

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2022
AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair).

Councillors: John Pughe, Matthew Cooling, Ron McCoo, Nancy Clarke, Olivia Woodward, Cathy Evans, Alun Wyn Evans, Gareth Mason, Aled Lewis.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk).

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

114. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Marisa O'Hara, Anne Lloyd-Jones.

115. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PERSONAL CONNECTION**

Councillor Nancy Clarke, Item 17, Husband is a Trustee of the Ynysmaengwyn Trust.

116. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported the following:

- Represented the Council at the Remembrance services at Bryn Paderau and St Cadfan's Church.
- Attended Planning, Environment and Finance Committee Meetings

117. **MINUTES**

To receive and approve:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9th November 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Nancy Clarke, seconded by Councillor Cathy Evans and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2022.

118. **MINUTES**

To receive and approve:

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th November 2022.

Proposed by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2022.

119. **MINUTES**
To receive and approve:
Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th November 2022.
Proposed by Councillor Matthew Cooling, seconded by Councillor Aled Lewis and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 16th November 2022.
120. **MINUTES**
To receive and approve:
Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th November 2022
Proposed by Councillor Matthew Cooling, seconded by Councillor Aled Lewis and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 30th November 2022.
121. **MINUTES**
To receive and approve:
Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 30th November 2022
Proposed by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 30th November 2022.
122. **TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022**
Proposed by Councillor Nancy Clarke, seconded by Councillor Aled Lewis and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2022.
123. **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Councillor Cathy Evans attended the Ysgol Penybryn Christmas Concert and reported an excellent performance by all involved.
Councillor Alun Wyn Evans reported requesting a change of meeting dates with One Voice Wales.
Councillor Alun Wyn Evans congratulated Lynda Bennett of Dysynni Hockey Club for winning Coach of the Year at the Gwynedd Sports Awards.
124. **OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS WITHIN THE REMIT OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

Councillor Eileen Jones asked about the raised area by the Barclays Bank ATM as there have been incidents of members of the public falling off and being injured. Councillor John Pugh replied that the issue has been raised with Gwynedd Council but and it will be raised again. Councillor Matthew Cooling asked if there are any Warm Spaces planned for Tywyn. Councillor John Pugh replied that the Library is operating as a Warm Space during opening hours and will investigate whether the leisure centre could also operate as a Warm Space. Councillor Alun Wyn Evans asked if there had been any progress on resolving the parking issues in Idris Villas. Councillor John Pugh replied that new parking restrictions would soon be implemented.

125. **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which reported the following items:

Skatepark

The site survey has been completed by Maverick Skateparks and discussions are ongoing with Dwyr Cymru Welsh Water as to the best way forward to work around the sewage pipe which runs under the site.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Christmas Lights switch on was a great success with the High Street busy all day. There has been a lot of positive feedback and ideas for next year have already been discussed. An issue with one of the new streetlights has been reported to the supplier and we expect repairs will be undertaken soon.

Station Building

Attended a meeting at the station building with Transport for Wales Contractors. Issues with damp and lighting were reported together with a request for windows to be installed in the rooms off the platform.

Air Ambulance

Attended the public meeting at Neuadd Pendre about the proposed changes to the Air Ambulance service.

Remembrance Day

Attended the Remembrance service at Bryn Paderau which was well supported.

Cambrian News

The Cambrian News has been sent the Agenda and Zoom link for tonight's meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Ron McCo, seconded by Councillor Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

126. **MOTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY TYWYN EVENTS ORGANISATION**

Councillors discussed the application and the recommendation by the Finance Committee that a grant of £1000 be made. It was **Proposed** by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Aled Lewis and **resolved that** £1000.00 be awarded to Tywyn Events Organisation.

127. **MOTION TO INCREASE THE PARKING CHARGES AT THE CAMBRIAN ROAD CAR PARK**

The Clerk suggested to the Meeting that the car park charges at the Cambrian Road Car Park be increased from £1.00 for 4 hours parking to £2.00 for 4 hours parking and from £2.00 for 8 hours parking to £4.00 for 8 hours parking.

Councillors discussed increasing the parking charges, not increasing the parking charges and comparisons to other car park charges.

It was **Proposed** by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the car park charges at the Cambrian Road Car Park be increased to £2.00 for 4 hours parking and £4.00 for 8 hours parking.

128. **TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE**

None received.

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

- Network Rail – Barmouth viaduct restoration update.
- One Voice Wales – Exceptions to council tax premium consultation.
- Gwynedd Council – Planning application C22/1050/09/LL Idris Villas.
- One Voice Wales – The Future of Welsh Communities.
- Network Rail – Barmouth track renewal update.
- One Voice Wales – Cost of living webinar.

130. **MOTION TO RECEIVE UPDATES CONCERNING YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST**

Councillor Aled Lewis provided the Meeting with the following updates:

- The Ghost Walk was a great success with approximately 1000 people attending.
- The bee colonies are doing very well and are receiving great interest from
- Larch disease has been identified in the woodland and tree felling will be undertaken once the necessary licence has been obtained.
- The Welsh Tree Giveaway could be a source of new trees from people with no area to plant their trees.
- There are ongoing issues of dogs roaming off the lead and the Trust is looking at all options to resolve the issue as there have been a number of instances of concern.
- Dog fouling remains an issue with the Trust looking at ways to ensure dog owners act responsibly.
- Two of the new fruit trees recently planted have been uprooted and stolen.
- New fencing will be erected by the riverbank to enclose Ynysymaengwyn land and prevent damage to the riverbank by encroaching cattle.
- Plans are underway to make the old boathouse a feature of the estate and to develop the old potting shed.
- Work to construct a launching platform to access the river will be starting soon.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.55pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR