

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2018
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Nancy Clarke (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Hilary Rowlands, Mike Stevens, Eileen Jones, John Pughe, Quentin Deakin, Cathy Evans, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Alun Wyn Evans, Aled Lewis, Harriet Webb, Marisa O'Hara

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 103 **APOLOGIES:**
17.10.18 None

Cl. 104 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
17.10.18 Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones Item 16
Councillor Quentin Deakin Item 5

Cl. 105 **TALK BY MEMBERS OF GREENER TYWYN**
17.10.18 Liz Hutchinson and Joanna Houseman presented to the Council on behalf of the Voluntary Group, Greener Tywyn, the aims of which are to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage more environmentally friendly behaviour in the locality.

The speakers went on to give the Council facts about the extent of plastic pollution in the world and specifically its impact on marine-life.

In conjunction with the charity, Surfers Against Sewage, Greener Tywyn hopes to be able to achieve Plastic Free status for the town. The term 'Plastic Free' relates specifically to single-use plastics and the benefits of such a status were outlined by the speakers.

In order to receive the designation of 'Plastic Free' for the town, the group need to fulfil certain criteria including recruiting a Town Councillor to their group and ensuring that the Council premises are plastic free. Other measures include 3 businesses, 1 community organisation, 50% of Community Spaces and 30% of schools to make 3 changes to their plastic usage and for the group to hold a minimum of 2 local events per year.

Greener Tywyn has already conducted surveys of plastic use in businesses and has received a largely positive response with some businesses such as the Talyllyn Railway already taking action.

Cl. 106 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**
17.10.18 19.09.18 – Attended commemoration event in Belfast
24.09.18 – Attended an Environment Committee Meeting

02.10.18 - Attended Snowdonia National Park event in Neuadd Dyfi
03.10.18 - Attended Gwynedd Council event discussing the counties priorities
08.10.18 – Attended a meeting with Counsel at Ynysymaengwyn
16.10.18 – Attended a Finance Committee Meeting

Cl. 107
17.10.18

MINUTES:

Receive and approve: -

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 12 September 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the proposal.

Cl. 108
17.10.18

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Receive and approve: -

Environment Committee

Meeting held 24 September 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with a variation to the recommendation at Item 5 regarding allotments. The Council decided that a meeting would be organised with the Allotment holders and those on the waiting list to investigate the creation of an Allotment Association with a view to possibly leasing the allotments to the association and to possibly retain 2 allotments for the use of the Council.

Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the proposal.

Finance Committee

Meeting held 16 October 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor Mike Stevens proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the proposal.

Cl. 109
17.10.18

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor John Pughe attended the Meirionnydd Access Committee and reported back that volunteers are likely to find that driving a mini-bus will soon attract a fee of £1000 and 30hrs training, that people are to be reminded that parking on a 'dropped-curb' could result in a parking ticket and that the edge of the road at Corbett Close is in a terrible condition with gaps abutting the curb.

Cl. 110
17.10.18

GREENER TYWYN PLASTIC-FREE TOWN INITIATIVE

Motion to support the Greener Tywyn Plastic-Free Town initiative by appointing a Councillor to the working group and committing to reduce plastic usage in at least 3 ways within the Council

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Marisa O'Hara and Councillor Aled Lewis to the Greener Tywyn Working Group and to produce an Environmental Policy which will identify the Council Office as a single-use plastic free environment with

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Quentin Deakin seconding the motion.

Cl. 111 **LOCATION OF GAS BEACON**

17.10.18 Motion to decide on the location of the Gas Beacon for the Remembrance

RESOLVED: To light the gas beacon on the Promenade on the evening of November 11th 2018 with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the motion.

Cl. 112 **PLANNING MATTER - Ref. C18/0769/09/LL**

17.10.18 Motion to consider planning matter Ref. C18/0769/09/LL

RESOLVED: To offer NO OBJECTION with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

Cl. 113 **TYWYN EVENTS - CARNIVAL**

17.10.18 Motion to support Tywyn Events to hold a carnival in the town on Sunday 26th May 2019, complete with marching band, floats and the procession finishing at the Cambrian Road Recreation Ground where there would be activities and entertainment.

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Cl. 114 **TYWYN EVENTS – TYWYN LIVE**

17.10.18 Motion to allow the Tywyn Live Event, as organised by Tywyn Events to take place over the 3 days of the August Bank Holiday, on the promenade.

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Cl. 115 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

17.10.18 Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report for the months of September 2018

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

Cl. 116 **NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

17.10.18

- Councillors are asked to try and canvass more responses from the youth for Gwynedd Council’s priorities survey.
- A new Missing Persons initiative is to be launched which will see a database of relevant information being held about vulnerable people accessible by the Police and PCSOs to enable more efficient searches for missing people.
- A new Government savings scheme has been launched for people on low incomes which will attract a 50% bonus payment.
- Gwynedd Leisure Centres have succeeded in reducing their carbon footprint and are continuing to achieve results.
- Gwynedd will be compiling an asset management plan for the Youth equipment held by the county.
- Recruitment and retention of care workers is a focus of the Council

- There will be a consultation at the end of October to discuss the future of the Tywyn/Aberdyfi cycle route.
- When undertaking actions on behalf of Gwynedd Council, councillors are insured.

Cl. 117
17.10.18 **CLERK'S REPORT**
Motion to receive Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To receive the report with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones left the meeting at 8:20pm

Cl. 118
17.10.18 **YNYSYMAENGWYN**
Updates concerning Ynysymaengwyn Caravan Park and Trust

- Drainage works undertaken by Gwynedd Council seem to have been effective in preventing the flooding of the road and the camping field

Cl. 119
17.10.18 **CORRESPONDENCE**
Motion to receive correspondence

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

- a) Letter from Steffan Jones regarding the provision of Salt Bins and whether the Council wishes to join the scheme in place for the filling and maintenance of the bins.

RESOLVED: To request further information as to the location of the bins available in Tywyn and to commission 3 bins for the winter with Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor Alun Wyn Evans seconding the motion.

Correspondence Received That Does **Not** Necessitate Action by the Council

- (a) Letter from Emma, Kevin and Joseph Breeze regarding the vandalism of the There But Not There silhouette, complete with cheque for £50 as compensation
- (b) Email from Jill Baxter complaining at the lack of appropriately timed trains from Aberystwyth to Tywyn.

All copies of correspondence available from the Clerk's office on request

RESOLVED: To accept the information with Councillor Nancy Clarke proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion

The meeting was declared closed at 8.33 pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIRMAN