

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2025
AT 7.00pm AT NEUADD PENDRE

PRESENT: Cllrs. Eileen Jones (Chair), Nancy Clarke, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Gareth Mason, Kath Charters.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr. Matthew Cooling.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

Cllr. Eileen Jones, item 4.

3. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC TOILETS PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Gwynedd Council had written to the Council proposing that the Council's contribution to the Public Toilets Partnership Scheme be increased from £8,000 per year to £10,880 per year, an increase of 36%. This would be the first increase in the contribution since the scheme began in 2017.

Councillors discussed the proposal at length, noting that it is unfortunate that the contribution was not increased in smaller amounts over past years, the value to the community of providing public toilets and the overall cost of maintaining the two public toilets in Tywyn.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Gareth Mason and **resolved** that the Finance Committee makes a recommendation to the Full Council to agree with the increase in the contribution.

Cllr. Eileen Jones left the meeting.

4. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING BY NEUADD PENDRE AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE DECEMBER ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Councillors had received the application ahead of the meeting and the Clerk provided an update to the finances to include the EDF debt. Councillors discussed the request at length, noting past management issues, the establishment of a new committee and the value of the Neuadd to the community. Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the Finance Committee makes the following recommendation to the Full Council that grant funding be provided:

Financial support for four months of the debt repayment element of the EDF monthly bill.

A Council representative to sit on the Board of Trustees.

A Council representative to sit on the Management Committee.

Cllr. Eileen Jones returned to the Meeting.

5. TO PREPARE A BUDGET FOR 2026 - 27 AND TO RECOMMEND A PRECEPT REQUIREMENT TO TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE 2026 - 27 FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Clerk had distributed the draft budget to Councillors ahead of the meeting, which detailed previous years spending, the current financial years six month spend and recommendations for the 2026 – 27 financial year. Projected income, excluding the precept, was included in the draft budget.

Councillors discussed each item in the draft budget at length and in detail, asking numerous questions, requesting clarifications and making suggestions.

Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Kath Charters and **resolved** to propose a Budget of £155,994.00, together with a Precept requirement of £108,100.00 to the December Ordinary Meeting of Tywyn Town Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.53pm.