

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)  
  
Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Alun Wyn Evans, Cathy Evans, Eileen Jones,  
Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo, Marisa O’Hara, Olivia Woodward.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Chris Wood (Clerk)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no questions from members of the public.

At the start of the meeting, Cllr. John Pughe spoke to offer condolences on behalf of the Council to the families of John Smallwood and Mark Blunden following their passing. Members of the Council stood to observe a minutes silence in their honour.

CI 032.           **1. APOLOGIES**  
12.6.24       Matthew Cooling, Mark Kendall, Aled Lewis.

CI 033.           **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**  
12.6.24       Cllr. Eileen Jones, Item 11.  
                  Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, Item 11.  
                  Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 15.

CI 034.           **3. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
12.6.24       The Chair reported on the following activities:  
                  Attended a Network Rail naming ceremony at Wharf Station for a locomotive being  
                  named Rheilffordd Talylyln Railway.  
                  Attended the Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth Rail Passenger Association meeting at Wharf  
                  Station to discuss the proposed changes to the Cambrian Coast Line timetable.  
                  Attend the Council’s D Day 80 commemoration event at Neuadd Pendre which was very  
                  succesful and enjoyed by all who attended.

CI 035.           **4. MINUTES**  
12.6.24       To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on  
                  Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.  
                  It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O’Hara and  
                  **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2024.

CI 036.           **5. MINUTES**  
12.6.24       To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on  
                  Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.  
                  It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O’Hara and  
                  **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2024.

- CI 037.  
12.6.24 **6. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2024**  
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2024.
- CI 038.  
12.6.24 **7. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**  
The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which reported on the following items:
- Skatepark  
The soil which has been moved to build up the slopes around the skatepark has now been seeded.  
The RoSPA inspection will be taking place during the next two months.  
There are still issues with vandalism taking place around the tarmac area which is being monitored.
- Network Rail Naming Ceremony  
Accompanied the Chair of the Council to Wharf Station for a Network Rail naming ceremony for a locomotive being named Rheilffordd Talyllyn Railway. Also in attendance was the Chair of Network Rail, Lord Peter Hendy and Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport.
- Website  
Work is progressing to complete the website and move all required documentation across.
- Ffiws Tywyn  
Following a number of meetings with Menter Mon, a substantial capital and revenue grant has been awarded to Ffiws Tywyn to establish this new community facility and to help to offer training courses to people interested in using the Ffiws. A number of open days are being planned over the next few months to showcase the Ffiws to the community and encourage people to come along and discover what the Ffiws can offer.
- Town Centre Improvements  
Attended a meeting with Gwynedd Council to discuss their proposals to undertake work in Tywyn as part of World Heritage Site Partnership Board's plans to recognise Tywyn's contribution in the development of the Slate Landscape of North Wales. The works are being funded through UK Government grants from the Levelling Up Fund and the Shared Prosperity Fund. Discussions included plans to improve local signage, a public art project, shop window improvements, pavement improvement works and new smart benches and bins.
- It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.
- CI 039.  
12.6.24 **8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**  
Cllr. Marisa O'Hara reported attending a meeting with Gwynedd Council discussing the proposed Public Art project. It was not possible to appoint an artist to take the project forward and it is now planned to undertake further meetings to discuss a different way to progress the project.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the Network Rail naming ceremony, the Tallylyn Railway 75th Anniversary Appeal launch, the Llechi Slate Group meeting, the Town Centre Development meeting, the Gwynedd Council AGM, a Gwynedd Council Cost of Living training course, a Gwynedd Council Chairing Meeting Skills course, the Cambrian Coast Liaison Meeting discussing cutbacks to railway services and the D Day 80 event organised by Tywyn Town Council.

CI 040.  
12.6.24 **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 whether there had been an update to the issue raised at the last meeting regarding student travel. Cllrs. John Pughe and Anne Lloyd-Jones both responded that there had been no response yet but that the current position held by Gwynedd Council is unlikely to change.

Cllr. Marisa O’Hara asked whether there had been any progress to address the parking situation in Idris Villas and other locations in Tywyn. Cllr. John Pughe responded that discussions with Gwynedd Council were ongoing. Cllr. O’Hara also raised an issue with visibility at the Pier Road/Llewelyn Road junction and enquired when the paddling pool on the promenade would be opening. Cllr. John Pughe responded that he has asked Gwynedd Council about the paddling pool opening but has not received a response. Cllr. Eileen Jones asked about blocked drains and gullies in Tywyn. Cllr. John Pughe responded that whilst some clearance work has been undertaken by Gwynedd Council, more remains to be done.

CI 041.  
12.6.24 **10. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C24/0431/09/HD TIR GAER MAST LL36 9AP**  
Following a discussion by Councillors on the application, Councillors agreed to offer no objections to Planning Application C24/0431/09/HD.

Cllrs. Alun Wyn Evans and Eileen Jones left the meeting.

CI 042.  
12.6.24 **11. MOTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY DAIL DYSYNNI**  
Following a discussion by Councillors on the merits of the application, It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O’Hara, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to award a grant of £250.00 to Dail Dysynni.

Cllrs. Alun Wyn Evans and Eileen Jones returned to the meeting.

CI 043.  
12.6.24 **12. TO DISCUSS HOLDING AN AUGUST OPENING EVENT FOR THE SKATEPARK**  
Following an introduction by the Clerk and a discussion by Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Cathy Evans, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to hold an August opening event for the Skatepark.

CI 044.  
12.6.24 **13. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**  
None received

CI 045.  
12.6.24 **14. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**  
North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Community Risk Management Plan Public Consultation  
Planning Aid Wales – Training Calendar  
Eryri National Park – Vacancy for an Authority Member  
One Voice Wales - Cost of living webinar  
Wales Slate Project - Abergynolwyn and Tywyn Local Slate Group Meeting  
Gwynedd Council – Tywyn Town Centre Improvement Project

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Presentations  
Gwynedd Council – Tywyn Hub update

*Correspondence noted.*

CI 046.  
12.6.24

**15. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

The Ynysymaengwyn Trust provided the following written report to the Council.

The Trustees would like to express their sincere condolences to Rita and her family following the sad news that Mark had passed away last week.

**Trustees Meeting**

The last meeting of the Trustees was held on Thursday May 23rd and was primarily to discuss the operation of the Caravan Park. Regretably, no Director was able to attend and none of the information requested from the Directors ahead of the meeting had been made available to the Trustees. The Trustees expressed their disappointment that the meeting was unable to proceed as intended and a new meeting has been arranged for later this month.

**New Trustees**

The Trustees decided that additional Trustees should be appointed and agreed for an advertisement to be distributed as soon as possible throughout Tywyn and to also be posted on social media.

**Playpark**

Work on the new playpark has been completed and is now open to to the public.

**Outdoor Gym**

Issues with the outdoor gym have been resolved and all items of equipment are now back in full working order.

**Riverbank Fencing**

Work on the installation of the new fencing along the riverbank to stop cattle damaging the bank has been completed.

**Accounts**

The Trustees have not yet been able to discuss the 2023 Trust accounts but will be submitting them to the Charity Commission as soon as possible.

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

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIR**