

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

**AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

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

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

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no questions from members of the public.

Cl 186. **1. APOLOGIES**

10.4.24 Gareth Mason.

Cl 187. **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

10.4.24 Cllr. Nancy Clarke, Item 15.

Cllr. Matthew Cooling, Item 12.

Cl 188. **3. CHAIRMAN’S ACTIVITY REPORT**

10.4.24 The Chair reported that it is all very quiet at present with no activity to report on this month.

Cl 189. **4. MINUTES**

10.4.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O’Hara, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 13th March 2024.

Cl 190. **5. MINUTES**

10.4.24 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

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 20th March 2024.

Cl 191. **6. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR MARCH 2024**

10.4.24 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Eileen Jones, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2024.

Cl 192. **7. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT**

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

### Skatepark

Due to the bad weather that was forecast for the Skatepark opening event, in the week leading up to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, the events company advised cancellation. No date has yet been set for the rescheduling of the event.

### Police

Following recent conversations with the Police, a meeting has been arranged for local officers to meet with Councillors to receive an update on local policing matters. Councillors will also have the opportunity to ask questions and raise any issues or concerns that they may have.

### Cambrian Road Car Park

Many thanks are due to the Managers of the Gwynedd Caravan Park for completing the removal of the spoil heap in the Cambrian Road Car Park before start of the Easter holiday.

### Job Fair

Attended the recent Job Fair held in the Leisure Centre and held discussions with employers to see if there is any assistance the Council could provide.

### Makerspace

Work has progressed well in the setting up of the Makerspace/Ffiws with an opening date expected to be able to be announced shortly.

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

Cl 193.  
10.4.24

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

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported that the One Voice Wales April meeting had to be cancelled and has been rescheduled for May.

Cl 194.  
10.4.24

## **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATED TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans raised the issue of the recent storms washing up large amounts of stones and shingle on the promenade walkway near Neptune. It would be difficult for wheelchair users to navigate and needs clearing. Cllr. Evans also reported on the lack of maintenance by Gwynedd Council in Cwm Maethlon leading to a number of blocked drains which locals are having to unblock to prevent flooding.

Cllr. Eileen Jones asked if there was an update on the ward closure at Tywyn Hospital.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that a further meeting will be held at the end of the month to provide an update on the current situation but. At present though, there are not enough staff employed to be able to reopen the ward.

Cllr. Eileen Jones enquired whether the work on hospital garden was ever discussed as there was a promise that items purchased by relatives would be incorporated in the new garden

but that has not happened. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that the next meeting will have a bigger agenda with more people involved.

Cllr. Aled Lewis raised the news that Gwynedd Council will have to repair the damaged road above Cwm Maethlon having lost a court case brought by The Green Lane Association.

Cl 195.  
10.4.14 **10. MOTION THAT TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTS AND IMPLEMENTS THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO MEMBERS**

Following a discussion by Councillors on the motion, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that Tywyn Town Council accepts and implements the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales recommendations for the payment of allowances to Members.

Cl 196.  
10.4.24 **11. MOTION THAT THE TYWYN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT BE HELD ON SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024.**

Following a discussion by Councillors on the motion, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** that the Tywyn Christmas lights switch on event be held on Saturday 16th November 2024.

Cl 197.  
10.4.24 **12. MOTION TO APPOINT GWYNEDD COUNCIL AS THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL FOR 2023-24.**

Following a discussion by Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that Gwynedd Council be appointed internal auditors for Tywyn Town Council for 2023-24.

Cl 198.  
10.4.24 **13. CORRESPONDENCE WHICH REQUIRES A RESPONSE BY THE COUNCIL**

None received.

Cl 199.  
10.4.24 **14. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

One Voice Wales – Senedd Cymru Electoral Candidate Lists Bill Consultation

One Voice Wales – Training Dates

One Voice Wales – Annual Financial Timetable of Actions

Llais – Prevention of Future Deaths monitoring

Llais – Letter sent to BCUHB regarding the EMRTS service.

North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority – Community Risk Management Plan Public Consultation

*Correspondence noted.*

Cl 200.  
10.4.24 **15. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

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

**Playpark**

Work on the installation of the new playpark has been delayed due to the wet weather but will resume as soon as possible.

### Outdoor Gym

The new outdoor gym has been installed on the grass area opposite the carpark leading down to the Dovecote and is proving very popular with users of all age groups.

### Riverbank Fencing

Work on the installation of the new fencing along the riverbank has been delayed due to the recent wet weather making access waterlogged and dangerous for the contractors. It is expected that work will be starting as soon as the ground conditions permit.

### The Lodge

The Trust is waiting for the surveyors to confirm a date when the building survey is able to be undertaken.

### Site Update

The site opened as scheduled on March 1st and has been busy despite Easter being early this year.

### Accounts

The Trust accounts for 2022 have been submitted to the Charity Commission and are available on the Charity Commission website. The 2023 Trust accounts are being prepared by the accountants and will be submitted as soon as they are completed.

Cllr. John Pughe asked when the accounts for the Caravan Park will be released to the Council as they had been promised a while ago. Cllr. Aled Lewis responde that the Trustees were waiting to hold a meeting with the Directors.

There then followed a discussion concerning the profit made by the Carvan Park as the Deed states that all profit shall be passed to the Trust. Cllr. Aled Lewis stated that all the profit isn't and cannot be passed to the Trust and that the Caravan Park retains some of the money.

Further discussion was then held around who made the decision to commision the new playpark and the cost. Cllr. Aled Lewis responded that the Directors of the Caravan Park made the decision with the Trust being informed at a later date.

Cllr. John Pughe raised the issue of the decision to undertake work on the Lodge without the Council being informed in advance. Cllr. Aled Lewis responded that initially, it was only refurbishment work that was being planned.

The next Ordinary meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.16pm

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIR**