

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY 2016
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.28PM

PRESENT: Councillor Alun Evans (Chair)

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

Cl. 14 **APOLOGIES:**

11.05.16

Councillor Richie Owens

Cl. 15 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

11.05.16

Cllr John Boulter (Cl. 28 / Cl. 30)
Cllr Nancy Clarke (Cl 29)

Cl. 16 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT:**

11.05.16

Councillor Alun Evans as the new Chairman requested Councillor John Boulter to present his report for April and noted the following engagements:

- 20.04.16 Chaired an Extraordinary meeting of Tywyn Town Council
- 2.05.16 Visited Ynysymaengwyn Caravan Park and held several conversations with owners of caravans sited at Ynysymaengwyn. All comments received were complementary to the site and to the staff.
- 3.05.16 Chaired a joint-meeting at Tywyn Baptist Church between Community Councils in southern Meirionnydd to discuss the proposed Dyfi Bridge
- 4.05.16 Chaired a Planning Committee

Cl. 17 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**
11.05.16 **WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2016**

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

Cl. 18 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD**
11.05.16 **ON WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2016**

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

Cl. 19 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON**

11.05.16

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2016

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

Cl. 20

APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2016

11.05.16

Within the Treasurer's report an invoice received from Gwynedd Council for the cost of erecting lights for Christmas 2015 was included within the report. A question was received as to the cost compared to the previous year.

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurer's Report for April, with the Town Clerk to confirm the cost of erecting lights for Christmas 2014.

Cl. 21

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED REGARDING ACCESS TO TYWYN AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

11.05.16

It was reported that Councillors had received a number of verbal complaints regarding accessing the Hospital and recently relocated Health Clinic. Individuals with mobility difficulties and on crutches were experiencing difficulties opening heavy doors, complaints were also made regarding the car park.

During the discussion, it was reported that the Hospital was aware of the teething problems with some of the doors concerned adjusted and that Porters were available to assist patients/service users.

RESOLVED: Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposed writing a letter to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to highlight the problems, with Councillor John Boulter seconding the proposal.

Cl. 22

APPLYING FOR AN IN MEMORIAM TESTIMONIAL AWARD FOR MR RICHARD GUEST

11.05.16

The Town Clerk reported that the family of Mr Richard Guest, who sadly passed away on Sunday, July 5th 2015 whilst trying to save two teenagers from the sea are making enquiries for a posthumous award to be awarded.

It was reported that a Police Officer located at West Bromwich Police Station is currently making enquiries into the Royal Humane Society's In Memoriam Testimonial and may be in contact with the Town Council for a letter of support.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mark Kendall proposed, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the proposal to defer making a decision to apply for an In Memoriam Testimonial until the West Midlands Police have made enquiries into the suitability of the award.

Cl. 23

VERBAL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2016 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED DYFI BRIDGE

11.05.16

The Town Clerk reported that Mr Julian Davies and Mr Richard Bruten of Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd as appointed contractors by Welsh Government were present at the meeting to give a presentation showing the latest design of the

proposed bridge. Councillors from Arthog Community Council, Brynchrug Community Council and Tywyn Town Council were present to discuss the proposed bridge and its suitability to communities in southern Meirionnydd.

Two main areas of concern were identified at the meeting, namely the frequent flooding of the road under the Railway Bridge and how the scheme aimed to alleviate the flooding, and secondly the proposed new junction from the A487 joining the A493 towards Aberdyfi, with the new proposed junction to be located north of the existing Dyfi Bridge on a relatively long and straight piece of highway with vehicles travelling at speed. It was reported at the meeting that installing a roundabout may be an option but could be refused by Snowdonia National Park due to light pollution.

It was confirmed at the meeting that Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd had been issued a project brief aimed at increasing the reliability of the A487 and not to bypass Machynlleth. It was also reported that the proposed bridge and new junction conformed to road safety standards, with large lorries able to navigate the junction leaving the A487 onto the A493 towards Aberdyfi.

RESOLVED: Councillor Richard Vaughan proposed, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the proposal to contact the Welsh Government's new Transport Minister to invite the Minister to meet Tywyn Town Councillors to make representations, with other Community Councils in southern Meirionnydd also kept informed of developments.

Cl. 24
11.05.16

GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

Gwynedd Councillors Mike Stevens and Anne Lloyd-Jones reported the following:

- Gwynedd Council had met officers of Denbighshire County Council to learn about how street enforcement issues such as dog fouling and fly posters are dealt with. It was reported that Denbighshire Council are using a private company and since 2010, 10,000 fixed penalty fines have been issued – with for example £75 of a £150 fine given to a private company. Gwynedd Council is currently investigating the feasibility of using a private contractor.
- A Dementia friendly communities seminar had been held, with the aim of ensuring that people with Dementia are not trapped in houses all-day.
- Interviews had been held at Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn for School Prefects, and it was reported that the young people who applied for the role as Prefects were a testament to the town.
- Interviews had been held at Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn for a Deputy Head, with the new Deputy Head starting in September 2016.
- Gwynedd Council is currently changing the last letters of all email addresses from @gwynedd.gov.uk to @gwynedd.llyw.cymru
- Gwynedd Council is installing a new telephone system and includes a call-back feature

- Residents are able to view County Councillors attendance at meetings and an annual statement prepared by Councillors, however attendance at external committees are not included.

