

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2021
ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair)

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 015 **APOLOGIES:**

12.05.21 Nancy Clarke

Alun Wyn Evans apologised for being unable to attend the earlier Annual Meeting

Cl. 016 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

12.05.21

Councillor Joseph Smith – Item 15 – Ynysymaengwyn Update – Partner is Trustee
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones – Item 15 Ynysymaengwyn Update – Caravan Park Owner

Cl. 017 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

12.05.21

- Best wishes to Nancy Clarke.
- Scaffolding is being put up on the Council Office next week for the repair of the roof.
- The Toilet at the Council Office is now repaired following the fire damage.
- Town benches are still waiting attention, requested that Gwynedd Councillors take up the request for repairs.
- Following the beach tragedy the Chair's thoughts are with the family of the kayaker who lost his life.

Cl. 018 **MINUTES:**

12.05.21 Receive and approve: -

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 14th April 2021

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

Cl. 019 **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

12.05.21 None

Cl. 020 **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

12.05.21

Councillors Matthew Cooling and John Pughe attended a meeting on the 21.04.21 of the communities involved in the Dyfi-Biosphere, the meeting was very positive with a chance to ask questions regarding UNESCO, conservation and educational opportunities. The various communities all had similar concerns regarding littering, footpath accessibility and dog fouling. A discussion was held regarding the potential of linking with Transport for Wales to promote sustainable travel also

that a reduction in single car journeys to Aberystwyth could be discouraged. It was acknowledged that it was a challenge for small communities to contribute in a meaningful way towards the battle against climate change. Eco-Dyfi has recruited a Climate Change Officer to facilitate community activities.

Councillor Alun Wyn Evans reported attending the Snowdonia Access Forum and reported that the Coastal Path at the Baily Bridge was due to receive some maintenance. Work will be starting shortly on making the paths accessible again.

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported that there had been a LleChi update meeting and that they would be expecting the result of the UNESCO bid during July.

Cl. 021 **PLANNING MATTERS**

12.05.21 Motion to consider planning application

- C21/0429/09/LL – 46 Sandilands Road, Tywyn
Erection of a two-storey extension

RESOLVED: To offer NO OBJECTION with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Alun Wyn Evans seconding the motion.

Cl. 022 **TOWN SPEED RESTRICTION**

12.05.21 Motion to petition Cyngor Gwynedd Council to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on the A493 Station Road from its junction with Neptune Road along the length of the High Street.

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion

Cl. 023 **DONATION**

12.05.21 Motion to request that Cyngor Gwynedd Council install a speed activated ‘right hand bend ahead’ (or similar) sign before the junction of Station Road, Pier Road, Idris Villas and the High Street, in the vicinity of the railway station car park.

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

Cl. 024 **FUNDRAISING TOTALISER**

12.05.21 Motion to commission a ‘Totaliser’ board for the skatepark fund raising activities

RESOLVED: To approve the motion with the Environment Committee to consider, Councillor Ron McCoo proposing and Councillor Marisa O’Hara seconding the motion.

Cl. 025 **WEBSITE PHOTOS**

12.05.21 Motion to source photos and a virtual tour of Tywyn for the new website.

RESOLVED: To approve the motion and put a call out to the public with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion.

Cl. 026 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

12.05.21 Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report for April 2021

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Aled Lewis proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion.

Cl. 027
12.05.21

NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL

- Community renewal fund is open.
- Leisure Centre's have reopened across the county.
- Exercise referral team via the GP can refer to the Leisure Centre.
- Coastal Path Team are working on problems caused by a minority of 4 x 4 drivers on the paths.
- Gwynedd Council has a new CEO, Dafydd Gibbard, this is an internal appointment
- Cist Gwynedd Grants are now available and the Welsh Church Fund is available via their website
- Gwynedd has been successful in securing Active Travel Funding to investigate a safe travel route between Tywyn and Aberdyfi
- Proposal to scrap library book fines backdated to April
- Meeting with 3rd Sector Liaison group to hear about funding available.
- Promenade car park line painting will happen soon
- New picnic benches will be delivered next week for the Promenade
- Dog fouling an increasing problem, Gwynedd being asked to tackle it
- Gwynedd Council to appoint Climate Change Manager

Cl. 028
12.05.21

CLERK'S REPORT

Motion to receive Clerk's Report
Suggested that the new PCC be invited to the Council Meeting
Councillor's allowances considered

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

Cl. 029
12.05.21

YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST UPDATE

- Minutes of the last meeting circulated.
- Work has started on the electric charging points
- Tree condition survey completed
- Meeting to take place with neighbouring landowners to consider public access to the river
- New Trustees have been appointed; Paul Pearce and Bethan Lawton
- New timber outdoor shelter to be in place during July
- Green Flag assessments likely to take new format this year due to Covid restrictions
- Paths now complete

Request made for care to be taken of wildlife when felling.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:29 pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIRMAN