

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2024
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. John Pughe (Chair)

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Tywyn Army Cadets Detachment Commander spoke to give thanks to the Council for the donation that was made towards the cost of a trip to South Africa. The cadets involved all wrote letters of thanks to the Council and the Detachment Commander showed photographs of the trip to Councillors. The trip was a great success and the Army Cadets were very grateful for the financial help given by the Council.

Cl 157. **1. APOLOGIES**
14.2.24 None received.

Cl 158. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
14.2.24 Cllr. Mark Kendall, Item 3.
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Items 3 & 11.
Cllr. Matthew Cooling, Item 11.
Cllr. Eileen Jones, Item 11.
Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 14.

Cllr. Mark Kendall left the meeting.

Cl 159. **3. MOTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE**
14.2.24 **TYWYN & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**
Following a presentation by a representative of the Tywyn & District History Society, which responded to questions raised during the previous application and gave thanks for previous financial support by the Council, Councillors discussed the application. Further questions were asked about the application following which it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling,

seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to award a Grant of £914.00 to the Tywyn & District History Society.

Cllr. Mark Kendall returned to the meeting.

Cl 160. **4. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

14.2.24 The Chair reported that there is little activity to report on this month other than him having become a member of Plaid Cymru and so no longer represents Tywyn Morfa Ward on Gwynedd Council as an Independent Councillor.

Cl 161. **5. MINUTES**

14.2.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Ron McCoo, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2024.

Cl 162. **6. MINUTES**

14.2.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2024..

Cl 163. **7. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024**

14.2.24 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2024.

Cl 164. **8. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Skatepark

The wet weather has continued throughout January and into February and there remains a large area where the grass seed has not taken. For Health and Safety reasons, it is proposed that this area be turfed as soon as possible.

Community Hub

Attended a Community Hub meeting arranged by Gwynedd Council who were exploring whether there is a need for a hub to be established in the Tywyn Area. The current closest Hubs are in Bala and Dolgellau and discussions were held with a number of agencies as to the type of help and support that can be offered and how local organisations are currently filling the role of a hub individually. Further discussion will be required as there are questions about where a hub would operate from, who would oversee it and how would it impact on current support providers.

Tywyn Promenade

No update has been received from Gwynedd Council regarding repairs to the promenade.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

Cl 165. **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL**

14.2.24 **FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported that the condition of the Bailey Bridge is becoming concerning but the relevant authorities are aware of the situation.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported on attending the opening of the new Dyfi Bridge and the Dementia Actif Gwynedd awareness event held in Tywyn.

Cl 166. **10. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A**

14.2.24 **REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**

Cllr. John Pughe reported that work on the Promenade lighting has now been completed and that concerns about dangerous parking in Idris Villas have been escalated.

Questions were asked by a number of Councillors about safety issues at the new junction on the A493 with the Dyfi Bridge. Cllrs. John Pughe and Anne Lloyd-Jones both responded that this issue has been raised with Gwynedd Council.

Cllrs. John Pughe, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Eileen Jones and Matthew Cooling left the meeting with Cllr. Nancy Clarke taking the Chair.

Cl 167. **11. MOTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING BY YSGOL UWCHRADD**

14.2.24 **TYWYN.**

Councillors discussed the application in detail with specific reference to whether it could be supported by the Council. Advice was given by the Clerk that the Council was unable to support an application from the School but further advice would be sought to clarify the situation. It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to defer the application.

Cllrs. John Pughe, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Eileen Jones and Matthew Cooling returned to the meeting with Cllr. John Pughe taking the Chair.

Cl 168. **12. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**

14.2.24 A Freedom of Information Request from a member of the public.

Cl 169. **13. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

14.2.24 Ambulance Services Commissioner – Final engagement phase of the EMRTS Service Review.

Keep Wales Tidy - Sustainable Food Partnerships in Wales webinar.

Lafan Cymru – Public Art Slate Landscapes workshop.

Gwynedd Council - Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Meeting.

Correspondence noted.

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14. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT

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

Playpark

The recent wet weather has led to a small delay in the installation of the new playpark but it is still expected that work will be completed in time for the playpark to open for Easter. Construction of the new fencing to go around the playpark is being undertaken inhouse and is using timber from trees felled in recent years.

Outdoor Gym

A new outdoor gym is being installed on the grass area opposite the carpark leading down to the Dovecote.

Green Flag Award

The application for the 2024-25 Green Flag Award has been completed and submitted. Judging will take place during the Summer with the result expected shortly afterwards.

Riverbank Fencing

Work on installing new fencing along the riverbank will be starting imminently following a meeting with Natural Resources Wales last week.

The Lodge

During recent renovation works, it was discovered that the condition of the Lodge was far worse than anticipated. Specialist surveyors have been appointed to undertake full damp and structural surveys as soon as possible.

The Dovecote

Over the last few weeks, urgent repairs have been undertaken to the roof of the Dovecote. A number of timbers and slates have been replaced to ensure the structure is once again watertight.

Chair of Trustees

At the last Trustees meeting, the Trustees voted to elect Beth Lawton as Chair of Trustees. The Trustees wish to offer their thanks to Aled Lewis for his dedication and hard work over the last four years.

Site Opening

The site will be opening as scheduled on March 1st and the Trustees wish the new management team every success during their first season in charge.

Concern was raised as to the condition of the Trust land with photographs circulated showing waste material that has been dumped in the woodlands. Councillors discussed the issue at length and asked that the Clerk write to the Trust to report the concerns that the Council has and to request a meeting.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.04pm

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