

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT 7.00pm ON WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2026**  
**AT NEUADD PENDRE, TYWYN AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Gareth Mason (Chair)

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

**OFFICER PRESENT:**

Chris Wood (Clerk)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no questions from members of the public.

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. John Pughe, Olivia Woodward.

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**2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

Cllr. Mark Kendall, Item 12  
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, Item 13

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**3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

Cllr. Gareth Mason congratulated Dysynni Hockey Club on the work undertaken to help with the installation of the new pitch and that he will be planning to visit the club to see the pitch in use.

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**4. MINUTES**

**To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th June 2026.**

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 10th June 2026.

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8.7.26

**5. MINUTES**

**To receive and approve the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2026.**

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2026.

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8.7.26

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

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

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8.7.26

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

The Clerk provided the following written report to the council.

**The Peoples Emergency Briefing Film Screening**

Attended the screening of The Peoples Emergency Briefing at the Magic Lantern. The film is a documentary which explores climate and nature changes in the UK compiled from scientific evidence, together with the expert insights covering health, food, security and economics which were presented to MP's and peers at Westminster.

Following the screening, there was an opportunity for a group discussion during which I was able to raise the Council's biodiversity obligations under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act

2016, which sets out the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty that the Council has to abide by. Reference was also made to the Council's Biodiversity Reporting obligations and to assure members of the audience that the Council is aware of its responsibilities and acts accordingly.

#### **One Voice Wales National Conference**

Attended the One Voice Wales National Conference which included presentations on the Cost of Living Crisis Social Impact Assessment of Town and Community Councils, National Lottery Community Fund funding opportunities, updates on the work of One Voice Wales and Biodiversity and Community Action in Wales. The Assessment highlighted the good work that Town and Community Councils undertake, with research showing that for every £1 that a Council invests there is a social return on the investment and a community benefit of £4.86. The conference was well attended and provided an opportunity to engage with other Clerks and Councillors, as well as representatives from organisations such as Keep Wales Tidy. The day concluded with the presentation of the One Voice Wales National Awards winners. It was interesting to see the submissions that Councils made to the awards and is something that the Council should consider entering in the future.

#### **Town and Community Council's Support Fund**

An application has been made to the Gwynedd Town and Community Council's Support Fund. The application is for funding to make improvements to the tarmac area adjacent to the skatepark. Suggestions have included painted road markings and play areas, a basketball hoop, a five a side football goal and landscaping improvements.

#### **CiLCA**

The fifth training session has now been completed and work is progressing well with the completion and submission of the assignments. It is hoped that all the submissions will have been made by the end of the year.

#### **Brook Street Garden**

Gwynedd Council have agreed to site a bin in the Brook Street garden. It is hoped that this will help address the issue of dog fouling in the garden. Gwynedd Council will be making a charge for emptying the bin and it is expected that charging will be extended to all of the Council's bins at the start of the next financial year.

#### **External Audit**

All of the documents that have been requested for completion of the Audit have been submitted to Audit Wales, who undertake the external audit of the Council.

#### **Gwynedd Youth Services**

Met with the youth leaders to discuss ways that the Council can support the work of the Youth Services. Gwynedd Council are keen to improve the visibility of the Youth Services programme, with the recent Fun Day at Ysgol Uwchradd being an example. It is hoped to be able to offer open days at the Ffiws during the school summer holiday period.

#### **Pedestrian Crossing**

Gwynedd Council have responded to the request that a new pedestrian crossing be considered for the High Street. All new proposed highway safety infrastructure improvements are subject to road safety capital grant funding and only a small number of schemes are put forward for this funding each year. Schemes with the highest demonstrable level of risk are given priority and whilst the proposal will be reviewed, it is not considered likely to be included in the next funding round.

#### **Cambrian Road Car Park**

Work to render the walls of the car park hut has been completed, with the work to the roof to be undertaken soon. New flower tubs have been installed by the pay and display machine and a new display is being constructed from old railway sleepers and rails from the Talyllyn Railway.

#### **Skatepark**

The skatepark successfully passed its annual RoSPA inspection with only the area of the tarmac pad requiring attention. There are a number of broken slabs around the perimeter of the tarmac which present a hazard, together with some of the tarmac around the shelter requiring maintenance.

The appearance of graffiti on a large area of the skatepark was disappointing to see and steps have been taken to ensure its removal.

## **Planters**

A number of the older planters around Tywyn are reaching the end of their life and will be repaired or replaced as necessary. The summer planting programme is nearly complete, with Tywyn looking resplendent, especially in the recent good weather.

## **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 the Allotments, Gwynedd Youth Services, Tywyn Spirit Link, the Community Ffrij, the siting of memorial benches, the Corbett Arms Hotel and both temporary and ongoing road closures.

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

Councillors discussed the Clerk's Report in detail, making reference to the Fflecsi Bus scheme, the pedestrian crossing application, the repair work to paddling pool, the timings on the traffic lights, making Tywyn a recognised Dementia Friendly town and whether a rainbow crossing would be possible for the town. The Clerk read out a response from Gwynedd Council about the Fflecsi Bus. Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be received and approved.

