

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 2026
AT NEUADD PENDRE, TYWYN AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Cllr. Kath Charters (Chair)

Cllrs. 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)

Members paid tribute to Richie Owens, who recently passed away. Richie served on the Council for many years and was Chair and the Mayor of Tywyn in 2013-14. Condolences were extended to his family and members stood and observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public addressed the meeting to raise concerns about a building in Cantref that has been in a poor condition for many years and is now becoming a health and safety concern. Cllr. John Pughe responded that he would visit the property and, if necessary, make a report to Gwynedd Council.

CI 036.

1. APOLOGIES

10.6.26

Cllr. Matthew Cooling. Gareth Mason.

CI 037.

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

10.6.26

No declarations were made.

CI 038.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

10.6.26

Due to the absence of Cllr. Gareth Mason, no report was available. Cllr. Kath Charters reported that she had been unable to attend the BCUHB meeting due to a professional conflict of interest.

CI 039.

4. MINUTES

10.6.26

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th May 2026.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 13th May 2026.

CI 040.

5. MINUTES

10.6.26

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th May 2026.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Eileen Jones and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 13th May 2026.

CI 041.

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2026

10.6.26

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

7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk provided the following written report to the council.

Tywyn Community Hospital

Attended a meeting organised by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, on Developing a Sustainable Solution for Tywyn Community Hospital Services. This meeting built on the work that had previously been undertaken and examined the essential criteria which had been applied to the options chosen for consideration by the Health Board. Three options will now be considered by the Health Board to go to the Public Consultation process, which will begin in the Autumn and run for twelve weeks. One of the options includes reopening Dyfi Ward as it was prior to the closure, with one further option being to investigate further whether the ward could reopen in addition to maintaining and developing the additional services which have been operating since the closure of the ward. The third option is that the ward remains closed and to provide enhanced community services such as the minor injuries unit, the treatment room and Tuag Adref, together with the community hub and provision of beds elsewhere, such as in care homes or at other sites.

North Wales Police

Attended the annual engagement meeting with North Wales Police, to receive updates on local policing matters. Representatives from Tywyn Town Council, Aberdyfi and Brynchrug Community Councils and the Coastguard were present, with the discussion highlighting issues of local concern such as dangerous driving, speeding, vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

Regular engagement sessions are held at Tywyn library and members of the public are encouraged to attend if they have concerns which they wish to bring to the attention of the police.

Byw'n Iach New Pitch Opening

Attended the official opening of the new Bro Dysynni Pitch by Byw'n Iach at the leisure centre. Representatives from Gwynedd Council, Hockey Wales and Byw'n Iach gave presentations and schoolchildren were on the pitch taking part in training and coaching sessions. Despite the damp weather, the day went well and Tywyn is very fortunate to have such a brilliant new facility which will support sport in the area for decades to come.

Talyllyn Railway

Attended the celebrations held by the Talyllyn Railway to mark the 75th anniversary of the railway becoming the world's first preserved railway. There are now seventeen heritage railways in Wales, over one hundred and seventy in the UK and well over a thousand around the world. It is a huge boost for Tywyn to be the pioneer of this movement and it is hoped that the railway will operate for the enjoyment of many generations of visitors and enthusiasts to come.

CILCA

The fourth training session has been completed and work is progressing well with the completion and submission of the assignments.

Brook Street Garden

The issue of dog fouling in the garden has continued again this month, with complaints received from a number of members of the public and our gardening contractor.

Internal Audit

The Internal Audit has been completed, with the auditor happy with the governance arrangements that have been put in place by the Council. There is a recommendation that some reporting that can be improved on in future years and the report in full is included with the supporting documents for the meeting.

The Cadfan Path

Attended the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Llanegryn Church, which included a presentation by Pelerin on the Cadfan Path, a twelve day walking pilgrimage from Tywyn to Bardsey Island. The route includes remote churches and rugged coastlines, and combines physical adventure with spiritual tradition. The newly established pilgrim path of 128 miles, is already proving to be popular and includes twenty six individual locations from which to collect a unique passport stamp. As Tywyn is the starting point for the path, many people are discovering Tywyn and it is hoped that local businesses will benefit from this new visitor attraction.

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 ongoing concerns about the ward closure at the hospital, parking issues in Idris Villas, the Corbett Arms Hotel, the Allotments and Gwynedd Youth Services. Help and advice was given where possible, with information provided about who to contact when it was not directly possible to assist.

Cllr. Eileen Jones asked whether there was any update on the Fflecsi Bus request, with Cllrs. Anne Lloyd-Jones and John Pughe both replying that they had not received any updates. Cllr. Eileen Jones asked if any updates have been received regarding the request for an additional pedestrian crossing in the High Street. The Clerk responded that no update has yet been received. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be received and approved.

CI 043.
10.6.26

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

Cllr. Marisa O'Hara reported on attending a meeting of Sight Loss Cymru and suggested that there are actions that the Council could undertake which would benefit those in Tywyn with impaired vision. Cllr. Marisa O'Hara reported an improvement in the finances of the Neuadd Pendre and thanked those Councillors who attended events.

Cllr. Cathy Evans thanked members for her re-election as the Council's representative to the Ysgol Penybryn governing body and congratulated the organisers of the recent butterfly campaign to raise awareness of dementia.

Cllr. Mark Kendall reported attending the annual meeting of Councillors with North Wales Police, which provided updates on local policing matters. Cllr. Mark Kendall also reported on attending the meeting with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, on Developing a Sustainable Solution for Tywyn Community Hospital Services.

Cllr. Eileen Jones reported attending the 75th Anniversary Gala at the Talyllyn Railway, which was celebrating 75 years of becoming the world's first preserved railway and also attending the meeting with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, on Developing a Sustainable Solution for Tywyn Community Hospital Services.

Cllr. John Pughe reported attending the meeting with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, on Developing a Sustainable Solution for Tywyn Community Hospital Services and also attending the 75th Anniversary Gala at the Talyllyn Railway, which was celebrating 75 years of becoming the world's first preserved railway.

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the Gwynedd Council AGM, a Gwynedd Council planning meeting, a meeting of the Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison Committee, and an Area Committee meeting.

CI 044.
10.6.26

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

Cllr. Eileen Jones raised the diversion in place due to the works being undertaken at the Corbett Arms Hotel and the issues that such a large number of vehicles are causing in Frankwell Street. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones responded that the recent additional road closure on National Street had made matters worse.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans asked whether signs advising large vehicles not to use Happy Valley could be installed as there have been instances of vehicles getting stuck and causing long delays.

Cllr. Cathy Evans reported the large number of camper vans parking at Bailey Bridge and of instances of anti social behaviour at what is a SSSI site. Cllr. John Pughe responded that the issue need to be brought up with the landowner and that Gwynedd Council are aware of the situation.

- CI 045.
10.6.26 **10. MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN**
The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed the Annual Return to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. John Pughe, seconded by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones and **resolved** to approve the Annual Return.
- CI 046.
10.6.26 **11. MOTION TO ADOPT A DATA PROTECTION POLICY**
The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed the proposed Data Protection Policy to Councillors ahead of the meeting, and explained the reasons for the Council to adopt the policy. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to adopt the Data Protection Policy.
- CI 047.
10.6.26 **12. MOTION TO ADOPT A DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY**
The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed the proposed Document Retention Policy to Councillors ahead of the meeting, and explained the reasons for the Council to adopt the policy. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Olivia Woodward, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** to adopt the Document Retention Policy.
- CI 048.
10.6.26 **13. MOTION TO ADOPT AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY**
The Clerk introduced the item, having distributed the proposed Information Technology Policy to Councillors ahead of the meeting, and explained the reasons for the Council to adopt the policy. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** to adopt the Information Technology Policy.
- CI 049.
10.6.26 **14. TO DISCUSS DOG FOULING IN BROOK STREET GARDEN**
The Clerk introduced the item, having received a number of complaints about the condition of garden in recent weeks which is impacting the work of the gardening contractors and becoming a health issue. Councillors discussed the issue at length and asked that the Clerk make enquiries to Gwynedd Council about siting a bin in the garden.
- CI 050.
10.6.26 **15. TO DISCUSS PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES IN IDRIS VILLAS**
Cllr. Marisa O'Hara introduced the item, having received numerous complaints from members of the public on the difficulties encountered when driving and parking in Idris Villas. Gwynedd Council have been made aware of the issues but do not at present consider that any action is necessary. Cllr. Marisa O'Hara highlighted the need for members of the public to make individual complaints to Gwynedd Council, but asked that the Council investigate what more it can do. Cllr. Kath Charters suggested that this could be discussed by the Environment Committee which could then bring a proposal back to the Council for consideration. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reminded members that this is not a matter for Tywyn Town Council. Councillors discussed the item at length, referencing past meetings with Gwynedd Council, discussions with neighbouring landowners and possible consultations that might be undertaken. Following the discussion, it was agreed that the Environment Committee should discuss the matter in detail at its next meeting.
- CI 051.
10.6.26 **16. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**
None received.
- CI 052.
10.6.26 **17. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE THAT COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY EMAIL**
Correspondence noted.
- CI 053.
10.6.26 **17. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**
Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, highlighted the document referred to in last months report, which had been distributed to Councillors, relating to the last meeting of the Trustees. Since the last Trustees meeting, meetings have been held with Hugo Iffla, who now accepts that the Council is a valid Trustee, the Trust Secretary was unlawfully removed from his position and is now reinstated, and that the

information provided at the Trustees meeting was correct and that he does not dispute the validity of the contents of the document. A further positive to report is that Beth Lawton has reinstated the Trust Secretary's access to the email account and passed over paperwork which enabled the Trust Secretary to complete and submit the three outstanding VAT returns. The reinstatement of the Trust Secretary to the bank mandate is progressing. Cllr. Mark Kendall highlighted an admission made that Caravan Park money was used by the Directors of the Caravan Park to pay for personal legal advice to Hugo Iffla and Beth Lawton relating to the dispute between Trustees and that this action is unacceptable. Cllr. Mark Kendall questioned how, given this behaviour, Beth Lawton can remain as either a Trustee of the Charity or a Director of the Caravan Park.

Cllr. Mark Kendall concluded his report by giving thanks to Councillors for re electing him as the Council's representative and commented that progress is being made in resolving the outstanding issues for the benefit of the Trust.

The meeting was closed at 8.42pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.00pm.

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR