

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2025
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Cllr. Gareth Mason (Chair)

Cllrs. Kath Charters, Nancy Clarke, Alun Wyn Evans, Cathy Evans,
Eileen Jones, Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo,
Marisa O'Hara, John Pughe, Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT:

Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

CI 031.
11.6.25

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Matthew Cooling.

CI 032.
11.6.25

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

Cllr. Olivia Woodward, Item 3.

Cllr. Kath Charters, Item 12.

Cllr. Eileen Jones, Item 13 & 14.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, Item 14.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Item 16.

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, Item 17.

CI 033.
11.6.25

3. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF DYFI WARD, TYWYN HOSPITAL

The Secretary of the Older People's Forum addressed the meeting to highlight the concerns of the Forum amid the uncertainty regarding health provision in the area. The Forum believed that a further public meeting was now required to raise concerns with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board as it has been over two years since the closure of Dyfi Ward.

The Clerk gave an the Meeting an update on the current situation and the future plans that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board have for extensive public engagement ahead of a service review, before the Board considers final recommendations in December 2025.

Councillors discussed the subject at length following which it was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall that the Council should support the holding of a Public Meeting to include Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Following a vote by Councillors, the motion failed.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to support the proposed plans by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board for smaller meetings involving local groups and organisations.

CI 034. **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

11.6.25 In the absence of the Chair of the Council, no report was presented.

CI 035. **5. MINUTES**

11.6.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 14th May 2025.**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Ron McCoo, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2025.

CI 036. **6. MINUTES**

11.6.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 14th May 2025.**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2025.

CI 037. **7. MINUTES**

11.6.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 4th June 2025.**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Eileen Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 4th June 2025.

CI 038. **8. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RFO'S FINANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2025**

11.6.25 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the RFO's Finance Report for May 2025.

CI 039. **9. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

11.6.25 The Clerk provided the following written report to the Council.

Tywyn Hospital Steering Group

The June meeting is expected to hear details about the next stages in the processes surrounding the ward closure at Tywyn Hospital and to establish firm timelines for all of the consultation and engagement exercises to reach a conclusion. It is expected that the public consultation period will run from July to September with long and short lists of options resulting from data analysis being drawn up before final recommendations are presented to the Board of BCUHB in December.

Ffiws

The workshops being run by Cader Soaps to make soaps, balms, oils and wax melts have begun and have been well attended. Discussions have been held to establish more workshops and to make regular use of the existing equipment.

A further meeting is to be held with Gwyned Council Youth Services to progress the planned setting up of an after-school drop-in centre for school children. This meeting will include hearing from the young people that the service is aimed at.

Christmas Lights Switch On Event

The Christmas Lights Switch On will take place this year on Saturday November 15th. It is expected that the event will be similar to last year, with an indoor craft market, street market and live music, although there are a number of new guidelines for public events which will have to be followed.

Footpaths

Meetings have been held with Development Officer from Hywel Dda Health Board, who is looking to produce a leaflet highlighting some short wellbeing walks that can be undertaken from Tywyn Hospital. The walks would be targeted at staff and patients at the hospital as well as visitors seeking respite. Walks have been identified and work undertaken to clear overgrown

footpaths. This project is similar to the walks that have been established in Aberystwyth, starting from Bronglais Hospital and the GP surgeries.

Internal Audit

The Internal Audit has been completed with the Auditor pleased that the governance and accounting processes that the Council has in place are of the appropriate standards to ensure confidence that we are acting correctly and complying with legislation.

Road Safety by Penybryn School

The issues of road safety around Penybryn School has again been raised with the Police who are keen to see a permanent solution put in place as soon as possible. Officers are attending the school on a regular basis but other operational requirements mean that this not possible every day. One suggestion is that this is something that, in the short term, be considered by the School Pastors.

General

Time has been spent this month in assisting members of the public who have visited the office to raise concerns or have asked for help with matters. Help was given and advice provided when it was possible, with information provided about who to contact when it was not directly possible to assist.

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

CI 040.
11.6.25

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

Cllr. Cathy Evans reported attending a Penybryn School Governors Meeting and the excellent report that has been produced by Estyn following thier inspection in March. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the Housing Roadshow, organised by Gwynedd Council, and the Health Board's Care Closer to Home workstream.

CI 041.
11.6.25

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

Cllr. John Pughe reported attending a site meeting with Officers of Gwynedd Council at the Corbett Arms Hotel to discuss the current situation regarding the condition of the building and parking issues caused by the road closure and diversions.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans rasied the issue of parking tickets being issued early in the morning to residents of Maengwyn Street with Cllr. John Pughe responding that the road is subject to a road closure noticed and has double yellow lines on both sides of the road.

Cllr. Nancy Clarke referred to the engineers report on the condition of the Hotel and expressed concern that doing nothing is not an option any more as it is likely more of the building is likely to collapse.

CI 042.
11.6.25

12. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY WALES AIR AMBULANCE

Councillors discussed the request at length, and the recommendation from the Finance Committe Meeting of 4th June. It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** to to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and award £750.00 to Wales Air Ambulance.

CI 043.
11.6.25

13. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY DYSYNNI HOCKEY CLUB

Councillors discussed the request at length, and the recommendation from the finance Committee Meeting of 4th June. Following the discussion, which included hearing from a representative from the hockey club, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and award £15,000.00 to Dysynni Hockey Club.

Cllr. Eileen Jones left the meeting.

CI 044.
11.6.25 **14. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE SCHOOL PASTORS PROJECT**

Councillors discussed the request at length, and the recommendation from the Finance Committee meeting of 4th June. Following the discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and award £1,000.00 to the School Pastors Project.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans left the meeting.

CI 045.
11.6.25 **15. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY DAIL DYSYNNI**

Following an extensive discussion by Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** to award £400.00 to Dail Dysynni

Cllrs. Eileen Jones and Alun Wyn Evans returned to the meeting.
Cllr. John Pughe left the meeting.

CI 046.
11.6.25 **16. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION C25/0403/09/CR CORBETT ARMS HOTEL, TYWYN LL36 9DG**

Following a discussion by Councillors, no objections to the application were raised.

Cllr. John Pughe returned to the meeting.
Cllr. Marisa O'Hara left the meeting.

CI 047.
11.6.25 **17. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION C25/0350/09/LL 40 HIGH STREET, TYWYN LL36 9AD**

Following a discussion by Councillors, no objections to the application were raised.

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara returned to the meeting.

CI 048.
11.6.25 **18. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**

None received.

CI 049.
11.6.25 **19. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL**

Gwynedd Council – Internal Audit Report

Gwynedd Council – Corbett Arms Hotel update

Parc Ynysmaengwyn Cyf – Letter from the Directors

Correspondence noted.

Cllr. Olivia Woodward left the meeting.

CI 050.
11.6.25 **20. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysmaengwyn Trust Committee, gave a verbal report to the Council. The Consultants Report on the Operation and Governance of the Trust and Caravan Park, commissioned by the Ynysmaengwyn Trust Committee, has been completed and received by the Trustees. The report has highlighted a number of items in the report which are of concern to the Council and that the Council will need additional meetings and discussions in the coming months to fully discuss these items of concern.

Included in the items of concern is the fact that numerous documents relating to the changes to the Trust in 2020 and the creation of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf have not been executed correctly, including Deeds and Leases, and there are questions regarding the Council's status as a Trustee. The Report makes a number of suggestions and recommendations, all of which will need to be considered.

Cllr. Gareth Mason spoke to say that as many of the points reported on by Cllr. Mark Kendall will be discussed during the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council being held on 12th June, further comments and debate on Cllr. Mark Kendall's Trust Report will take place at that meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7.00pm.

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