

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY 2016
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor John Boulter (Chair)

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

Cl. 01 **APOLOGIES:**

11.05.16

Councillor Richie Owens

Cl. 02 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

11.05.16

Cllr Anne Lloyd-Jones (Cl. 07f / Cl. 08b / Cl. 08e / Cl. 08f / Cl. 08h)
Cllr Eileen Ellis (Cl. 08e)

Cl. 03 **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2016 - 2017**

11.05.16

Nominations were invited for the position of Chair of Tywyn Town Council and Mayor of the town for 2016 – 2017.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposed that Councillor Alun Evans be elected Chair of Tywyn Town Council and Mayor of the town for 2016 – 2017, with Councillor Eileen Ellis seconding the proposal.

Councillor Dan Wyre proposed that Councillor John Pughe be elected Chair of Tywyn Town Council and Mayor of the town for 2016 – 2017, with Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the proposal.

It was put to the vote and by majority vote, Councillor Alun Evans was elected Chair of Tywyn Town Council for 2016 – 2017.

The retiring Chairman and Mayor of Tywyn for 2015 – 2016 presented the customary retiring address.

First of all may I thank those Councillors who gave me the opportunity to take on the role as Chairman and Mayor of Tywyn Town Council during the past 12 months. It has been both an Honour and Privilege to serve both the Council and the people of Tywyn during this period of time and an experience in the main, I have enjoyed very much.

On a more serious note there remains the problem as highlighted recently in the Cambrian News. We as Councillors are accountable to those who elected us at the last election and we should never forget this fact. Unless we work together as

a team no matter who Chairs the Council, Tywyn will not reap the rewards it so deserves.

Yes have your opinions in the chamber, have your disagreements and if you can't agree, let democracy dictate the outcome and lets move on. There appears at the moment a sincere lack of Respect and Trust of each other and their opinions.

I would like to quote paragraphs in the Cambrian News recently where Nick Bennett, the public services Ombudsman for Wales, warned that the Councillors should "try to resolve any underlying animosity that may exist between them for the benefit of their community" he then went on to say "he had little sympathy with vexatious code complaints and elected members were there to serve in the public interest and not to pursue private vendettas". I whole heartedly support these comments.

Hopefully these comments will not fall on deaf ears and let's hope that what has gone on in the past remains in the past and move forward in a positive manner for the benefit not only for Tywyn Town Council but the people who voted us into this position of trust.

There have been many adverse comments made in the Cambrian News during the past month concerning Tywn Town Council. May I respectfully suggest to members of our Community, attend the meeting of the Council yourself and then make your own judgement.

Please remember, in twelve months' time there will be Council elections. Those of us who wish to be elected again may well be judged on their conduct and dealing with local issues of concern to the community in which they have served.

United, this Council could achieve so much if the willingness to compromise is there. In closing my report may I wish my successor best wishes for the coming twelve months.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Alun Evans be elected Chair of Tywyn Town Council and Mayor of the Town for 2016 – 2017.

Cl. 04
11.05.16

RECEIVE THE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Alun Evans thanked the outgoing Chairman for all his work during his year in office and hoped that all Councillors could work together as a team.

RESOLVED: To receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office following the meeting.

Cl. 05
11.05.16

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2016 - 2017

Nominations were invited for the position of Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council for 2016 – 2017.

Councillor Eileen Ellis proposed that Councillor Nancy Clarke be elected Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council for 2016 – 2017, with Councillor Mark Kendall seconding the proposal.

Councillor Islwyn Davies proposed that Councillor John Pughe be elected Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council for 2016 – 2017, with Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the proposal.

It was put to the vote and by majority vote, Councillor Nancy Clarke was elected Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council for 2016 – 2017.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Nancy Clarke be elected Vice Chair of Tywyn Town Council for 2016 – 2017.

Cl. 06
11.05.16

RECEIVE THE VICE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Nancy Clarke stated that she would do her best to support Councillor Alun Evans as Chair and would also do her best for the town.

RESOLVED: To receive the Vice Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office following the meeting.

Cl. 07
11.05.16

APPOINT MEMBERS AND ELECT CHAIR OF COMMITTEES

Cllr Anne Lloyd-Jones declared an interest in item Cl. 07f

- a) Finance Committee
- b) Planning Committee
- c) Environment Committee
- d) Personnel Committee
- e) Personnel Appeals Panel
- f) Ynysymaengwyn Caravan Park Committee
- g) Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposed to keep the membership of Committees the same as the previous year and to elect the Chair of Committees in first committee meeting, with Councillor Dan Wyre seconding the proposal.

RESOLVED: To appoint members as follows to the Council's Committees:

- a) Finance Committee
Cllrs Alun Evans, Nancy Clarke, John Boulter, Ron McCoo, Richie Owens
- b) Planning Committee
Cllrs Alun Evans, Nancy Clarke, John Boulter, Islwyn Davies, Ron McCoo, Richie Owens, John Pughe, Dan Wyre
(Cllrs Mike Stevens and Anne Lloyd-Jones as Gwynedd Councillors)
- c) Environment Committee
Cllrs Alun Evans, Nancy Clarke, John Boulter, Islwyn Davies, Ron McCoo, Dan Wyre
- d) Personnel Committee
Cllrs Alun Evans, Islwyn Davies, Eileen Ellis, Richie Owens, Mark Kendall

- e) Personnel Appeals Panel
Cllrs Nancy Clarke, John Pughe, Dan Wyre
- f) Ynysymaengwyn Caravan Park Committee
All Councillors
- g) Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee
All Councillors

Cl. 08
11.05.16

NOMINATE AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Anne Lloyd-Jones declared an interest in the following items: Cl. 08b / Cl. 08e / Cl. 08f / Cl. 08h. Cllr Eileen Ellis declared an interest in item Cl. 08e

- a) One Voice Wales
- b) Bro Dysynni Leisure Association
- c) Meirionnydd Citizens Advice Bureau
- d) Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism and Commerce
- e) Ann Owen Charity Committee
- f) Tywyn Partnership Group
- g) Meirionnydd Access Group
- h) Penybryn School Governing Body

RESOLVED: To appoint representatives as follows to the outside bodies:

- a) One Voice Wales
Cllr Alun Evans and the Town Clerk
- b) Bro Dysynni Leisure Association
Councillor John Pughe proposed with Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal to write a letter to Bro Dysynni Leisure Association to seek clarification on whether it required the Council to appoint a representative. To appoint Cllr John Boulter as a representative if Bro Dysynni Leisure Association required a representative of the Council.
- c) Meirionnydd Citizens Advice Bureau
To write a letter to Meirionnydd Citizen Advice Bureau to seek clarification on whether it required the Council to appoint a representative. To defer electing a representative.
- d) Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism and Commerce
Not to appoint a representative, following receiving information from Councillor Mike Stevens as Chair of the Tywyn and District Chamber of Commerce that the Chamber did not require a representative.
- e) Ann Owen Charity Committee
To appoint Cllr Richard Vaughan
- f) Tywyn Partnership Group
To write a letter to Tywyn Partnership Group to seek clarification on whether it required the Council to appoint a representative. To appoint Cllr Mark Kendall as a representative if Tywyn Partnership Group required a representative of the Council.
- g) Meirionnydd Access Group
To appoint Cllr John Boulter
- h) Penybryn School Governing Body
To appoint Cllr Islwyn Davies

Cl. 09
11.05.16

APPROVE DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016 - 2017

RESOLVED: To approve the dates of Council Meetings, time and venue as noted on the list for 2016 - 2017

Cl. 10
11.05.16

REVIEW AND ADOPT STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: To adopt the Standing Orders without any modifications

Cl. 11
11.05.16

REVIEW AND ADOPT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the new model financial regulations for 2016 had been recalled by One Voice Wales due to a number of technical references in the regulations needing to be changed to make the regulations Wales specific.

RESOLVED: To use the 2015/16 Financial Regulations until the model regulations are amended by One Voice Wales.

Cl. 12
11.05.16

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2016/2017

Councillor Eileen Ellis proposed appointing Mr John D. Roberts as an Internal Auditor for 2016/17, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the proposal.

RESOLVED: To appoint John D Roberts as an Internal Auditor for 2016/2017. To make enquiries with Mr John Roberts as to the reimbursement the Council receives for use of the Council's office.

Cl. 13
11.05.16

REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S POLICIES OR SET A TIMETABLE FOR DOING SO

- a) Donations Policy
- b) Equal Opportunities Policy
- c) Pensions Policy
- d) Environmental Policy
- e) Health and Safety Policy

RESOLVED: To review the policies at the next appropriate Committee.

The meeting was declared closed at 7:28pm