

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2016
AT YSGOL UWCHRADD TYWYN AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor John Boulter (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, John Pughe, Richie E. Owens, Nancy E. Clarke,
Anne Lloyd-Jones, Daniel A. Wyre, Mike Stevens, Alun W. Evans,
Islwyn H. Davies, Eileen M. Ellis, Mark D. Kendall

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bedwyr Gwilym (Town Clerk)

PRESENTATION: AN OVERVIEW OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY TOWARDS INITIATIVES OR PROJECTS WITH THE AIM OF PREVENTING DROWNINGS. DAVID WILLIAMS AND NICK APKIN, RNLI ABERDYFI

Mr David Williams explained that Aberdyfi's RNLI lifeboat station also covers Tywyn and the RNLI have launched a new initiative aimed at reducing the number of drownings in Great Britain and Ireland by 50%. With the initiative aimed at a local level by working with local organisations and the local community to prevent drownings.

At approximately 7:06pm Councillor Islwyn Davies entered.

A project in Tywyn would ideally involve Tywyn Town Council, Aberdyfi Community Council, Gwynedd Council's Maritime Service, RNLI's Aberdyfi Station and the RNLI Headquarters in Poole. Funding and experience in designing beach safety sign would be available from the RNLI.

Questions were asked regarding the project and whether Tywyn would be able to have its own small inshore lifeboat. The RNLI centrally at its Headquarters would consider such as request, however a lifeboat was seen as a last resort, with other preventative measures such as signage and presentations highlighting the danger of water being other ways of reducing the number of drownings.

Cl. 211 **APOLOGIES:**

13.04.16

None

Cl. 212 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

13.04.16

Cllr Anne Lloyd-Jones (Cl. 233)

Cl. 213 **CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT:**

13.04.16

The Chairman presented his report and noted the following engagements:

- 10.03.16 Attended a Gwynedd Challenge
- 16.03.16 Chaired a meeting of Ynysmaengwyn Caravan Park Committee
- 21.03.16 Chaired a Finance Committee and attended an Environment Committee
- 22.03.16 Chaired a Planning Committee

- 26.03.16 Judged a Easter Bonnet competition
- 5.04.16 Met Bryn Roberts of Evans Roberts Solicitors with the Town Clerk in order to discuss an ongoing legal situation
- 11.04.16 Chaired a Planning Committee

Councillor John Pughe requested the minutes to note that the meeting of Ynysmaengwyn Caravan Park was not held at the Secondary School due to the School being closed and instead was held at Neuadd Pendre.

Cl. 214
13.04.16 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2016**

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

Cl. 215
13.04.16 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Richie Owens proposing and Councillor Mark Kendall seconding the proposal, with a correction that Councillor Mike Stevens had apologised.

Cl. 216
13.04.16 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2016**

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes, with Councillor Nancy Clarke proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the proposal, with a correction that Councillor Mike Stevens had apologised and to erect two Christmas cross street motifs.

Cl. 217
13.04.16 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2016**

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

Cl. 218
13.04.16 **RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2016**

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

Cl. 219
13.04.16 **APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2016**

A discussion was held regarding the electricity invoice received from Gwynedd Council and in particular the high energy consumption over the last twelve months when compared to previous years.

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurer's Report for March, with Councillor Mark Kendall proposing and Councillor Islwyn Davies seconding the proposal. To contact

Gwynedd Council's Energy Conservation unit for energy advice and to read and record the electricity meter on a monthly basis.

Cl. 220
13.04.16

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2015/2016

Councillor Eileen Ellis proposed appointing Mr John D. Roberts as an Internal Auditor for 2015/16, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the proposal.

It was put to the vote:

IN FAVOUR: Councillors Alun Evans, Mike Stevens, Nancy Clarke, Richie Owens, Ron McCoo, Eileen Ellis, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mark Kendall, Islwyn Davies

AGAINST: Councillors John Pughe, Dan Wyre

ABSTAINED: Councillor John Boulter

RESOLVED: To appoint John D Roberts as an Internal Auditor for 2015/2016.

Cl. 221
13.04.16

APPLYING FOR FUNDING TOWARDS PREVENTING DROWNINGS

RESOLVED: Councillor John Pughe proposed, with Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the proposal to write to Gwynedd Council's Maritime and Country Parks Service stating that Tywyn Town Council is willing to work in partnership with Gwynedd Council, Aberdyfi Community Council and the RNLI in order to prevent drownings. With the Council appointing Councillors Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mike Stevens, John Pughe, John Boulter as the Chair and Mark Kendall as a reserve.

Cl. 222
13.04.16

TERMS FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR MAINTAINING PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED: To list public footpaths, including all categories and use information from previous invoices to create a specification of the work needed to form a basis to receive prices for maintaining public footpaths.

Cl. 223
13.04.16

TERMS FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR MAINTAINING BROOK STREET GARDEN AND BRYN Y PADERAU

RESOLVED: To use information from previous invoices to create a specification of the work needed to form a basis to receive prices for maintaining Brook Street Garden and Bryn y Paderau.

Cl. 224
13.04.16

TERMS FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR MAINTAINING THE RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED: To use information from previous invoices to create a specification of the work needed to form a basis to receive prices for maintaining the Recreation Ground.

Cl. 225
13.04.16

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Information was received by Gwynedd Council's Maritime and Country Park's Service regarding using Rock Island on the seafront for a Beacon. The Maritime and Country Park's Service was unable to give consent as the area for locating the Beacon was the

responsibility of the Coastal Protection Team. Information was received of matters to be considered and addressed prior to lighting a Beacon on the seafront.

A Councillor reported that a group of local residents were organising a Children's Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday in June.

RESOLVED: To contact the individuals responsible for organising the Children's Party at Neuadd Pendre with an offer of a donation towards purchasing a gift of a mug, coin or other memorabilia, with Councillor Dan Wyre proposing and John Pughe seconding the proposal.

Cl. 226
13.04.16

GWYNEDD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

Gwynedd Councillors Mike Stevens and Anne Lloyd-Jones reported the following:

- This year Gwynedd Council is locating the Polling Station for the National Assembly Election, Police and Crime Commissioner and European Union Referendum at Tywyn Baptist Church
- Individuals not registered on the electoral roll have until April, 18th to register for the Assembly and Police and Crime Commissioner
- A meeting had been held to discuss the JLDP, with a number of Councillors representing all parties stating their disapproval of the plan
- Gwynedd Council is consulting on a Proposed Parking Order which will enable Gwynedd Council to charge motorists for parking on Marine Parade
- A Scrutiny Committee had reported that the number of Dogs fouling was just as bad during the winter months as it was in summer
- Gwynedd Council's Public Protection Unit are raising awareness that national rules regarding chipping and tagging of dogs is being strengthened. With every dog of eight weeks old and older from April 6th 2016 required to be microchipped or their owners face a fine of £500
- A joint-meeting had been held between Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council to discuss disability rights and discrimination
- CCG are consulting on constructing five new houses at Penmorfa, which are subject to funding from the Welsh Government

RESOLVED: To accept the information

Councillor Nancy Clarke apologised and left the meeting at approximately 8:52pm

Cl. 227
13.04.16

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

Councillor Mark Kendall reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss the arrangements for Christmas 2016 and a request had been made for the Council to form a decision as to which night the town's Christmas light would be switched-on. The following were suggested, Friday, 25 November; Saturday, 26 November; Friday, 2 December and Saturday, 3 December.

RESOLVED: To discuss the matter as an Agenda item at the Council's next meeting.

Cl. 228
13.04.16

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report for March was circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To approve the Clerk's report and to request a meeting with the Contractor responsible for providing a quotation to repair the skate park ramps.

At 9:00pm Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposed, with Councillor Alun Evans seconding the proposal to put aside the Council's Standing Orders in order to continue with the meeting past the Council's maximum time of two hours allowed for meetings and committees.

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence That Necessitates Action by the Council.

Cl. 229
13.04.16 Gwynedd Council - Gwynedd Pension Fund - Employer Pension Contribution Rate for 2016/17 increasing to 26.1% (from 24.5% 2015/16)

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 230
13.04.16 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales - Concerns that there appears to be underlying animosity between some members and a request for members of Tywyn Town Council to consider their obligations under the Code of Conduct

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

Cl. 231
13.04.16 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) One Voice Wales - Welsh Government - Natural Resources Wales Bulletin
- (b) One Voice Wales - Welsh Government - Launch of Public Health Outcomes Framework for Wales
- (c) Play for Wales - Spring 2016 magazine
- (d) Gwynedd Council & Isle of Anglesey County Council - Submission of Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026 to the Welsh Government for Public Examination
- (e) Gwynedd Council - Legal Service - Road Closure: Tywyn Street Market on the 28th March 2016
- (f) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales - Code of Conduct complaint made against Councillor George Michael Stevens by Councillor Mark David Kendall
- (g) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales - Code of Conduct complaint made against Councillor Nancy Clarke by Councillor George Michael Stevens
- (h) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales - Code of Conduct complaint made against Councillor George Michael Stevens by Councillor Nancy Elizabeth Clarke

Cl. 232 **SUBLEASE OF RAILWAY BUILDINGS TO THE TYWYN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH**

13.04.16

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 were therefore excluded from this part of the meeting.

The Clerk informed the Council that the draft sublease was still in the process of being prepared by Evans-Roberts Solicitors. It was reported by a Councillor that new door locks had been fitted.

RESOLVED: To accept the information and to inform Evans-Roberts Solicitors regarding the change of door locks.

Cl. 233
13.04.16

LEASE OF CAMBRIAN ROAD CAR PARK TO TALYLLYN RAILWAY COMPANY LTD

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 were therefore excluded from this part of the meeting.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones declared a personal interest.

The Clerk informed the Council that the draft lease was still in the process of being prepared by Evans-Roberts Solicitors. It was reported by a Councillor that a copy of a document detailing the Scheme authorised by the Charity Commission for the administration of the Cambrian Road Recreation Ground Charity had been given to the Town Clerk earlier that day.

RESOLVED: To accept the information and to forward a photocopy of the Charity Commission Scheme to Evans-Roberts Solicitors.

The meeting was declared closed at 9:14pm