

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 2021
ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Cathy Evans, Matthew Cooling, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mike Stevens, Joseph Smith, Aled Lewis, Marisa O'Hara, John Pughe, Gareth Mason

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 045 **APOLOGIES:**
14.07.21 Nancy Clarke
 Alun Wyn Evans

Cl. 046 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
14.07.21 None

Cl. 047 **CHAIR'S REPORT**
14.07.21

- The Chair wished Councillor Nancy Clarke and her husband well in their recovery
- It was reported that work on the Town Council Office roof had been completed and the office re-decorated
- Benches around town are slowly receiving attention
- 3 Benches have not been replaced on the promenade
- Thanks to the Tywyn Garden Club for their donation towards the town planting
- Thanks also to Tim Kendall for the hard work being put into the gardening
- Parking charges on the Prom are causing a concern amongst residents and visitors
- Car Boot sales have started on the Rec to raise money for the new skate park project
- Thank you to all Councillors who undertake volunteering in the community
- ROSPA report received condemning the current skate park
- Tywyn Ffrij project is going from strength to strength, thanks to the volunteers
- Attended the Llys Cadfan event to celebrate their new wheelchairs designed for use on the beach; the wheelchairs are available for hire.
- Thanks expressed for the work of the Clerk following her resignation.

Cl. 048 **PRESENTATION: STARDISC, REBEKAH PUGHE AND DEBORAH JARVIS**
14.07.21 Presentation by Deborah Jarvis and Rebekah Pughe about the Stardisc Project created by artist Aiden Shingler. The presenters detailed a project in Wirksworth, Derbyshire which consisted of a 40ft granite art installation that depicted the Northern hemisphere and acted as a base for various community events and a learning platform.

The artist is keen to get more of these installations across the UK and to ultimately link these up creating a nationwide trail.
If one of these installations were to go ahead at Ynysymaengwyn it would be the first in Wales.
The disk is made from black granite imported from China and questions were asked regarding the possibility of it being made from local stone.
The price was quoted as being in the region of £125k + VAT + Installation. It was stated that the artist's team and Rebekah Pughe would be very pro-active in applying for funding and had a proven successful track-record and evidential data from the first installation as to the community benefits.

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MINUTES:

Receive and approve: -

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9th June 2021

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with the amendment of a typo in Councillor Stevens' name, with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 30th June 2021

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.

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STANDING COMMITTEES:

Receive and approve: -

None

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14.07.21

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending a Llechi Meeting on 13/07, most projects are now completed and a decision on the UNESCO status bid for the area is expected on 28/07.

Councillor Lloyd-Jones reported that she had joined the St. Cadfan's Pilgrimage Centre group, that was looking to spend a grant of £10 million across 5 churches, with £1.5million to be allocated for accommodation for pilgrims at St. Cadfan's

Councillor Cathy Evans reported that she had attended a Penybryn Governors meeting 05/07 and that she had staffed the skatepark fundraising stall and reported that the comments book was being used.

Councillor Matthew Cooling reported that he had attended a Friends of the Earth event 'How Can Councillors Help?' on 18/06. There were around 300 councillors present at the event and a presentation is available for those interested.

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14.07.21

TYWYN MINOR INJURIES UNIT

Motion to contact Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board to request a date for the re-opening of the Minor Injuries Unit of Tywyn Hospital.

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

Councillor Gareth Mason reported that he had made a Freedom of Information request to the Health Board regarding the matter and Councillor Eileen Jones reported that she had already been in touch and was awaiting a reply.

Cl. 053 **SKATEPARK DISMANTLE**

14.07.21 Following written requests from 2 Councillors to revisit a decision of this Council made 9th June 2021: Motion to dismantle the existing skatepark for safety reasons.

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion

Cl. 054 **APPLICATION FOR BORROWING APPROVAL**

14.07.21 Motion to apply for Borrowing Approval from the Welsh Government in respect of the Cambrian Road Recreation Ground

RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion.

Cl. 055 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

14.07.21 Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for June 2021

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.

Cl. 056 **GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS**

14.07.21 Opportunity for Tywyn Town Councillors to ask questions and request assistance from Gwynedd Councillors regarding matters within the remit of Gwynedd Council.

Matters queried were the 10% payback scheme for the Promenade Car Park, The large amount of weeding that needed doing around the town which the Council was assured was forthcoming, the aggressive seagull situation around Gerllan and the state of the pavement.

Cl. 057 **CLERK'S REPORT**

14.07.21 Motion to receive Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To receive the report with Councillor Joseph Smith proposing and Councillor Alun Wyn Evans seconding the motion.

Cl. 058 **YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST UPDATE**

14.07.21 Felling, including section felling of a couple of trees has been undertaken where they have been identified as unsafe and pose a real risk of harm and injury to people because of their proximity to roads and footpaths and to users of the touring field.

The car charging point has been commissioned and will be available for use. Preparatory works for the timber shelter is due to start in the near future following a visit from the construction company to verify their exact requirements.

Discussions with all interested parties is ongoing regarding access onto the river.

The Trust will be seeking a trust secretary following the news that the Clerk is resigning from her posts

The meeting was declared closed at 8:48 pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIRMAN