MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2026
AT NEUADD PENDRE, TYWYN AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr. Matthew Cooling (Chair)

Cllrs. Nancy Clarke, Alun Wyn Evans, Cathy Evans, Eileen Jones, Mark Kendall, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Ron McCoo, Olivia Woodward.

OFFICER PRESENT: Chris Wood (Clerk)

Both the Chair and Vice Chair had given their apologies to the Clerk and it was **proposed** by Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones, seconded by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans and **resolved** that Cllr. Matthew Cooling be Chair for the meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from members of the pubic.

Cl 088. 14.10.26 **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Kath Charters, Gareth Mason, Marisa O'Hara, John Pughe.

Cl 089. 14.10.26 **2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

No declarations were made.

Cl 090. 14.10.26 **3. CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

Due to the absence of the Chair, no activity report was presented to the meeting.

Cl 091. 14.10.26 **4. MINUTES**

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16th September 2026.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Cathy Evans and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 16th September 2026.

Cl 092. 14.10.26 **5. MINUTES**

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 7th October 2026.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Nancy Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** to receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 7th October 2026.

Cl 093. 14.10.26 **6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**

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

Cl 094. 14.10.26 **7. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk provided the following written report to the council.

Clwyd & Gwynedd Army Cadet Force

Attended the Clwyd & Gwynedd Army Cadet Force open evening, held in Tywyn. The Cadets had prepared activities and demonstrations, including fieldcraft, first aid, navigation, drill and turnout, in order give people the opportunity to discover what is involved in being a Cadet. The open evening was a great success and it was good to see so many young people enjoying themselves whilst learning many essential life skills.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Preparations for the Christmas Lights Switch On event, taking place on Saturday November 14th, are well underway. The road closure application and Temporary Event Notice have both been applied for, together with the road closure signage. Discussions have been held regarding the live music, which will feature local musicians playing all day. Bookings are going well for the indoor craft fair, with over thirty stalls confirmed, and all of the outdoor pitches for the street market have been booked. The event has been featured in the Cambrian News.

Gwynedd Library Services

Initial discussions have been held with Gwynedd Library Services regarding the provision of temporary accommodation at Neuadd Pendre whilst building work is being undertaken.

Tywyn & District Hospital Appeal Fund

Attended the AGM of the Tywyn & District Hospital Appeal Fund, which received an update from both representatives of BCUHB and hospital staff. The hospital is thriving, despite well publicised difficulties, and is full of activity with the Minor Injuries Unit, the Treatment Room and Tuag Adref all well established now and newly established services such as an IV suite and blood clinic proving to offer a valuable service to patients. There are approximately twenty five outpatient services operating on a monthly basis, including diabetes, paediatrics, orthopaedics and ophthalmology.

PCSO

Meetings were held with the PCSO to receive updates on local policing matters.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights have been collected for repairs to be undertaken in time for the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Youth Club

The Youth Club is now operating from the Station Building, after school on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Remembrance

Darren Hesleton has taken over the organisation of the Remembrance Parade and preparations are underway for this year's event.

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 public toilet provision, neighbour disputes, a wall collapse, parking issues in Idris Villas, the Community Ffrij, dog fouling, the Corbett Arms Hotel 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.

Following a discussion between Councillors, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Mark Kendall and **resolved** that the Clerk's report be received and approved.

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

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans reported being unable to attend the recent One Voice Wales Meirionnydd Area Meeting, and asked that the Clerk forward the minutes of the meeting to all Councillors.
Cllr. Mark Kendall reported attending the Open Evening in Tywyn arranged by the Clwyd & Gwynedd Army Cadet Force, which was held at the beginning of National Cadet Week. The evening involved activities including Field Craft, First Aid and Navigation, as well as displays of Drill and Turnout. Cllr. Mark Kendall commented that the Cadets are well run, organised and worthy of being supported by the Council.
Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones reported attending meetings of the Tywyn & District Hospital Appeal Fund, Governor's meetings at Ysgol Penybryn and Ysgol Uwchradd, Gwynedd Council meetings concerning planning, recycling, the proposed visitor levy, police updates, safeguarding and scrutiny.

Cl 096. 14.10.26 **9. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TYWYN TOWN COUNCILLORS TO ASK QUESTIONS OF, AND RECEIVE A REPORT FROM, GWYNEDD COUNCILLORS REGARDING MATTERS RELATING TO TYWYN**

Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones asked about the situation with the road closure and plans for the partial demolition of the Corbett Arms Hotel and suggested that the Council should discuss the issues and agree a response. Councillors discussed the recent update from Gwynedd Council and their hope that a partial opening of the road might be possible once the proposed demolition work was completed. Councillors felt that a one way system would be preferable to the road opening under traffic light control, but wanted the road to open fully and that the original proposal for the larger element of demolition of the Corbett Arms Hotel be pursued. Following the discussion, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans, seconded by Cllr. Nancy Clarke and **resolved** that the Clerk writes to Gwynedd Council to express the Council's view.

Cl 097. 14.10.26 **9. TO NOTE THE 2026-27 NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES SALARY AWARD, BACKDATED TO APRIL 2026**

Pay award noted.

Cl 098. 14.10.26 **11. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL**

None received.

Cl 099. 14.10.26 **12. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE THAT COUNCILLORS HAVE RECEIVED BY EMAIL**

Correspondence noted.

Cllr. Alun Wyn Evans asked about the situation regarding the paddling pool which had not been able to be open this summer due to repair work not being undertaken. The Clerk responded that Gwynedd Council have apologised that the paddling pool was unable to be open this year, and added that plans are in place to ensure that the paddling pool will be able to open next year, following a programme of refurbishment.

Cl 100. 14.10.26 **13. TO RECEIVE THE YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST REPORT**

Cllr. Mark Kendall, the Council's representative to the Ynysymaengwyn Trust Committee, reported that he had receved a number of complaints about the state of some of the footpaths in the woodland and that the issues had been resolved quickly. Thanks were given for the timely response.

The meeting was closed at 7.44pm

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 7.00pm.

CADEIRYDD / CHAIR