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### **8. A PRESENTATION BY GWYNEDD COUNCIL ON THE URBAN GREENING PROJECT**

Gwynedd Council gave a presentation to the meeting on the Urban Greening Project and how it could be implemented in Tywyn. The project aims to retrofit street trees to increase canopy cover, support climate changes, slow surface water flow, address sewer overflow and deliver biodiversity improvements. Funding for detailed design work has been secured from Welsh Water Dwr Cymru, with areas around Neptune Road identified as the most suitable area for the work. Councillors raised many points after the presentation and asked many questions. Gwynedd Council responded that the project is in the early stages of planning and feedback from the Councillors will be taken into consideration.

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

Cllr. Kath Charters reported attending Dysynni Hockey Club's opening of the new astro pitch at the leisure centre. The event was well attended with over one hundred club members present, including twelve out of more than twenty five who have represented Wales at all levels from junior to full senior international. Cllr. Kath Charters also reported on attending the Macmillan Royal Cancer Symposium and a session on the evaluation of rural cancer patient experiences in Mid Wales, examining any differences in care there may be compared to urban patients. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones also reported attending the Dysynni Hockey Club pitch opening, commenting that the new pitch is fantastic and it was great to attend the opening. Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending the funeral of Richie Owens, past Chairman of the Council and Mayor of Tywyn, together with fulfilling her obligations as a Gwynedd Councillor. Cllr. Cathy Evans attended a meeting of the Penybryn School governors.

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### **10. 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 about the letter from the Boundary Commission that Councillors had received which had initially showed one proposal but ended up implementing a very different change to the boundary, moving a substantial amount of land from Tywyn to Llanegryn. The removal of the historic public right of way across the River Dysynni was also raised. It was commented that an historic boundary appears to have been altered without any meaningful community engagement. Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Mark Kendall, seconded by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara and **resolved** for the Clerk to write to the Democracy and Boundary Commission, asking for clarification on the process that was undertaken and to register the Council's objection to the change.

- CI 064.  
8.7.26 **11. MOTION TO DISCUSS IDRIS VILLAS PARKING CONCERNS**  
Cllr. Marisa O'Hara introduced the item, having distributed an appraisal document which set out concerns about the current parking situation and options for discussion. It was acknowledged that whilst the Town Council has no direct powers and responsibility rests with Gwynedd Council, a large number of complaints and concerns have been raised with Councillors. Gwynedd Council does not necessarily agree at present that there is a traffic or parking issue, but would be willing to look at the matter should evidence be supplied. It was suggested that a survey be arranged to collect the views of residents.  
Councillors discussed the motion at length, noting the increase in vehicles requiring parking spaces, the lack of enforcement, the safety of drivers and pedestrians, together with a request that residents should also raise issues directly with Gwynedd Council.  
Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that the Council proceeds to gather information on the issues surrounding parking and traffic movements in Idris Villas.  
  
Cllr. Mark Kendall left the meeting.
- CI 065.  
8.7.26 **12. MOTION FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL TO SUPPORT TYWYN LIVE**  
The Clerk introduced the item, explaining that Tywyn Live is well supported, attracts a large number of visitors to Tywyn and that the Council has an events budget that has not been used this year. It was suggested that the Council could support the event by being a stage sponsor, organising the road closure and purchasing the reusable cups that will be required to operate the bar.  
Councillors discussed the motion at length, noting the estimated costs for the suggested methods to support the event.  
Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Marisa O'Hara, seconded by Cllr. Matthew Cooling and **resolved** to support Tywyn Live with grant funding of up to £2,500.00.  
  
Cllr. Mark Kendall returned to the meeting.
- CI 066.  
8.7.26 **13. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0392/09/LL THE VICTORIAN SLIPWAY, MARINE PARADE, TYWYN LL36 0DG**  
Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to make no objection to planning application C26/0392/09/LL.
- CI 067.  
8.7.26 **14. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION C26/0378/09/LL LAND AT PENDRE ENTERPRISE PARK, TYWYN LL36 9LW**  
Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to make no objection to planning application C26/0378/09/LL.
- CI 068.  
8.7.26 **15. TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION NP5/79/319D PANT YR OWEN, CWM MAETHLON LL36 9HU**  
Following a discussion between Councillors, it was agreed to make no objection to planning application NP5/79/319D.
- CI 069.  
8.7.26 **16. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**  
None received.
- CI 070.  
8.7.26 **17. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE THAT COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY EMAIL**  
*Correspondence noted.*
- CI 071.  
8.7.26 **18. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**  
Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, reported that the accounts for 2024-25 for Parc Ynysymaengwyn Cyf had been given to the Trustees. From a turnover of £385,935.00 the company reported a profit of £1,228.00. The

directors have still not passed this money on to the Trust as they are obliged to do. Following a meeting of the Trustees, a letter was sent to the Directors, containing a number of questions about the accounts, and raising concerns. The reply from the Directors was judged to be inadequate, as many questions were either not answered or only part answered. A further letter will be sent to the Directors, asking that they fulfil their duties and respond fully to the Trustees. The Council's role as the beneficial owner of Parc Ynysymanegwyn Cyf was confirmed, together with the fact that the Council is the owner of the land the caravan park operates from and, in its role as a Trustee, is the owner of all of the rest of the land, including the Lodge and all other buildings.

The meeting was closed at 8.57pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7.00pm.

**CADEIRYDD / CHAIR**