RESOLVED: To accept the information

Cl. 25
11.05.16

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

Councillor Alun Evans reported that One Voice Wales' Meirionnydd Branch would be holding its Annual General Meeting at Neuadd Pendre, Tywyn on Wednesday, 25 May 2016 at 7pm.

Councillors were interested in attending the Meirionnydd branch of One Voice Wales' meeting held in Tywyn.

RESOLVED: To accept the information regarding location, date and time of meeting. The Clerk to make enquiries with One Voice Wales regarding Councillors that are not appointed representatives attending the Meirionnydd branch meeting at Neuadd Pendre.

Cl. 26
11.05.16

CLERK'S REPORT

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

Following the presentation of the Clerk's report, a Councillor drew attention to a matter brought to the attention of Councillors by the Town Clerk the previous day via email and not included within the Report. There was a general consensus at the meeting that a meeting of the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee should be held to discuss the matter.

RESOLVED: To approve the Clerk's report.

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

Cl. 27
11.05.16

Gwynedd Council - Property Service - Parking on Marine Parade

Two letters had been received by Gwynedd Council. The first letter received had been sent by Gwynedd Council's Solicitor responsible for preparing a Draft Parking Order on Marine Parade, with the letter confirming receipt of Tywyn Town Council's objection to the proposed Parking Order. The second letter received confirmed receipt of Tywyn Town Council's objection to the proposed Parking Order by Gwynedd Council's Parking and Road Safety Manager. The second letter also confirmed receipt of documentation detailing the gifting of the Promenade in 1889 by John Corbett to the Local Board, unfortunately with the quality of print being of poor quality Gwynedd Council Officers were unable to analyse the information.

RESOLVED: Tywyn Town Council to write to the Charity Commission for England and Wales requesting a copy of the 1889 document and

to write to Gwynedd Council explaining that a request has been sent to the Charity Commission for a copy of the document.

Cl. 28
11.05.16 Neuadd Pendre - Request for permission to repair mounts of Royal Photographs on loan to Neuadd Pendre

Councillor John Boulter declared an interest

RESOLVED: Not to repair due to the fragile nature of the mounts and age of the Royal Photographs.

Cl. 29
11.05.16 Dysynni Community First Responders - Purchase of new pads for Public Access Defibrillators at Promenade and Spar Garage

Councillor Nancy Clarke declared an interest

The Town Clerk reported that pads on the Defibrillators located at Spar Garage and on the Promenade had expired and in need of replacement. Information had also been received by Dysynni Community First Responders that the Welsh Ambulance Service now use ZOLL defibrillators and would automatically replace pads if an incident were to occur.

RESOLVED: Councillor Ron McCoo proposed, with Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal to purchase replacement pads for the two defibrillators.

Cl. 30
11.05.16 Queen's 90th birthday - Request for funding towards purchase of Cup to be presented annually at Penybryn sports day

Councillor John Boulter declared an interest

RESOLVED: Councillor Mark Kendall proposed, with Councillor Dan Wyre seconding the proposal to offer £350 towards the cost of hosting a children's party and a maximum of £50 towards a cup for Penybryn Primary School.
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposed, with Councillor John Pughe seconding the proposal to offer Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn a maximum of £50 towards a cup as a prize to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Cl. 31
11.05.16 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) Gwynedd Council - Maritime and Country Parks Service - Beach Safety and RNLI safety campaign
- (b) Gwynedd Council - Property Service - Supply of electricity from Solar Array to Gwynedd Council properties in Tywyn
- (c) Neuadd Pendre - Mounting of External Defibrillator
- (d) Royal Mail - Relocation of Tywyn's Delivery Office
- (e) Aberdyfi Community Council - RNLI safety campaign

The meeting was declared closed at 8:19pm

MINUTES of the Planning Committee
held in the Resources Room, Tywyn Secondary School, Tywyn,
on Wednesday, 4 May, 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. J.H.Boulter (Chairman)
R.E.Owens; R.W.McCoo; A.Lloyd-Jones;
E.M.Ellis; A.W.Evans; G.M.Stevens; D.A.Wyre

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Nancy Clarke

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. J.Pughe

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C16/0346/09/LL Single storey extension to rear of dwelling

6 Swn y Wylan, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 0DJ

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

C16/0316/09/LL Alterations to existing dwelling to include creation of first floor,
rear first floor balcony, porch to front together with alterations to
openings

25 Faenol Isaf, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 0DW

Cllr Dan Wyre entered the room at 6:34pm

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

C16/0352/09/LL Proposed two storey extension to side of dwelling

4 Bishton Close, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 0TG

RECOMMENDATION: To express concern regarding the proximity
of the extension to the neighbouring property.

The meeting was declared closed at 6:46pm