

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2026
AT NEUADD PENDRE, TYWYN AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Cllr. Gareth Mason (Chair)

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

OFFICER PRESENT:

Chris Wood (Clerk)

PUBLIC SESSION

Hugo Iffla spoke to address accusations that, as a Trustee of the Ynysymaengwyn Trust, he had taken unlawful actions and that he did not feel that it was fair or democratic that a Councillor can make statements presenting their version of events. Reference was made to a meeting of the Trust, held in October 2024 which was not quorate and that in his view, subsequent decisions made by the Trust were therefore invalid and how the Council feels about this. A question was asked as to whether the Council regrets spending money on legal advice to remove the independent trustees from the Trust, in their bid to take back control of the Trust and Caravan Park.

The Clerk responded that a written response would be provided in due course.

CI 019.

1. APOLOGIES

13.5.26

Cllr. Cathy Evans.

CI 020.

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

13.5.26

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Items 11 and 13.

CI 021.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

13.5.26

Cllr. Gareth Mason reported that he had not undertaken any Council related business in the past month.

CI 022.

4. MINUTES

13.5.26

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th April 2026.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Kath Charters and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8th April 2026.

CI 023.

5. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

13.5.26

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Eileen Jones, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Responsible Financial Officer's Report for April 2026.

CI 024.

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

13.5.26

The Clerk provided the following written report to the council.

The Station Building

The newly formed Tywyn and District Model Railway Society is meeting regularly in the Station Building, with a growing membership and increased awareness in the community.

Tywyn Community Hospital

It is believed that the next BCUHB meeting, to discuss the next stage of the review of inpatient services at Tywyn Community Hospital, will be taking place towards the end of June.

British Heart Foundation

The British Heart Foundation will be holding a table top sale and coffee afternoon in the Community Ffrij on Friday June 5th, between 12.00pm and 3.00pm.

Police Meeting

A meeting has been arranged for Councillors and North Wales Police at Tywyn Police Station on June 1st.

CiILCA

Three training courses have now been completed, with the first work submitted.

PCSO

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

Pay and Display Machine

The new pay and display machine has been installed and is in operation. The machine is of sturdier construction than the previous machine, has better weather proofing, a greatly improved touch screen display together with a contactless payment system.

Bus Stops

The installation of the new bus stop at the Hospital has now been completed. No response was received from Gwynedd Council regarding repair work at the Coop bus stop, or the possibility of the old bus stop being relocated to the allotment site.

Taith

The setting up of Taith, the new Tywyn and Area Community Transport Scheme has been completed with the first passenger journeys undertaken. The publicity campaign has begun, with press releases sent to the Cambrian News and Dail Dysynni, in order to raise public awareness of the scheme and to increase both the number of volunteer drivers and potential users.

Brook Street Garden

The issue of dog fouling in the garden has continued again this month. New signs and closers for the gates will be installed shortly.

Allotments

Meetings have been held with members of the Allotment Association and new paperwork has been created to help with the allocation of new plots.

Skatepark

The RoSPA inspection for 2026 has been booked. The skatepark remains in good condition, thanks to the community respecting the structure, and has passed all intermittent inspections.

General

Time has also been spent this month in assisting members of the public who have visited the office to raise concerns or have asked for help. Discussions were held and advice provided for matters including concerns about the ward closure at Tywyn Hospital, parking issues in Idris Villas, help with obtaining travel passes, the Corbett Arms Hotel, grass cutting in May, damage to bollards in the car park on the promenade and the allotments.

Help and advice was given where possible, with information provided about who to contact when it was not directly possible to assist.

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara commented that the Allotments are looking good and following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be received and approved.

CI 025.
13.5.26

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

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara provided the meeting with an update on the Neuadd Pendre.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the opening of Ty Mabon, together with attending briefing sessions by Gwynedd Council, together with committee and governors meetings.

CI 026.
13.5.26

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

Cllr. Mark Kendall asked whether it would be possible for a waste bin to be located on the road leading to the Bailey Bridge, by the treatment plant, as many people use the public right of way. Cllr. Mark Kendal also asked why the objections made by the Council were not considered at the Gwynedd Council planning meeting which discussed the Corbett Arms Hotel and it appeared that no objection had been made. Cllr. John Pughe responded that the road closures are frustrating but public safety has to be the priority.

Cllr. Matthew Cooling asked what the long term future of the building is going to be, as the costs keep increasing and who is paying for the proposed work. Cllr. John Pughe highlighted past decision making as an issue but that until work begins, it is difficult to predict the outcome. Cllr. Kath Charters asked when the work would begin with Cllr. John Pughe responding as soon as possible. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones spoke to highlight the costs involved, the disruption in the town and that Gwynedd Council have indicated that the road might be able to open under traffic light control at some point in the future.

Cllr. Mark Kendall spoke to highlight the pavement work that has been completed at Corbett Avenue, having raised the issue at a previous meeting, and to thank those involved.

Cllr. Eileen Jones spoke to thank Gwynedd Council for placing a no through road sign at the entrance to Frankwell Close and asked whether the Council had written to Gwynedd Council about introducing a Flexibus in Tywyn and whether the Gwynedd Councillors had looked into it. The Clerk responded that a letter had not yet been sent to Gwynedd Council.

CI 027.

13.5.26

9. MOTION TO ADOPT AN EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

Cllr. Matthew Cooling spoke to highlight the use of gendered language in the proposed policy. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to amend the motion to change instances of gendered language to gender neutral.

Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Matthew Cooling, seconded by Cllr. John Pughe and **resolved** to adopt the amended Equality and Diversity Policy.

CI 028.

13.5.26

10. MOTION TO ORGANISE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT AND TO SET A BUDGET

The Clerk introduced the item, explaining that the event was very well attended and successful and would like to organise a similar event for this year with a suggested budget of £3,500.

Following a discussion between Councillors, which was supportive of the event, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Kath Charters and **resolved** to organise the Christmas Lights switch on event, with an allocated budget of £3,500.

CI 029.

13.5.26

11. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0250/09/TC THE OLD BAKERY COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, TYWYN LL36 9AE

Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to make no objection to planning application C26/0250/09 TC.

CI 030.

13.5.26

12. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0242/09/DT 3 BRYN PADERAU, TYWYN LL36 9LA

Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to make no objection to planning application C26/0242/09 DT.

CI 031.

13.5.26

13. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0182/09/RA LAND ADJOINING TOP, GLAN Y MOR PARADE, TYWYN LL36 9TC

Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to make no objection to planning application C26/0250/09 RA.

CI 032.

13.5.26

14. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0278/09/LL FIRE STATION, PENDRE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, TYWYN LL36 9LW

Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to make no objection to planning application C26/0278/09 LL.

CI 033. **15. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**

13.5.26 None received.

CI 034. **16. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE THAT COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY EMAIL**

13.5.26 *Correspondence noted.*

CI 035. **17. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

13.5.26 Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, reported that a meeting of the Trustees was held on Wednesday 6th May, with all Trustees present. Ahead of the meeting, a document had been distributed to the Trustees providing guidance on how Trust meetings should operate to be lawful. At the start of the meeting, a long and detailed discussion was held between the Trustees on the guidance received and how to proceed lawfully. However, no agreement on how to proceed was reached and the meeting ended, after two hours, without the first item on the agenda being discussed. Cllr. Mark Kendall clarified the legal advice that has been received that confirms that the Council is a Trustee and highlighted examples of what was considered to be unlawful behaviour.

The meeting was closed at 8.07pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 7.00pm.

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