

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2024
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)

Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Matthew Cooling, Ron McCoo, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mark Kendall, Eileen Jones, Marisa O'Hara, Olivia Woodward, Alun Wyn Evans, Cathy Evans, Aled Lewis, Gareth Mason.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

Cl 017. **1. APOLOGIES**
8.5.24 None received.

Cl 018. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
8.5.24 Cllr. Olivia Woodward, Item 10.
Cllr. Matthew Cooling, Item 10.
Cllr. Gareth Mason, Item 12.
Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 15.

With the agreement of the Chair, Item 12 was moved up the Agenda.

Cllr. Gareth Mason left the Meeting.

Cl 019. **12. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED RAILWAY TIMETABLE CHANGES FROM TRANSPORT FOR WALES**
10.4.24

Three members of the public attended the meeting in person and spoke at length about the proposed changes to the railway timetable from December 2024 and the impact the changes would have on local people. Passengers wishing to travel to work, school or college in Machynlleth, Newtown or Aberystwyth will no longer have a train to get them to their destination by 9.00am. The 09.23 service will only run between March and December and evening services will also be affected with no trains running to enable evenings out to be undertaken by the train service. The proposed changes have been raised with the local MP and MS and a petition has been started which currently has over 1100 signatures.

Councillors discussed the issue at length with comments also made about the difficulty for people who wished to complete the Transport for Wales. The visitors were thanked for bringing this to the attention of the Council and following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed that the Council write to Transport for Wales to object to the proposed timetable changes.

Cllr. Gareth Mason returned to the Meeting.

Cl 020. **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**
8.5.24 The Chair reported that it is all very quiet at present with no activity to report on this month.

CI 021. **4. MINUTES**

8.5.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th April 2024.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Ron McCoo, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 10th April 2024.

CI 022. **5. MINUTES**

8.5.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 17th April 2024.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 17th April 2024.

CI 023. **6. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2024**

8.5.24 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2024.

CI 024. **7. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Skatepark

Work has been undertaken to remove the bund between the playing field and the old skatepark and to use the soil to build up the slopes around the skatepark. The wet weather over the winter had washed much of the soil away and the distance between the top of the ramps and the soil was approaching the RoSPA safety limit.

The Skatepark opening event has not yet been rebooked as suggestions have been made that it would be better if the event could be organised locally. A provisional date of August 10th has been proposed and I will have more detailed information for the Council at the next meeting.

Promenade

A meeting was held with Gwynedd Council to discuss management of areas of the promenade for this year. No decisions have been reached and a final proposal will be presented to the Council as soon as possible.

Website

Further meetings have been held with the developer to complete the website and set up the new email system.

Cambrian Road Car Park

Repair work has been undertaken to fill in the potholes in the carpark. This is, however, only a temporary solution and we will need to look at more permanent solutions in the coming years.

Tywyn Hospital

Attended a workshop organised by BCUHB on developing new service models for Tywyn hospital and received an update on the plans for reopening the ward. Two new nurses have been recently appointed and it is hoped that further updates will soon be provided.

Makerspace

Work on fitting out the Makerspace has been completed and many thanks are due to Cllr. Mark Kendall for all his hard work to finish this stage of the process. A site meeting with Menter Mon will be taking place next week to discuss the practicalities of operating the Makerspace and opening the space for community use.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Ron McCoo, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

CI 025.
8.5.24 **8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported that the rescheduled One Voice Wales April meeting clashes with tonight's meeting.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending a training course organised by Welsh Womens Aid on the issues around violence against women and also attending meetings with Gwynedd Council discussing capital expenditure budgets for Gwynedd Council's 10 year plan. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones also attended the BCUHB workshop on developing new service models for Tywyn Hospital.

CI 026.
8.5.24 **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara gave thanks to Gwynedd Council for the grass cutting programme which has left areas of verges uncut to allow wild flowers to grow. Cllr. O'Hara raised the issue of children attending college in Newton but not being eligible for free travel and asked for support to highlight this issue. Councillors discussed the matter and it was noted that free travel to college in Dolgellau was available but has never been provided to colleges in neighboring counties.

Cllr. Cathy Evans asked whether there was any update on the replacement gas main works, none has been received by the Clerk.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported that line marking has been undertaken in Cwm Maethlon but was wondering when work to repair the potholes would be starting.

Cllrs. Matthew Cooling and Olivia Woodward left the meeting.

CI 027.
8.5.14 **10. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C23/0192/09/LL BILLIE JEAN HAIRDRESSING**
Following a discussion by Councillors on the application, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Aled Lewis and **resolved** to offer no objection to Planning Application C23/0192/09/LL.

Cllrs. Matthew Cooling and Olivia Woodward returned to the meeting.

CI 028.
8.5.14 **11. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C24/0332/09/AC 52 FAENOL ISAF**
Following a discussion by Councillors on the application, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Gareth Mason, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to offer no objection to Planning Application C24/0332/09/AC.

CI 029.
8.5.24 **13. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**

A letter from Nefyn Town Council.

The Clerk had distributed to Councillors ahead of the meeting, a letter which had been received from Nefyn Town Council expressing concerns at proposed expenditure by Gwynedd Council on electric vehicles. Councillors discussed the issues raised by Nefyn Town Council and agreed to note receipt of the letter but not to support the issues raised.

CI 030. **14. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

8.5.24 Ambulance Service – EMRTS Service Review

Correspondence noted.

CI 031. **15. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

10.4.24 The YnysymaengwynTrust provided the following written report to the Council.

The Trustees have not held a meeting since the last Council meeting on April 10th, and therefore there is nothing new to report.

Ongoing work from the previous report, set out below, is progressing and it is expected that the Trustees will be holding a meeting before the June Ordinary Meeting of the Council when a fully updated report will be produced.

Playpark

Work on the installation of the new playpark has been delayed due to the wet weather but will resume as soon as possible.

Outdoor Gym

The new outdoor gym has been installed on the grass area opposite the carpark leading down to the Dovecote and is proving very popular with users of all age groups.

Riverbank Fencing

Work on the installation of the new fencing along the riverbank has been delayed due to the recent wet weather making access waterlogged and dangerous for the contractors. It is expected that work will be starting as soon as the ground conditions permit.

The Lodge

The Trust is waiting for the surveyors to confirm a date when the building survey is able to be undertaken.

Site Update

The site opened as scheduled on March 1st and has been busy despite Easter being early this year.

Accounts

The Trust accounts for 2022 have been submitted to the Charity Commission and are available on the Charity Commission website. The 2023 Trust accounts are being prepared by the accountants and will be submitted as soon as they are completed.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.09pm

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