

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Tywyn Town Council held in the Resources Centre, Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn, on Wednesday, 10 June, 2015, at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. John H.Boulter (Chairman)
Cllrs. Nancy E.Clarke; Islwyn H.Davies; Mark. D.Kendall;
Anne Lloyd-Jones; Ron W.McCoo; G.Michael Stevens;
Richie E.Owens; Daniel A.Wyre.

**PRESENTATION: MR ED JESSAMINE & MR OWEN MILLWOOD
NOVUS ENERGY.**

Messers. Jessamine and Millwood had re-created the Public Exhibition that was held by them at the Baptist Church, High Street, Tywyn, on Thursday, 18 May, 2015. Prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting, Councillors were given the opportunity to view the exhibition and present questions.

A Consultation Document had been prepared by them, copy of which had been distributed to Members prior to the meeting. In addition, a colour edition was distributed to Councillors and members of the public present.

Ed Jessamine thanked the Council for the opportunity to meet once again. They had received a positive feedback from the Public Exhibition, but as was to be expected, with some precaution. The Planning Application was almost complete and ready to be submitted.

They were willing to receive any concerns that the Council would have during the Application Process. The Council responded by explaining the Application Process, as a part of which it would be given the opportunity to present its observations.

The main topic of discussion was the Community Benefit. It was confirmed that the local community were assured of an income of £4,000 per annum for up to 35 years. This would be paid directly to the Council to be used on local community projects. Question was raised regarding the monetary value of this income over the 35 years (i.e. would its real term value be maintained over that period).

Alternatively, the Council could opt to receive a lump sum payment which could be used to develop any community scheme. The decision was to be made by the Council, and did not have to be related to a solar project. Council was advised that it could approach previous participants for advice regarding the community Benefit Scheme.

Ed Jessamine and Owen Millwood were thanked for their presentation.

The Chairman concluded his report referring to the disturbing news that NatWest would be closing their branch at Tywyn on 21 September, 2015. He appealed to all to sign the petition against the closure.

Cl. 31
10:06:15 **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 2015**
MEETINGS / PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 2015

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of:

- (i) Annual General Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 13 May, 2015, subject to the following amendment:

Election of Members as Representatives on Public Bodies for 2015 / 2016 – (1) Staffing Panel – Cllr. Mark D. Kendall had been elected as member of the panel, but inadvertently his name had been omitted.

- (ii) Planning Committee held on Thursday, 4 June, 2015

Cllr. M. Stevens asked why his request for the Planning Applications discussed at that meeting to be placed in front of the Council Meeting that night had not been observed. The reason for his request was that he was not able to be present at the Planning Committee. He was also concerned that other members of the Committee were not present.

In response it was stated that his request had been discussed by the Planning Committee. Its decision was to decline his request primarily on the grounds that observations on Planning Applications have to be submitted within four weeks of receipt. (This is the reason why the Planning Committee was initially formed). To delay submitting any observations on this particular occasion would mean that the deadline would have been missed. It was also noted that Planning Applications are available at the Council Office for perusal by any interested person. This had been done by

other members of the Planning Committee not able to be present and their comments had been taken into consideration at the meeting.

- (iii) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 27 May, 2015 – minutes were not available and would be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 8 July, 2015.

Cl. 32 **TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT**
10:06:15 **FOR MAY 2015**

RESOLVED – to approve the Treasurer's Report

Cl. 33 **GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

10:06:15 To receive verbal report from Gwynedd Councillors on matters in the Council's interest.

Gwynedd Finances - Cllr. G.Mike Stevens reported that he had recently attended several meetings, but had very little to report. The pronounced word at all meetings was CUTS (i.e. financial). Every department within Gwynedd was expected to scrutinize its effectiveness and to review its priorities and strategies for implementing savings. This would have an impact on all Town and Community Councils who would be expected to undertake responsibility for essential services and to obtain funds to sustain them.

Meetings - Cllr. Stevens noted meetings that he had recently attended, including the Meirionnydd Forum and Governing Body of Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn.

Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan (JDLP) - Cllr. Stevens reiterated comments he had made at previous meetings that he had been in discussion with the Joint Planning Policy Unit regarding the Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan (JDLP), and that Tywyn should be upgraded from a 'Local Centre' to 'Urban Centre'. He was fearful that as Local Centre, Tywyn would receive less investment. Reference was also made by him to the number of empty properties of various descriptions in the town, including dwellings above businesses. While this situation existed, there were people in the town desperate for accommodation. He believed that enforcement should be placed on empty properties.

Bank Closure – Cllr. Stevens reiterated the comments made by the Chairman at the commencement of the meeting regarding the closure of NatWest Bank. He was appalled that such a decision had been made without any consultation, and that the local staff had not been forewarned. He appealed for members to use the services of one of the other two High Street Banks in the town, as he would be doing. He had been in discussion with

Mandy Williams Davies, Gwynedd Council, to express strong opposition to the closure.

