

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**  
**AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)

Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Matthew Cooling, Ron McCoo, Cathy Evans, Gareth Mason  
Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mark Kendall, Eileen Jones, Marisa O’Hara, Aled Lewis,  
Olivia Woodward.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Chris Wood (Clerk)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no questions from members of the public.

Cl 103. **1. APOLOGIES**  
8.11.23 Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans.

Cl 104. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**  
8.11.23 Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 15.

Cl 105. **3. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
8.11.23 The Chair reported that due to illness, he has not been as busy as he would have wished but had spoken with Liz Saville Roberts about the damage to the promenade and visited the skatepark to see the progress being made.

Cl 106. **4. MINUTES**  
8.11.23 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.  
It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11th October 2023.

Cl 107. **5. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023**  
8.11.23 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2023.

Cl 108. **6. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT**  
8.11.23 The Clerk provided a written report to the Council which reported on the following items:  
Skatepark  
Christmas Lights Event  
Tywyn Promenade  
Remembrance  
Tywyn Hospital Ward Closure  
Air Ambulance Review  
Talyllyn Railway  
Defibrillators  
Allotments

## Politicians Surgeries

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

- Cl 109.  
8.11.23 **7. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**  
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported on attending the presentation of the MBE to John Bate, by the Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd, which took place at the Tallylyn Railway.
- Cl 110.  
8.11.23 **8. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported that Gwynedd Council have purchased a property in Tywyn as part of the Housing Action Plan to help address the housing crisis and increase the people of Gwynedd's access to affordable homes.  
Cllr. John Pughe reported on progress that Gwynedd Council are making at the Corbett Arms Hotel with money being made available to secure and make safe the building. It is expected that further court cases will be required ahead of a forced sale.  
Cllr. Aled Lewis asked if there was any news on possible budget cuts by Gwynedd Council. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that discussions have been held but more meetings are needed before the budget can be set.  
Cllr. Cathy Evans asked about the opening times for the Minor Injuries Unit at Tywyn Hospital. The Clerk responded that the Unit was able to open 5 days a week Monday to Friday from September 25th.  
Cllr. Marisa O'Hara asked if there was an update on the parking issues along Idris Villas. Cllr. John Pughe responded that the planned improvements have not yet been implemented but will involve extending the length of the double yellow lines.
- Cl 111.  
8.11.23 **9. MOTION THAT TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL MARKS THE 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS IN NORMANDY BY TAKING PART IN THE D-DAY 80 COMMEMORATION AND LIGHTING A BEACON ON THURSDAY JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
Councillors discussed the Motion with a number of family and local connections being raised. It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** that Tywyn Town Council marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy by taking part in the D-Day 80 commemoration and lighting a beacon on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- Cl 112.  
8.11.23 **10. MOTION TO ADOPT A DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY**  
Following discussions between Councillors, and a proposal by Cllr. Gareth Mason, it was agreed that the Motion be deferred to the next Meeting.
- Cl 113.  
8.11.23 **11. MOTION TO ADOPT A WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**  
Following discussions between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Gareth Mason, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to adopt the Whistleblowing Policy subject to the addition of Chair of the Personnel Committee to Clause 4.1 Designated Officers.
- Cl 114.  
8.11.23 **12. MOTION TO ADOPT AN UNACCEPTABLE ACTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS POLICY**  
Following discussions between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to adopt the Unacceptable Actions by Individuals Policy.

Cl 115. **13. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**

8.11.23 None received.

Cl 116. **14. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

8.11.23 Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales - Healthcare Questionnaire

One Voice Wales – Training Dates

South Meirionnydd Older People's Forum – Letter of Thanks for Grant Funding

Gwynedd Council – Llechi Slate Group Meeting

Gwynedd Council – Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Meeting

One Voice Wales – Training Courses

Gwynedd Council – Local Delivery Plan, Draft Delivery Agreement

Air Ambulance – Phase 2 service review

Llechi Cymru – Questionnaire

*Correspondence noted.*

Cl 117. **15. TO RECEIVE UPDATES CONCERNING YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST**

8.11.23 As Chairman of Ynysymaengwyn Trust, Cllr. Aled Lewis provided the following updates to the Meeting:

Members of the Council had been invited to the Trustees Meeting held on 19th October with three Councillors attending. Discussions were led by the Councillors and questions were asked and answered about the Trust status and operation together with the relationship between the Trust and the Caravan Park.

Once the Caravan Park closes for the season, there are woodlands projects to be undertaken. Moving forward, it is felt that a written report to the Council would be more comprehensive and enable Councillors to have time to read the report ahead of the Meeting.

There then followed questions to Cllr. Aled Lewis from Councillors which included discussions on how the Trust is financed, the amount of information given to the Council as Corporate Trustees, the role of the Directors and lack of Council representation on the Board of Directors, the initial creation of the Company and whether the structure is correct and fit for purpose.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.43pm

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIR**