

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2022
AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair).

Councillors: John Pughe, Matthew Cooling, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo, Nancy Clarke, Marisa O'Hara, Olivia Woodward, Cathy Evans.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk).

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Quentin Deakin spoke to the Meeting about the Town Trail Board that has been missing from its location on the Promenade wall at Glanydon Caravan Site. The Board was donated to Tywyn Town Council by the Tywyn and District History Society who are keen for the board to be reinstated as soon as possible. The Clerk explained the current situation with local landowners and a wish to relocate the board. It was agreed to take step to reinstate the board in its original location as soon as practicable.

099. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Alun Wyn Evans, Aled Lewis, Gareth Mason.

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

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones, Item 15, Owner of a 5 member only Caravan Club site.
Councillor Nancy Clarke, Item 15, Husband is a Trustee of the Ynysmaengwyn Trust.

101. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported the following:

- Helped Tywyn Events at the Ghost Walk which was well attended and a great success.
- Attended meetings with the Royal British Legion ahead of the Remembrance Services and Parade.
- Attended, with the Clerk, the Co-op Local Community Fund presentation of funds raised for the Skatepark development.
- Attended the Dedication of Flags service for the Brownies and Guides at St Cadfan's Church.

102. **MINUTES**

To receive and approve:

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 12th October 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Nancy Clarke, seconded by Councillor John Pughe and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2022.

103. **MINUTES**

To receive and approve:

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd November 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Nancy Clarke, seconded by Councillor John Pughe and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2022.

104. **TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022**

Proposed by Councillor Nancy Clarke, seconded by Councillor Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2022.

105. **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Councillor Matthew Cooling reported his attendance as the Council's representative at the Ardal Ni 2035 engagement meeting held in Aberdyfi and reminded members that the Council did resolve to undertake a similar exercise for Tywyn.

106. **OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS WITHIN THE REMIT OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

No questions were asked.

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

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

Skatepark

Discussions have been held with Maverick Skateparks as to the best way forward and a site survey is to be undertaken to enable the development to work in conjunction with Dwyr Cymru Welsh Water.

Allotments

A meeting was held with the Allotment Association committee members to discuss changes in the administration of the Association.

Co-op Local Community Fund

Attended a presentation at the Co-op following the end of this year's Local Community Fund. The Cambrian Road Recreation Ground has received £4,014.02 from the fund which will go towards the skatepark development.

Remembrance Parade

A meeting was held to coordinate the arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade.

Cambrian News

The Cambrian News has been sent the Agenda and Zoom link for tonight's meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Ron McCo, seconded by Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

108. **MOTION THAT TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSES THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE WALES AIR AMBULANCE BASE AT WELSHPOOL**

Councillor John Pughe proposed an amendment to the Motion to include the proposed closure of the base at Caernarfon and merging the two bases at one new location. Councillors discussed the Motion at length with comments both for and against. During the discussion, it was apparent that more information on the proposals was required. It was **proposed** by Councillor John Pughe, seconded by Councillor Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that by a majority vote, Tywyn Town Council opposes the proposed closure of the Wales Air Ambulance base at Welshpool.

109. **MOTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY TYWYN EVENTS ORGANISATION**

This Motion was withdrawn by the applicant ahead of the Meeting.

110. **MOTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY TONFANAU RACING ASSOCIATION CLUB**

The Finance Committee at its Meeting on 9th November 2022, resolved to recommend to the November Ordinary Meeting of Tywyn Town Council that £1000 be awarded to the Tonfanau Racing Association Club. Councillors discussed the merits of the application at length with questions raised about the structure of the organisation and what benefit the residents of Tywyn got from the race meetings.

It was **Proposed** by Councillor Nancy Clarke, seconded by Councillor John Pughe and **resolved** £1000.00 be awarded to Tonfanau Racing Association Club with the Club required to report back to the Council on how the grant funding was used.

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

None received.

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

- Welsh Government - Electoral Administration and Reform White Paper.
- One Voice Wales – Report on Community Assets
- One Voice Wales – Training dates to December
- Snowdonia National Park – Annual Meeting
- The Boundary Commission for Wales – Revised proposals for constituencies
- North Wales Community Health Council – Wales Air Ambulance Press Release
- Tywyn Guides & Brownies – Flag Dedication Service at St Cadfan’s

Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the Snowdonia National Park Annual Meeting.

Councillor Matthew Cooling expressed his concern at the Boundary Commission for Wales proposals for constituency boundaries and possible negative effects on our constituency.

113.

MOTION TO RECEIVE UPDATES CONCERNING YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST

In the absence of Councillor Aled Lewis, no update was received. The Clerk reported on the success of the Ghost Walk and thanked the Councillors who helped out for giving their time.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.51pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR