

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2025
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. Gareth Mason (Chair).

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

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk).

PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the Hospital Action Group addressed the meeting to speak about the closure of Dyfi Ward at Tywyn Community Hospital and that the Group does not support the proposals that Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board has put forward as none include reopening of the ward to inpatients. The group believes that many decisions have already been taken and that the Board of BCUHB is looking to pursue options for community services without the ward reopening. The reopening of the ward is the group's main priority and the group will be continuing to pursue a variety of avenues in order to achieve this.

A member of the public spoke in general terms about health service provision, and highlighted a number of occasions where local health provision fell short of what should be expected.

CI 121.
12.11.25 **1. APOLOGIES**
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones.

CI 122.
12.11.25 **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**
Cllr. Olivia Woodward, Item 3.

CI 123.
12.11.25 **3. A PRESENTATION BY BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD, REGARDING THE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF TYWYN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

The Chair welcomed the representatives of the Health Board, who had come to the meeting to provide the community with a presentation regarding the options for the future of Tywyn Community Hospital. The presentation began with a description of the work that had been undertaken following the closure of Dyfi ward, together with an explanation of how the process of determining which options would be taken to the Board Members was arrived at. Currently, there is a process of public engagement underway, as the Board wants to hear from all members of the community. It was stressed that the hospital is not closed, it is just Dyfi Ward that is closed to inpatients. At the Balance Room sessions, the option to reopen the ward as it was before closure, scored much lower than the other options which is why, at this stage, it has not been recommended to be taken forward. Up to date information regarding the options and survey questions will be made available on the BCUHB website and information was provided about improvements to services such as the Minor Injuries Unit, Tuag Adref/Homeward Bound project and the Treatment Room. The reopening the ward would lead to these services being cut or stopped.

Following the presentation, Councillors questioned the Health Board representatives at length on matters including communication around the closure, patients and relatives having to travel long distances, the fact that Tywyn has a new, modern building when compared with Dolgellau, the reasons for the closure, the need for palliative care in Tywyn, staff recruitment and the options for the future.

Due to time constraints, members of the public were given the opportunity to ask a limited number of questions of the Health Board following which the Chair suspended the meeting for a ten minute break.

CI 124. **4. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

12.11.25 Cllr. Gareth Mason reported attending the Remembrance Concert, organised by the South Meirionnydd Older People's Forum, which was very enjoyable. The Chair gave his apologies for being unable to attend the Service of Remembrance, due to work commitments.

CI 125. **5. MINUTES**

12.11.25 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th October 2025.**

It was **Proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8th October 2025.

CI 126. **6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RFO'S FINANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025**

12.11.25 It was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** to receive and approve the RFO's Finance Report for October 2025.

CI 127. **7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Tywyn Hospital

Attended a meeting with BCUHB on Shaping the Future of Inpatient Services at Tywyn Community Hospital. The summary from the first phase of the engagement process was available to attendees, together with the Outcomes Report from the first development and appraisal meeting. The meeting discussed at length the medium list of options that had been developed at the previous meeting, and examined in detail the benefits and drawbacks of each option. Agreed criteria were then applied to each option which resulted in three options being put forward to the next stage of the process.

Gwynedd Youth Services

Further meetings have been held with Gwynedd Council Youth Services who are very keen to progress the planned setting up of an after-school drop-in centre for school children. Work has been undertaken to enable the Community Ffrij to relocate to the Margaret Barnard building in the Leisure Centre car park. Following a visit to the building, this relocation is supported by the Ffrij Committee. The drop-in centre will be based in the Station Building, which will also allow the Ffiws to be available to the children with this additional service being made possible with support offered by Menter Mon.

Town Centre Regeneration Fund

Work has progressed well on the improvements programme, with the old path by the swimming pool lifted and the area grassed. Old tree stumps have been removed and lifted slates from the pathway have been used to rebuild the walls along the main walkway. New benches and gazebo's have been ordered, which will be branded with the Council's name. Further work to improve the flower beds is planned, and sleepers from the Talyllyn Railway will be used to provide new edging.

Corbett Arms Hotel

The following update was received this month from Gwynedd Council regarding the Corbett Arms Hotel.

Thank you for your email in relation to the Corbett Arms.

As you will be aware, due to the condition of the building and concern for public safety, a Listed Building Consent (LBC) for the phased partial deconstruction and demolition of the building, and required support works to stabilise remaining structure has been submitted. Full details of the application are available [here](#).

The Planning Service is awaiting further information from the applicant's agent for the application for Listed Building consent regarding the nature and scale of the demolition/deconstruction works.

Once the additional information is submitted, it will need to be assessed and this is likely to result in a period of further public consultation on any

amended/additional information. Any responses received will then need to be considered.

In relation to the current situation at the Corbett Arms site the Council continues to monitor the building.

I trust that the above answers your query.

Community Transport

Attended a meeting regarding the setting up of a community transport scheme for the Tywyn area. A public meeting to discuss the scheme will be taking place at 2.00pm on November 13th at the Neuadd Dyfi.

Our Area 2035

Attended the Our Area 2035 event, organised by Gwynedd Council and supported by Menter Mon. The Our Area Project has been established with the aim of creating a new Regeneration Framework for Gwynedd. Thirteen local regeneration areas have been identified, including Tywyn and Bro Dysynni. Project work from previous meetings was discussed with regular future meetings planned to identify projects for the future as well as revisiting the priorities of the Our Area 2035 plan.

Section 6 Workshop

Attended a Section 6 workshop organised by One Voice Wales. Under Section 6 of the Environment Act (2016) the Council must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of our functions, and in so doing, promote the resilience of ecosystems. The Council has a Biodiversity Report and Action Plan, which is published every three years, and this plan now has to be submitted to One Voice Wales, who are working with the Welsh Government to maintain the records. The workshop discussed how the Council can improve reporting and how the Council can build biodiversity considerations into regular decision making.

Pay and Display Machine

Work is progressing with the merchant services provider to enable contactless payments to be made. The installation of the new machine will take place in December. The new machine will have the option to be switched to mains electricity when the supply has been confirmed by Gwynedd Council.

Remembrance

The parade will assemble at Tywyn Leisure Centre at 10.15am on Sunday 9th November before marching to St Cadfan's Church in time for the Service of Remembrance.

A service will take place at Bryn Paderau on Tuesday 11th November at 10.45am.

Website

Work with Netwise continues regarding the accessibility of the website, the uploading of all required bilingual documents and the operation of new email addresses for members. It is now expected that this work will all be completed in the next few months.

PCSO

Met with the PCSO to receive updates on local policing matters.

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 including neighbour disputes, yellow lines, social housing, public footpaths, the Corbett Arms Hotel and the allotments. 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. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be accepted.

CI 128.
12.11.25

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

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans apologised for not being able to attend the One Voice Wales Area Meeting.

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12.11.25

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

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara asked if there were any updates about the parking situation in Idris Villas. Cllr. John Pughe responded that he has raised the issue with Gwynedd Council a number of times and an officer has been to visit Tywyn. Cllr. Kath Charters commented that she has also raised the issue with Gwynedd Council.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans asked whether signs could be installed at each end of Cwm Maethlon to restrict large vehicles using the road when they follow satellite navigation directions. Lorries have been stuck on the hairpin bend which causes major disruption for other road users and residents. The issue of gullies being blocked was also raised with Cllr. Cathy Evans commenting that she thought that the gas pipeline company had an obligation to clear them.

Cllr. Eileen Jones reported that some vehicles were not following the diversion signs along Brook Street and were turning in to Frankwell Close rather than carry on along Frankwell Street and asked whether the signage could be improved. Cllr. John Pughe responded that the situation was not being helped by people moving cones and signs to enable them to park.

Cllr. Mark Kendall reported that a number of people taking part in the Parade and the Service of Remembrance at St Cadfan's Church, who had left their vehicles in the Leisure Centre car park, had received parking tickets from Gwynedd Council despite some booking in with the Leisure Centre. Following a discussion, the Clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint to Gwynedd Council.

Cllr. Mark Kendall raised the issue of the uneven and damaged pavement towards the Promenade end of Corbett Avenue. Wheelchair users have to go into the road as the condition of the pavement is so poor. The Clerk responded that the issue has been raised with Gwynedd Council who will be including the area in a future works programme.

CI 130.
12.11.25

10. MOTION TO ADOPT THE ACTION PLAN RELATING TO ANY DISCOVERY OF ASIAN HORNETS IN THE TYWYN AREA

The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed the Action Plan to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** to adopt the Action Plan.

CI 131.
12.11.25

11. MOTION TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH CLUB IN TYWYN

The Clerk introduced the motion, having distributed supporting paperwork to Councillors ahead of the meeting.

Councillors discussed the motion in detail about how the Youth Club would operate, where would it be located and who would be responsible for the staffing. Following the discussion, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and **resolved** to support the establishment of a Youth Club in Tywyn. A further discussion was then held about the level of financial support the Council could provide. Following the discussion, it was **Proposed** by Cllr. Kath Charters, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to provide financial support for three youth workers to operate the Youth Club for 30 weeks a year between September and April at a cost of £8698.00 per annum.

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12. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL

None received

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12.11.25

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

One Voice Wales - Upcoming Events Calendar
The Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government - Update
Gwynedd Council - Planning Application C25/0699/09/DT Llesty, Brynhyfryd
Road LL36 9HG
Gwynedd Council - Our Area 2035 Event
Gwynedd Council - Corbett Arms Hotel Update
Transport for Wales - September Bulletin
BCUHB - Tywyn Hospital Update

One Voice Wales - Meirionnydd Area Committee Meeting Minutes
One Voice Wales - Training Dates
Planning Aid Wales – Responding to Planning Applications
Dyfi Biosphere – October Newsletter
Mantell Gwynedd – October Bulletin

Correspondence noted.

CI 134.

12.11.25

14. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, gave a verbal report to the Council. The report had been cleared in advance of the meeting by the Council's solicitors, as legal discussions are ongoing regarding the operation of Charity 1118400, Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, Miss Mary Corbetts Gift to Ynysymaengwyn. The report covered a number of actions that have been taken by people outside of Trust meetings and that the Council is following legal advice on how best to resolve the issues.

Separately, but as part of the process to regularise a number of outstanding legal matters, notice has been served on the Directors of Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf to vacate the land owned by the Council, as the company is operating without a lease or any agreement to operate on Council land.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for
Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.00pm.

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