

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Councillor: Matthew Cooling (Chair)

Councillors: Ron McCoo, Gareth Mason

OFFICERS PRESENT: Chris Wood, Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Aled Lewis, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Eileen Jones, John Pughe

1 APOLOGIES

Nancy Clarke, Rowan Smith, Marisa O'Hara.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PERSONAL CONNECTION

None declared.

Item 4 on the Agenda was discussed ahead of Item 3.

4 TO DISCUSS MOVING THE PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINE IN THE CAMBRIAN ROAD CARPARK

Councillor Matthew Cooling reported the reasons for this item being on the Agenda were issues with condensation in the machine affecting ticket printing. The lack of an electricity supply at the current location prevents a heater being installed. Councillor Aled Lewis reported that there is an existing street lamp within 5m of the toll booth and moving the machine either inside or close to the toll booth would allow electricity to be connected for approximately £2000.00.

It was **Proposed** by Councillor Matthew Cooling, seconded by Councillor Ron McCoo and **resolved** that further investigations into be undertaken and reported back to the Committee.

3 TO DISCUSS THE SITING OF AN EXTRA FRIENDSHIP BENCH

Mirain Llwyd Roberts, the Bridging the Generations Coordinator for Gwynedd Council gave a presentation to the meeting about Friendship Benches and that funding was available to decorate an existing bench or possibly to install a new bench should the Council agree. Councillors discussed the number of existing benches, possible locations for a new bench, adapting an existing bench and the choice of artists.

5 TO DISCUSS IMPROVING THE ACCESS TO THE CAMBRIAN ROAD CAR PARK

Councillor Aled Lewis reported issues with vehicles turning left into Neptune Road from Cambrian Road. Due to the sharp turn, vehicles are encroaching into the car park to avoid crossing onto the far side of Neptune Road. Councillors discussed the issue and it was agreed that Councillor Aled Lewis would liaise with the Clerk before reporting back to the Committee.

6 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE TO THE COUNCIL

Councillors discussed the current situation regarding footpath maintenance and it was agreed that the Clerk would engage with the contractor to discuss terms of reference and establish which footpaths are included in the current contract together with operational details.

7 TO DISCUSS THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Councillors discussed holding events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and what any events might be. Suggestions included a parade, a children's party, a beacon on the promenade and a laser display. It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries and liaise with other organisations.

8 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILET SERVICES BY GWYNEDD COUNCIL

There being no further update from Gwynedd Council, Councillors discussed current opening hours and whether we are getting value for money from the current service agreement. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Gwynedd Council to investigate matters raised.

9 TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillors discussed the current situation regarding the catenary lights and to request a new socket be installed to enable both sets to be working this year. There was a limited discussion about providing lights in new locations with further detail requested. No agreement was reached on setting a budget for 2022/23.

10 TO DISCUSS THE DYSYNNI TRAIL

Councillors discussed the condition of the footpath, signage, dog fouling and a request that the Footpaths Office attend and advise. It was agreed that the Dysynni Trail should remain as natural as possible but that some urgent improvement work was required.

11 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A CCTV SYSTEM

Councillors held a discussion on the Council funding a CCTV system and the likely costs involved. More detailed discussion is needed on the specifics of the type of system, the number of cameras, the location, static or mobile configuration and a possible contribution to the upkeep from the Cambrian Road Recreation Ground. It was Proposed by Councillor Matthew Cooling, seconded by Councillor Gareth Mason and **resolved** that £10,000 be asked for in the budget for 2022/23.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.06pm