

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 2022
AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair).

Councillors: John Pughe, Matthew Cooling, Alun Wyn Evans, Rowan Smith, Aled Lewis
Anne Lloyd-Jones, Gareth Mason, Ron McCoo, Marisa O'Hara, Cathy Evans,
Nancy Clarke.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk).

033. **APOLOGIES**

None received.

034. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PERSONAL CONNECTION**

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, Owner of a 5 member only Caravan Club site.
Councillor Eileen Jones, Treasurer of the Community Ffrij.
Councillor Nancy Clarke, Husband is a Trustee of the Ynysymaengwyn Trust.

033. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported the following:

- Represented the Council at the Talyllyn Railway Founders Day celebration.
- Met with Gwyn Evans of Gwynedd Council to walk the public footpaths.
- Attended a meeting with the Tywyn PCSO.
- Met with Gwynedd Council to discuss the Makerspace project.
- Represented the Council at the lighting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon
- Thanks to Tywyn Events for organising the Carnival and Parade which were a great success.
- Thanks to Councillor John Pughe and Linda McFall for judging the floats

034. **MINUTES**

To receive and approve:

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 11th May 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Nancy Clarke, seconded by Councillor Cathy Evans and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2022.

035. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

To receive and approve:

Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Cooling, seconded by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2022.

036. **TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2022**

Proposed by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2022.

037. **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL**

FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

No reports received.

038. **OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND REQUEST**

ASSISTANCE FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS WITHIN THE REMIT

OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL

Councillor Matthew Cooling highlighted work that needs to be undertaken to Gwynedd Council's fingerposts. Councillor John Pughe will investigate and report back.

Councillor Cathy Evans enquired about the paddling pool on the seafront. Councillor John Pughe reported that the paddling pool is due to be opened in June and all necessary repair work has been completed.

039. **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which contained the following items:

- A meeting was held with Andy Rowland of Ecodyfi and Renew Wales to discuss the Community Ffrij and Makerspace projects and any mentoring help that can be provided with future grant applications.
- The Dyfi Biosphere has been expanded to include Tywyn. This expansion will help to inspire communities to work in creating a future all can be proud of, connecting people with nature and cultural heritage, while strengthening the local economy and complements the Climate Emergency Declaration made by the Council in February 2019
- Attended a meeting with the Tywyn PCSO to discuss local policing matters.
- A meeting with Gwynedd Council took place on Friday May 27th to discuss the Makerspace and how to get the project up and running. It was felt in the long term, that the larger room would be better for the Makerspace and enquiries have been made with Transport for Wales to install a sink unit as soon as possible in the smaller room to enable the Community Ffrij to move.
- The Cambrian News has been sent the Agenda and Zoom link for tonight's meeting.
- Tywyn & Bryn-crug Football Club are to be congratulated for winning both the MMP Mid Wales League West and the ER Jenkins League Cup this season.
- Discussions are ongoing with Andrew Parry of Gwynedd Council about the issues raised regarding the road closures for the Easter Market.
- The National Library of Wales has confirmed that they are holding five paintings from Ynysmaengwyn on behalf of Tywyn Town Council and they will now be added to the Asset Register. Enquiries are ongoing as to the whereabouts of other paintings from the collection.
- The Baton Relay is coming to Tywyn on the morning of Thursday 30th June and local preparations are well underway to ensure the event is a success.

Proposed by Councillor Ron McCoo, seconded by Councillor Aled Lewis and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

040. **MOTION TO TERMINATE THE COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FREESTYLE PLACES**

Councillors engaged in a lengthy discussion about the lack of progress with the skatepark redevelopment. Limited communication with Freestyle, the lack of progress to date and suggestions to terminate our relationship with Freestyle and look to other companies to build the skatepark were all discussed thoroughly. Concerns were raised that terminating the Council's relationship could lead to financial penalties and re-tendering would further delay the redevelopment. It was felt that the new designs from Freestyle were submitted too late for detailed consideration at the meeting and that more time was needed to consult on them.

It was Proposed by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones that the Motion be amended to defer making a decision until the contract situation has been investigated and the new plans given to user groups for feedback. It was suggested that an Extra-Ordinary Meeting be called in two weeks time.

Proposed by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Councillor John Pughe and **resolved** to defer making a decision on the Motion for two weeks to give time to investigate the contract situation and distribute new designs to user groups.

041. **TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE**

None received

042. **TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

1. Planning Aid Wales - latest news and information
2. Older People's Commissioner for Wales - Webinar
3. One Voice Wales - Nature Hub
4. One Voice Wales - Free garden packs from Local Places for Nature
5. One Voice Wales - Training Dates
6. Gwynedd Council - Gwynedd Standards Committee
7. Gwynedd Council – Active Travel Consultation
8. Mantell Gwynedd – Bulletin
9. Hywel Dda Health Board – New Hospital Discussion Group

Correspondence items noted.

043. **MOTION TO RECEIVE UPDATES CONCERNING YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST**

Councillor Aled Lewis reported:

- It is very busy at the moment with both sites full.
- There have been instances of visitors from other sites using the facilities, this is being monitored.
- The Jubilee Party in the walled garden was enjoyed by all who attended.
- There have been discussions with individuals wishing to make use of the buildings.
- The dog fouling issues persist
- An inventory of all items kept in the store rooms is to be undertaken.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.11pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR