MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillor: Marisa O'Hara (Chair)

Councillors: Ron McCoo, Gareth Mason, Matthew Cooling, Eileen Jones, Olivia Woodward

OFFICERS PRESENT: Chris Wood, Clerk to the Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PERSONAL CONNECTION

None received.

3 TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Councillors discussed the options for new Christmas lighting in Tywyn and agreed to investigate purchasing to be fitted on the light columns on the promenade. The Clerk will investigate the costs and suppliers and report back at the next Committee Meeting.

4 TO DISCUSS COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS FOR THE CORONATION

Historically, the Council has marked significant Royal occasions by presenting mugs to Tywyn schoolchildren. It was felt that this tradition should continue and the Clerk was asked to look into the costs involved and report back with examples and suppliers.

The option of planting at tree at Bryn Paderau was discussed and the Clerk will investigate linking this with the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme.

5 TO DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRIALS AREA AT CAMBRIAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

As part of the redevelopment of the skatepark, the Council has been asked to investigate the possibility of building a trials area for mountain bikers. Councillors discussed the matter and asked about the safety implications. The Clerk was asked to investigate design options and costs and to report back at the next Committee meeting.

6 TO DISCUSS THE LOCATION FOR A DOG PARK FOR TYWYN

Councillors discussed the issues surrounding the creation of an enclosed dog park to enable dogs to be able to run safely off the lead. It was felt that although a secure area would be a good idea, as the Council does not own any suitable land for a dog park, the Council might be better placed to support dog owners who wished to create a park themselves.

7 TO DISCUSS THE RAILWAY EMBANKMENT PLANTING ALONG PIER ROAD

The overgrown shrubs growing on the embankment owned by Network Rail adjacent to Pier Road has been cut back. Councillors discussed historic planting and limitations for future planting given cost implications and the fact that the Council does not own or have a responsibility for the land. Councillors asked about the safety of the retaining wall and the Clerk will write to Network Rail to ask that undertake investigations.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.54pm