

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Nancy Clarke (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Quentin E. Deakin, Marisa D. O'Hara, Eileen Jones, Cathy Evans, Matthew Cooling, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mick Stevens, Aled Lewis

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 117
11.12.19 **APOLOGIES:**
Councillor Alun Wyn Evans
Councillor John Pughe
Councillor Hilary Rowlands

Cl. 118
11.12.19 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones – Item 17 - Update on Ynysymaengwyn Caravan Park
Councillor Aled Lewis – Item 8 - Council's Allotment

Cl. 119
11.12.19 **PRESENTATION BY STUART WILLIAMS, CAMBRIAN RAIL PARTNERSHIP**
Stuart Williams, General Manager of the Tal y Llyn Railway and Chairman of the Cambrian Rail Partnership (CRP) addressed the Council and gave details of his organisation and the ways in which it would be able to help the local community. He outlined the plans for the railway station since Transport for Wales (TfW) took over during the Spring and reported on the ways that CRP have been encouraging TfW to improve the service for example, by ensuring that the service is 'Dementia Ready' and that the Orange Wallets for those with special needs are fully understood.

Three key points emerged from his presentation;

- Regarding the station 'adoption' as resolved by the Council Cl.95 09.10.19, Mr. Williams stated that it would require planting, volunteers and that Tywyn was the largest previously un-adopted station on the Cambrian line.
- The Station Buildings are to be the subject of a community consultation process to decide on their best use. This is likely to be a 'Dragon's Den' style pitching activity.
- Transport for Wales have a Community Fund available for community projects.

In response to Councillor's questions Mr. Williams confirmed that there were no plans to re-build the Shelter with the columns, that the grant was likely to be in the region of £5k, that the two sides of the station buildings were likely to be let separately and that preference would be given to community projects.

Cl. 120 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

11.12.19 15/11 – Attended the Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn's Children in Need Ice Bucket Challenge event

30/11 – Attended the switch-on of the Christmas lights, the Chair expressed her thanks to the Tywyn Events Organisation

03/12 – Meeting with LleChi at the Neuadd Pendre to discuss the Destination and Action Plan

04/12 – Attended Finance Committee Meeting

Cl. 121 **MINUTES:**

11.12.19 Receive and approve: -

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 13 November 2019

Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones pointed out that the information she had given the Council regarding an overlooked planning application C19/0854/09/LL regarding the change of use of the Old Barclays Bank had been omitted from the minutes.

A recorded vote was requested:

FOR: Councillors Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo, Cathy Evans, Eileen Jones, Nancy Clarke

AGAINST: Councillors Mike Stevens, Quentin Deakin

ABSTAINING: Councillors Aled Lewis, Matthew Cooling, Marisa O'Hara

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the motion.

The Clerk explained that the purpose of the Minutes of the Council Meetings was to present a true and accurate record of the decisions of the Council, admissible in law as evidence, as such the only legal requirement is to record the motions and any resolution made. Extraneous comments would not be minuted due to the current divisive nature of the council and the potential for legal challenge.

Cl. 122 **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

11.12.19 Receive and approve: -

Finance

Meeting held 4 December 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with the addition of a comment made by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones and echoed by Councillor Mike Stevens that she wished to express her concern that 50% of the precept was spent on administration. Also with the amendment that where the minutes report that the 'Clerk left the room' that the addition of 'and did not return' be included. Councillor Quentin Deakin proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the proposal.

- Cl. 123
11.12.19 **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**
Councillor Quentin Deakin reported that he had attended the LleChi 'Destination and Action Plan' on the 04/12. Councillor Deakin reported that there was discussion about a Central Noticeboard for the town.
- Councillor Mike Stevens reported his attendance at the LleChi 'Destination and Action Plan' on the 04/12 and that there was discussion regarding the renovation of the cast iron plaque on the Victorian Shelter.
- Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported her attendance at the LleChi 'Destination and Action Plan' on the 04/12 and that there was discussion regarding the renovation of the memorial stones set into the Promenade.
- Councillor Aled Lewis left the room
- Cl. 124
11.12.19 **COUNCIL'S ALLOTMENT**
Motion to surrender the Council allotment to the Cambrian Road Allotment Association
- RESOLVED:** To approve the motion with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Eileen Jones seconding the motion.
- Councillor Aled Lewis returned to the room
- Cl. 125
11.12.19 **POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER**
Motion to receive information from the Police and Crime Commissioner particularly his assurance that the Police Station in Tywyn would not be closed and that he would advocate for the provision on PCSOs in Tywyn
- RESOLVED:** To accept the information and respond with concerns regarding PCSO provision, unacceptable waiting times for a response to a 101 call and an encouragement to implement policing initiatives in the area with Councillor Eileen Jones proposing and Councillor Marisa O'Hara seconding the motion.
- Cl. 126
11.12.19 **CAMBRIAN ROAD FOOTPATH**
Motion to make repairs to the handrail running alongside the path from Cambrian Road to Neptune Road
- MOTION WITHDRAWN**
- Cl. 127
11.12.19 **BOB ROBERTS' CLOCK**
Motion to decide on the placement of the Bob Roberts' Clock
- RESOLVED:** The Clerk to speak with the Talylyn Railway with a view to placing the clock on their buildings with Councillor Eileen Jones proposing and Councillor Quentin Deakin seconding the motion.
- Cl. 128
11.12.19 **BIO-DIVERSITY REPORT**
Motion to approve the Biodiversity Report compiled in response to the new duty to report by the end of the year
- MOTION WITHDRAWN**

- Cl. 129 **DEATH OF A SENIOR ROYAL POLICY**
 11.12.19 Motion to approve the Death of a Senior Royal Policy
- RESOLVED:** To approve the motion subject to confirmation of location of Condolence Book position with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Eileen Jones seconding the motion.
- Cl. 130 **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 11.09.19 Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for the months of July and August 2019
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Eileen Jones proposing and Councillor Anne Lloyd- Jones seconding the motion.
- Cl. 131 **NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL**
 11.12.19 Councillor Mike Stevens declined to report
- Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales visited on the 25 November
 - The Cambrian Coast Liaison Meeting reported that the Sunday train service is to be extended to 5 trains each way starting on the 15/12
 - Parking is free in Gwynedd between 14th – 27th December
 - A booklet has been issued detailing available support to carers entitled 'Looking After Someone'
 - Gwynedd Council is looking to increase the number of electric vehicles in its fleet, children are to be encouraged to take part in a competition to come up with a design to decorate the cars
 - School kitchens are being encouraged to reduce their consumption of single use plastics.
- Cl. 132 **CLERK'S REPORT**
 11.12.19 Motion to receive Clerk's Report
- RESOLVED:** To receive the report with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor Eileen Jones seconding the motion.
- Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones left the room
- Cl. 133 **YNSYMAENGWYN CARAVAN PARK**
 11.12.19 The Clerk reported that the Charity Commission had still not given its approval for the transfer of the Park to the Trust but that the annual accounts had now been received and sent to the Wales Audit Office
- Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones returned to the room
- Cl. 134 **PUBLIC AND PRESS**
 11.12.19 Motion to exclude press and public in accordance with Section 12A of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960
- Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**
- In accordance with Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act - Local Government (Access to Information) Act (1985) Schedule 12A, parts 1.1 and 4.14, public and press are therefore excluded from this part of the meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor Nancy Clarke proposing and Councillor Eileen Jones seconding the motion.

Clerk leaves the room

Cl. 135

11.12.19

CLERK'S SALARY

Motion to receive report on Clerk's salary and instruct the Personnel Committee on necessary investigations

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Nancy Clarke proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:15 pm

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