Litter Bins – Discussion had been held with Mr Peter Jones regarding shortage of Litter Bins. It became apparent that Gwynedd did not have any strategic plan to supply any more Litter Bins. Further discussion would be held.

As the previous meeting had only been held a fortnight earlier, Cllr. A.Lloyd-Jones stated that there were no Gwynedd matters of interest to the Council to report on, and otherwise commended Cllr. Stevens on attending numerous meetings.

Cl. 34 NOVUS ENERGY SOLAR FARM

10:06:15

RESOLVED :

- (i) Not to hold any discussion on the Novus Energy Solar Farm following the presentation by Mr Ed Jessamine and Mr Owen Millwood until such time as their Planning Application had been received.
- (ii) That the Planning Application, when received, be discussed at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as opposed to the Planning Committee.

Cl. 35 CLERK'S REPORT

10:06:15

Clerk's written report for May had been circulated to members.

Issues noted in the report:

End of Financial Year

Tywyn Spiritualist Church & Centre

Defibrillator

Cambrian Road Skate Park

RESOLVED – to approve the Clerk's report

The Clerk reiterated the comments made by the Chairman at the commencement of the meeting regarding the condition of the Half Pipe Ramp (Mini Ramp). Five of the end panels had holes in them due to severe corrosion. The Clerk reminded the meeting that these panels had been repaired during the past year, and as stated in his report that in practical terms, the solution would be to replace them. This would incur considerable expenditure. As the matter was not an Agenda item, no resolution could be made. He therefore asked the Council to give consideration to convening an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss the matter. Meeting accepted the Clerk's request. It was also proposed that quotations for replacing the panels be sought from suitable local persons as

well as from Mr Chaz Hampson who is responsible for carrying out annual maintenance.

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence That necessitates Action by the Council

Cl. 36 Miss Meryl Gover, 6 Pendre Walk, Tywyn – Cadfan's Church
10:06:15– *A History with Digressions* – 2016 – 1500yrs since arrival of Cadfan and his companions.

In addition in drawing attention to her book, Miss Gover noted that the Church would be celebrating 1500 years since the arrival of Saint Cadfan and others in 2016, and questioned if the Council would be doing likewise.

RESOLVED – that the Council should give consideration to celebrating 1500 years since the arrival of Saint Cadfan and others in 2016.

Cl. 37 Talyllyn Railway Co. – 150th Anniversary Celebration –
10:06:15 Service – St. Cadfan’s Church – Sunday, 5 July, 2015 –
 4.45 p.m.

An open invitation to Members of Tywyn Town Council to attend the above service, with a request for response. The Clerk noted that he would be willing to accept the names of those Councillors who proposed to attend.

RESOLVED – to receive correspondence and note information given.

Cl. 38 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Temporary Prohibition of
10:06:15 Through Traffic Order 2015 – Sandilands Road

RESOLVED – to receive correspondence and note information given.

Cl. 39 Correspondence Received That Does **Not** Necessitate Action by
10:06:15 the Council And Is Available At The Clerk’s Office For Perusal
By Any Interested Councillor

- (a) North Wales Police – Delyth Thomas Jones, Corporate Communications Officer – Police Launch Volunteer Recruitment
- (b) Cylch yr Iaith – Jina Geraint / Ieuan Wyn – Response to Anglesey & Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan – Impact on the Welsh Language
- (c) Un Llais Cymru - June Training Courses – Thursday, 25 June, 2015 – The Institute, Caernarfon – Introduction to Community Engagement.
- (d) Gwynedd – Highways Maintenance and Municipal Service – Works Programme – June 2015

Cl. 40 **CAMBRIAN ROAD CAR PARK**
10:06:15

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

In accordance with Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act, - Local Government (Access to information) Act (1895) Schedule 12A, parts 1.1 and 4.14, public and press were excluded from this part of the meeting.

Details were presented to the members of the meeting held at the Council Office on Wednesday, 3 June, 2015, to resume the completion of the Lease on the Cambrian Road Car Park between Tywyn Town Council and Tal-y-Llyn Railway Company. Present were Mr Chris Price, General Manager and

Mr Dave Scotson, Operating and Infrastructure Manager, representing Tal-y-Llyn Railway Company, and Cllrs. John H.Boulter, Alun W.Evans and Ron W.McCoo representing the Town Council. Also present was Elwyn Evans, Clerk.

RESOLVED:

- (a) To agree to the requests presented by the Tal-y-Llyn Railway Company regarding financial settlements and the duration of the Lease
- (b) As the successor to Alfred Hancock, Solicitor, who had prepared the original Lease that Evans-Roberts, Solicitors, be asked to resume and complete the process.

It was understood that Legal Costs would be met by Tal-y-Llyn Railway Company.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.