

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**  
**ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor: John Pughe (Chair)

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

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 053  
10.03.21 **APOLOGIES:**  
Nancy Clarke  
Eileen Jones

Cl. 054  
10.03.21 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**  
Councillor Joseph Smith – Item 18 – Partner is Trustee and Director of Ynysymaengwyn  
Councillor Ron McCoo – Item 13 – Trustee of Neuadd Pendre  
Councillor John Pughe – Item 13 – Trustee of Neuadd Pendre  
Councillor Mike Stevens – Item 8 – Professional connection to applicant  
Councillor Mike Stevens – Item 14 – Subject of discussion  
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones – Item 7 – Neighbour of planning applicant  
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones – Item 18 – Caravan Park Owner  
Councillor Matthew Cooling – Item 8 – Personal connection to applicant  
Councillor Matthew Cooling – Item 13 - Trustee of Neuadd Pendre  
Councillor Marisa O'Hara – Item 13 – Committee Member of Neuadd Pendre

Cl. 055  
10.03.21 **CHAIR'S REPORT**  
In the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair delivered a short report based on notes received from the Chair.

- Remedial works on the Council Office have been approved and will be attend to shortly
- Town benches still require refurbishment with many benches in need of new slats
- Work on the Friendship Bench in Brook Street Garden has been started
- Ombudsman Complaints have been made by Councillor Stevens against Councillor Eileen Jones and Councillor John Pughe

The Vice-Chair called for the Code of Conduct and the Council's Standing Orders to be respected during the meeting.

Cl. 056  
10.03.21 **MINUTES:**  
Receive and approve: -

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**RESOLVED:** To receive and approve with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.

Cl. 057  
10.03.21

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Receive and approve: -

Personnel Committee

Meeting held on Thursday, 18th February 2021

**RESOLVED:** To receive and approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Matthew Cooling seconding the motion.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones and Councillor Mike Stevens requested that their objection to the election to Chair of a single Councillor to more than one committee be minuted.

Cl. 058  
10.03.21

**EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councillor Mike Stevens reported that he had attended a meeting of the LleChi group and that the matters discussed were the plaques on the promenade, a new sculpture for Abergynolwyn and the Coastal Path Signs

Councillor Alun Wyn Evans reported that he had attended the regional One Voice Wales meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. There was a talk from Angela Jones updating on the activities of the Snowdonia National Park. Matters discussed included the changes to Local Government Elections Bill which now means that 16+ year-olds have the vote, staff are able to stand for their own local authorities and only need to step down on election, members of the public will be able to make reasonable representations about business being transacted, new requirements regarding financial reporting and training for staff and members will be mandatory. Additionally Councils will now be able to meet in public houses. Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Councillor Cathy Evans reported that she had attended Governor and Chair Training for Ysgol Penybryn.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones left the meeting

Cl. 059  
10.03.21

**PLANNING MATTERS**

Motion to consider planning application

C21/0180/09/LL – Pall Mall Caravan Park, Tywyn

Erection of amenity building to house laundry and reception area

**RESOLVED:** To offer NO OBJECTION with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones was readmitted to the meeting

Councillor Matthew Cooling and Councillor Mike Stevens left the meeting

- Cl. 060  
10.03.21 **GRANT APPLICATION**  
Motion to approve grant funding for the 1st Tywyn Brownies Group
- RESOLVED:** To approve the funding and donate £1000 with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor Marisa O’Hara seconding the motion.
- Councillor Matthew Cooling and Councillor Mike Stevens were readmitted to the meeting
- Cl. 061  
10.03.21 **SCRIBE RENEWAL**  
Motion to renew the Scribe Accounting Package @£54 per month
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.
- Cl. 062  
10.03.21 **BOB ROBERTS CLOCK**  
Motion to donate the Bob Roberts’ Clock to the Tywyn and Bryncrug Football Club
- RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Mike Stevens proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.
- Cl. 063  
10.03.21 **DONATION TOWARDS THE HAPPY VALLEY TELEPHONE BOX DEFIBRILLATOR**  
Motion to receive donation in respect of the new Happy Valley telephone kiosk defibrillator and commission a commemorative plaque
- A donation of £800 to commemorate the life and contribution of former councillor Morgan Vaughan made by his family. The Council expressed thanks to the Vaughan Family
- RESOLVED:** To approve the motion with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor Alun Wyn Evans seconding the motion.
- Cl. 064  
10.03.21 **STATION BUILDING**  
Motion to receive update regarding the lease of the Statio Building for the Ffiws Twyn Makerspace and consider the appropriatness of the facility
- RESOLVED:** To approve the motion and confirm that the Council would enter into a lease agreement with regards to the Station Building, with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Joseph Smith seconding the motion.
- Councillor John Pughe, Councillor Ron McCoo, Councillor Matthew Cooling and Councillor Marisa O’Hara left the meeting
- Councillor Alun Wyn Evans was elected Chair for the next item
- Cl. 065  
10.03.21 **NEUADD PENDRE - COUNCIL OFFICE**  
Motion to investigate moving the Council Office to the Neuadd Pendre

**RESOLVED:** To continue the investigation approving the motion with Councillor Gareth Mason proposing and Councillor Joseph Smith seconding the motion.

Councillor John Pughe, Councillor Ron McCoo, Councillor Matthew Cooling and Councillor Marisa O'Hara were readmitted to the meeting

Councillor John Pughe retook the Chair

Cl. 066  
10.03.21

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT**

Motion to replace Councillor Stevens on the Finance Committee

**RESOLVED:** To approve the motion to replace Councillor Stevens on the Finance Committee with Councillor Cathy Evans as his replacement with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

A request as made for a recorded vote on this matter and the votes were received as below

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAINING:
John Pughe	None	Marisa O'Hara
Matthew Cooling		
Gareth Mason		
Aled Lewis		
Joseph Smith		
Cathy Evans		
Ron McCoo		
Alun Wyn Evans		

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones declined to take part in the vote

Cl. 067  
10.03.21

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for February 2021

**RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Gareth Mason proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.

Cl. 068  
10.03.21

**NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

- Gwynedd Council providing free menstrual products in its libraries across the County
- Gwynedd residents are urged to stick to Coronavirus rules
- Gwynedd Council has set the budget for 2021/22
- Gwynedd Council has agreed to increase the Council Tax premium on second homes from 50% to 100% for the 2021/22 financial year
- Byw'n lach to take steps to increase dementia friendly services
- Reported that the Covid-19 vaccine rollout was progressing well
- Confirmed that the Easter Market would not be going ahead

Cl. 069  
10.03.21

**CLERK'S REPORT**

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. 070  
10.03.21

**YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST UPDATE**

- The Green Flag Award for parks and open spaces has been updated and submitted.
- The onsite Defibrillator is now registered on the national defibrillator network.
- Grant application from Snowdonia National Park successful, thanks to the work of Judy Cooper, for the supply and construction of a timber roundhouse shelter using traditional timber build techniques. The timber structure will be erected during the coming months by the Caernarfon based contractor.
- Tree inspection report will be undertaken in the coming weeks.
- Works on the internal paths are still progressing, it is proposed to top off the surface with river gravel.
- Maintenance work on some of the footbridges ongoing.
- A selection of mixed hardwood saplings have again been planted this year.
- The two trees on the adjoining park that were in a dangerous condition where felled yesterday

Cl. 071  
10.03.21

**PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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 Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Cl. 072  
10.03.21

**LEGAL ADVICE**

Motion to take legal advice regarding employment matters

**RESOLVED:** To approve with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Aled Lewis seconding the motion.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:55 pm

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIRMAN**