be subject to review in order to meet needs of users.
- Ffion Johnstone has been appointed as Chairman of Gwynedd's Public Service Board.
- Gwynedd Summer survey available.
- Gwynedd Council clamping down on Environmental Crime.
- Pest Control Unit saved from service cuts, however the service must charge more.

- Three successful events held in Tywyn over the summer months; Prom Fest, Race the Train and the International Sheepdog Trials.

RESOLVED: To accept the information from the County Councillors.

Cl. 90
14.09.16

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

Councillor Islwyn Davies reported the following from his attendance at a Ysgol Penybryn Governors meeting. Pupils had an enjoyable time on a bus trip organised by the Library.

RESOLVED: To accept the information

Cl. 91
14.09.16

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report for June was circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To approve the Clerk's report.

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

Cl. 92
14.09.16

HSBC - Closure of Tywyn branch

A letter had been received by HSBC in response to the letter sent by Tywyn Town Council.

A Councillor reported that Councillor John Pughe had not been nominated by the Council to represent the Council in a meeting with HSBC officials.

Councillor John Pughe stated and requested the minutes to record that he had not attended the meeting as a representative of Tywyn Town Council, but as a Town Councillor.

It was reported that HSBC will install an unbranded ATM in Tywyn and is investigating how the Post Office can offer more services to Business Customers and Community Groups/Charities.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 93
14.09.16

Liz Saville Roberts MP - Closure of Tywyn HSBC branch

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 94
14.09.16

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board - Concerns regarding access to Tywyn Hospital

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

- Cl. 95
14.09.16 Welsh Government - Transport - meeting with Cabinet Secretary to discuss proposed pont ar Ddyfi
- Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary had declined Tywyn Town Council's invitation to a meeting to discuss the proposed bridge
- RESOLVED:** To accept the information.
- Cl. 96
14.09.16 Gwynedd Council - Regulatory Department - Crossing on Neptune Road
- RESOLVED:** To accept the information.
- Cl. 97
14.09.16 Gwynedd Council - Property Service - Establishing a Parking Order on Marine Parade
- Councillor John Pughe requested the minutes to record that in his opinion Gwynedd Council had not done their due diligence on the matter.
- RESOLVED:** Councillor John Pughe proposed, with Councillor Eileen Ellis seconding the proposal to send a strongly worded letter to Gwynedd Council regarding the parking order and to continue contacting the Charity Commission.
- Cl. 98
14.09.16 Gwynedd Council - Corporate Support - Working in partnership to keep public toilets open in 2017/18
- Information had been received by Gwynedd Council, that a contribution of £4,000 could be applied toward the cost of keeping both public toilets open, albeit on a seasonal basis.
- RESOLVED:** To accept the new information. To continue with a contribution of £4,000 towards one public toilet on the basis that the contribution will enable Gwynedd Council to keep both public toilets in Tywyn open, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal.
- Cl. 99
14.09.16 Gwynedd Council - Regulatory Department – Proposed extension to 40mph speed restriction at Bryncrug Road
- RESOLVED:** To accept the information. To discuss reducing the speed limit near the Hospital as an Agenda item at the next Council meeting.
- Cl. 100
14.09.16 One Voice Wales - Training sessions for September to December 2016
- RESOLVED:** To accept the information, with Councillors to contact the Town Clerk if interested in attending a training session.
- Cl. 101
14.09.16 Complaint received by a local resident regarding dogs using paddling pool

RESOLVED: In addition to Gwynedd Council monitoring the situation, Tywyn Town Councillors to also monitor the situation. To request evidence from complainants.

Cl. 102
14.09.16

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) One Voice Wales - Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee Consultation
- (b) One Voice Wales - Planning Policy Wales questionnaire
- (c) One Voice Wales - Wales Audit Office - Consultation on fee rates
- (d) One Voice Wales - Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth on 13 March 2017
- (e) One Voice Wales - Information on upcoming key dates for First World War centenary commemorations in Wales
- (f) Gwynedd Council - Economy and Community - launch of new Lottery fund aimed at rural communities
- (g) Gwynedd Council - Highways and Municipal Service - Works Programme September, 2016

The meeting was declared closed at 8:18pm

MINUTES of the Planning Committee
held in the Committee Room, Council Office, High Street, Tywyn,
on Wednesday, 10 August, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor Ron McCoo

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

C16/0853/09/DA Councillors declared that the Town Council is administering a community fund on behalf of the developer

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1

C16/0839/09/LL

Application to vary condition 1 attached to planning permission reference C11/0435/09/LL to allow a further three (3) years to implement the permission to erect one dwelling and an integral garage

34 Faenol Isaf, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 0DW

During the discussion Councillor John Boulter entered the meeting at approximately 6.03pm

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

3.2

C16/0853/09/DA

Application for non-material amendments to planning permission reference C15/0662/09/LL to include amendments to location and finishes of ancillary buildings and equipment, amend location of fence, new gate and siting of storage container

Land at Morfa Camp, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 9BH

During the discussion Councillor Mike Stevens entered the meeting at approximately 6.06pm

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

The meeting was declared closed at 6:07pm

Site-meeting, Tywyn Skatepark
2/08/16 at 5pm

Present:

Cllrs: John Boulter, Ron McCoo, Mark Kendall, Nancy Clarke, Mike Stevens, Islwyn Davies

Town Clerk and Mr Chaz Hampson also present

Apologies:

Cllrs: Alun Evans, John Pughe, Anne Lloyd-Jones

Councillors' discussed the present state of the skate ramps and the future in terms of repairs with Mr Chaz Hampson.

It was noted that Mr Hampson currently has a maintenance contract with the Council. The contract is worth £1,000 per year and includes one visit to paint and repair any small holes. Having the ramps maintained twice per year, at April and then in September/October would cost £1,000 per visit. Having two visits would ensure that any action needed would be dealt with earlier rather than any holes becoming bigger and needing more work.

It was reported that the ramps are approximately 20 years old and are in a good condition for their age with the interior solid and in good condition. The sides of panels facing the weather need more work, with one panel due to be replaced the following with a galvanised sheet and the coping repaired. Further work was needed to repair holes to the side panels and painting the entire ramps would be finished by the end of the week.

Replacing one ramp with a brand new ramp would cost approximately £35,000.

All exterior side panels are cosmetic and are not part of the structure, therefore any holes or rust do not compromise the strength of the ramps. Looking to the future, over the next few years there would be small repair work in patching different areas and all the ramps would be good for at least 2-3 years. The panels could be replaced with different materials, such as concrete blocks but they also come with their disadvantages and advantages.

Councillors present also noted that one of the bins needed emptying, with the other bin needing to be made safe and moved away from the youth shelter, which was aiding young people to climb the shelter. It was also noted that not all the grass had been cut and a suggestion that a gate could be erected to join the two areas.