

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2016
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Alun W. Evans (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Nancy E. Clarke, Richie Owens
John H. Boulter, Mark D. Kendall, Mike Stevens
Islwyn H. Davies, Anne Lloyd-Jones, John Pughe
Dan A. Wyre

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

Cl. 162 **APOLOGIES:**
14.12.16

Councillor Eileen M. Ellis

Cl. 163 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
14.12.16

No Councillor declared a personal or prejudicial interest.

Cl. 164 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT:**
14.12.16

Councillor Alun Evans noted the following engagements:

- 13.11.16 Attended a Remembrance Sunday ceremony at St Cadfan
- 23.11.16 Attended One Voice Wales' Meirionnydd Area Committee at Dolgellau
- 24.11.16 Chaired a Planning Committee
- 29.11.16 Chaired a Planning Committee
- 29.11.16 Chaired an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

Cl. 165 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**
14.12.16 **WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Mike Stevens proposing and Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the proposal.

Cl. 166 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD**
14.12.16 **ON TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Islwyn Davies proposing and Councillor Dan Wyre seconding the proposal.

Cl. 167 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON**
14.12.16 **THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Nancy Clarke seconding the proposal.

At approximately 7:04pm Councillor Mark Kendall entered the meeting.

Cl. 168
14.12.16

RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2016

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

Cl. 169
14.12.16

RECEIVE VERBAL REPORT OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2016 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTES

An officer of Gwynedd Council's Transportation and Street Care Service attended a meeting at the Council Office, with Councillor Alun W Evans, Councillor Nancy Clarke and Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, with the Town Clerk also present.

The meeting operated on the form of a workshop, whereby maps of Tywyn were laid on the table and locations identified as to where the majority of journeys commenced, for example residential property and the train station. Locations of where journeys ended were also identified, such as schools, retail shops along High Street, Neuadd Pendre, Industrial Estate, Leisure Centre, Library etc ...

The purpose of the meeting was to identify possible routes for walkers and cyclists to move from one point to another safely and to comply with the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, which is aimed at making it easier for people to walk and cycle in Wales.

The Act makes it a legal requirement for Gwynedd Council as a local authority to map and plan suitable routes for active travel, and to build and improve infrastructure for walking and cycling every year. The routes identified at the meeting as possible active travel routes are to be inspected by Gwynedd Council and a further opportunity for local residents and Town Council's to have their say in the new year in a scoping exercise prior to the active travel plans being finalised in September 2017.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 170
14.12.16

**NOTICE OF MOTION
BY COUNCILLOR ALUN W. EVANS**

Following a number of enquiries from local residents, I call on Tywyn Town Council to repair the clock given in memory of Bob Roberts, and to place it if possible near the Council Office.

It was noted at the meeting that the Council had previously, some time ago resolved to loan the clock given in memory of Bob Roberts, former Registrar to Neuadd Pendre.

RESOLVED: To make enquiries with Mr Ray Reid of Talylyn Railway as to the costs involved in repairing Bob Roberts' clock and a smaller clock in storage. If feasible to repair, to offer Bob Roberts' clock on loan to Neuadd Pendre for it to be on display, and to place smaller clock near the Council Office.

Cl. 171
14.12.16

CREATING A PUMP PARK AT THE RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Dan Wyre outlined recent developments and information received since the last Council meeting.

Information had been received from a former employee of Gwynedd Council responsible for leisure service, that a main drain is located under the recreation ground and that a local architect has obtained a map from Gwynedd Council showing the location of the drain. Confirmation has been received by Gwynedd Council's Planning Service that planning permission would be required and the cost would be reduced in half if submitted in the name of Tywyn Town Council.

It was reported that the Atherton's and Bro Dysynni Leisure Group are keen to be involved in the project, and possibly a similar park with bigger jumps aimed at bicycles will be created at Dinas Mawddwy. Pupils of Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn had been consulted and the pump park considered by the School's Council, with each member of the Council reporting back to their form class.

Further work is underway to obtain an estimate of costs, including the construction of a clay model, which will be built to scale. It was reported that funding is available from the Co-op and that Madison, Saracen or the Rotary could donate a bike in order to raffle.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 172
14.12.16

VICTORIAN SHELTER ON PROMENADE

It was reported that Gwynedd Council's Maritime and Country Parks Service offered Tywyn Town Council three options:

- i) Tywyn Town Council to offer a donation to Gwynedd Council, thereby enabling Gwynedd Council to retain ownership of shelter and repair;
- ii) Tywyn Town Council to lease shelter from Gwynedd Council, thereby enabling Tywyn Town Council to repair shelter and return ownership at any future time, if desired; or
- iii) Tywyn Town Council to purchase shelter from Gwynedd Council, thereby enabling Tywyn Town Council to repair shelter and retain ownership for perpetuity.

A Councillor reported that drawings of the shelter are held at County Archive, Dolgellau.

RESOLVED: Councillor John Pughe proposed, with Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal to purchase the shelter from Gwynedd Council.

To write to the Council's insurer, requesting information regarding the implication of taking responsibility of shelter, in light of storm damage in recent years to shelters in nearby seaside towns.

To make enquiries regarding repair costs and to liaise with Gwynedd Council's Regeneration Officer.

Cl. 173
14.12.16

APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2016.

Cl. 174
14.12.16

GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

To receive verbal reports from Gwynedd Councillors on matters in the Council's interest.

Gwynedd Councillor Mike Stevens reported the following:

- New ATM installed at SPAR.
- Local MP, Liz Saville Roberts pressing for legislation to keep the last branch in town's open, with HSBC having closed 321 branches in the last two years and taking into account all banks, approximately 1000 closed in the last two years.
- A letter sent to every household in Tywyn recently, informing residents of the Shoreline Management Plan. Some resident concerned regarding the content, however the plan is five years out of date and predicting sea level rises of 1 metre, whilst NASA predicts a rise of 2cm.
- Attended Meirionnydd Area Committee where Senior North Wales Police Officers were present and reported that North Wales Police will not involve themselves with environmental crimes. A later meeting North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner confirmed that North Wales Police will investigate environmental crimes and take matters further if necessary.
- Gwynedd Council passed a resolution to increase Council Tax by 50% on second homes, with additional funding being made available to fund first-time purchasers.

Gwynedd Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported the following:

- Gwynedd Council resolved to introduce a tax premium of 50% on second homes and long-term empty properties, with the additional £7million raised being used for affordable housing.
- CCG, North Wales Housing and Grŵp Cynefin operating a shared list for social housing, with the Housing Options Team there to ensure that as many points as possible are awarded and to advise on possible areas to apply for housing.
- Circular walks developed off the Coastal Path, with further information available on the Snowdonia Mountain and Coast website.
- Councillor Dyfed Edwards, Leader of Gwynedd Council standing down at next election.
- Campaign to encourage people to shop locally over Christmas, with free parking in all Gwynedd Council pay and display car parks from 15 December until 27 December 2016.
- Storiell's Cabinet of Curiosities touring Gwynedd, having visited Tywyn Library on Tuesday, 29 November 2016.

- Children of Penybryn School recently designed colourful posters to raise awareness of dog fouling in Tywyn to try and tackle the dog fouling problem.
- Informed by Gwynedd Council's Portfolio Leader that PromFest had been a huge success and currently awaiting a full report.

RESOLVED: To accept the information from the County Councillors.

Cl. 175
14.12.16

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Councillor Alun Evans reporting the following:

Attended One Voice Wales' Meirionnydd Area Committee, where a presentation was given by Ffion Johnstone, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Catrin Morris, Locality Matron at Dolgellau Hospital. Main theme of the presentation was a shortage of staff and the efforts of the Health Board to counter the shortage, with nurses being upskilled and a new pay band created. Work underway to reduce the amount of paperwork, thus reducing the amount of administration time involved with each patient and freeing nurses and doctors to other tasks.

A number of Council's have experienced problems with BDO, the External Auditors, with One Voice Wales taken complaints further to Wales Audit Office.

Attended a meeting of the Cambrian Coast Railway Liaising Committee, where it was reported that a shortage of drivers had resulted in the cancellation of services for five days. With the shortage caused due to drivers giving one month's notice of their intention to retire and it taking twelve months to train their replacement. A recent recruitment drive by Arriva Trains Wales had seen 600 applications for 4 to 5 positions earning around £45,000 annually after training.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Councillor Islwyn Davies made his apologies and left the meeting at approximately 7:52pm.

Cl. 176
14.12.16

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To approve the Clerk's report.
Councillor Alun Evans as Chairman to present a trophy to the winner of the Best Dressed Window Competition.
The Clerk to report a faulty Solar Christmas Tree outside Barclays to Plantscape.

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

Cl. 177

Post Office - Proposed move to new premises and branch modernisation

14.12.16

RESOLVED: To reply to the consultation stating that the Council welcomes the move and is pleased the current sub-postmaster and employees are moving to the new location and that an additional ATM will be installed in Tywyn. However, the Council noted lack of parking spaces nearby and is concerned regarding disabled access to new premises, with a narrow pavement and need for a ramp.

Cl. 178
14.12.16 Arthog Community Council - Dyfi Bridge proposals

RESOLVED: To write a letter to Arthog Community Council acknowledging receipt of letter.

Cl. 179
14.12.16 Older People's Forum - Concerns regarding excessive speeds on National Street

RESOLVED: To write a letter to Gwynedd Council's Highways Department to enquire what can be done to improve safety i.e. reduce speed to 20 mph and to inform Gwynedd Council of the proposed move of Tywyn Post Office Branch and likely increase in footfall and vehicles in the vicinity.
To write a letter to Older People's Forum acknowledging receipt of letter.

Cl. 180
14.12.16 Gwynedd Council - Corporate Support - Information sessions to prepare candidates for being County Councillors

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 181
14.12.16 Gwynedd Council - Regulatory Department - Change in reimbursement for public footpath maintenance costs

RESOLVED: To invite Liz Haynes, Meirionnydd Public Right of Way and Footpaths Manager to Tywyn to meet the following Councillors: Alun W. Evans, Nancy E. Clarke, John Pughe, Mike Stevens and Anne Lloyd-Jones.

Cl. 182
14.12.16 Gwynedd Council - Community Council Elections 2017

RESOLVED: To accept the information and allocate resources in budget for 2017/18 financial year.

Cl. 183
14.12.16 Correspondence Received That Does **Not** Necessitate Action by the Council

And Is Available At The Clerk's Office For Perusal By Any Interested Councillor

- (a) Training for Life Project - Receipt of financial donation
- (b) Tywyn Events Organisation - Receipt of financial donation
- (c) Play for Wales - Magazine
- (d) Gwynedd Council - Economy and Community Department - An opportunity to include events on Snowdonia Mountain and Coast website

- (e) Future Generations Commissioner for Wales - Report
- (f) Gwynedd Council - Economy and Community Department - Tywyn Dementia Friendly Community
- (g) Natural Resources Wales - Report it number
- (h) Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales - Electoral Reviews
- (i) Welsh Government - Draft Account and Audit Wales Amendment Regulations 2016
- (j) One Voice Wales - Training Modules January 2017

The meeting was declared closed at 8:09pm

MINUTES of the Planning Committee
held in the Committee Room, Council Office, High Street, Tywyn,
on Thursday, 24 November, 2016 at 5.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. Alun W.Evans (Chairman)
N.E.Clarke; R.E.Owens; Ron McCoo; A.Lloyd-Jones; J.H.Boulter

IN ATTENDANCE: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES: G.M.Stevens; John Pughe; I.H.Davies

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

No Councillor declared an interest.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1

C16/1365/09/LL Erection of two storey extension to side of existing dwelling

Brookside, Frankwell Street, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 9DP

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

3.2

C16/1396/09/LL Installation of refrigeration units and alterations to car park layout

Co-op Tywyn, Old Station Yard, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 9AH

RECOMMENDATION: No objection. Previous complaints from nearby residents regarding noise disturbance from refrigeration units and deliveries was noted.

3.3

C16/1428/09/LL Conversion of building to one dwelling

The Old Stable, adjacent to the Vicarage, Tywyn, LL36 9BF

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

The meeting was declared closed at 5:18pm

MINUTES of the Planning Committee
held in the Committee Room, Council Office, High Street, Tywyn,
on Tuesday, 29 November, 2016 at 5.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. Alun W.Evans (Chairman)
N.E.Clarke; R.E.Owens; Ron McCoo; I.H.Davies; D.A.Wyre

IN ATTENDANCE: None

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES: A.Lloyd-Jones; J.H.Boulter

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

No Councillor declared an interest.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1

C16/1511/09/LL Single storey extension with roof terrace

93b, Plas Edwards, Tywyn, Gwynedd, LL36 0DA

RECOMMENDATION: No objection

The meeting was declared closed at 5:47pm