

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dolgellau Town Council Committee held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ywain Myfyr (Mayor)
Councillor Bob Gunton (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Jo Checkley, Sion Edwards, Peter Jones,
Dyfrig Siencyn, Ray Peters, Heilyn Williams
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C.1.2025-2026 PUBLIC SESSION

Annabel and Penny representing the Dolgellau Carnival Committee as observers for part of the meeting: Update received on arrangements on this year's town carnival.

PCSO Gareth Jones, North Wales Police for part of the meeting:
An update on the number of current incidents in the town was received. (191) for the period 2024-2025. Priority has been set for the police to ensure a clear public presence in the area and an investigation into a recent incident in the square. The presence of PCSO officers will continue in the town. CCTV scheme working well with a plan to extend it to areas around the Stag Inn, Stryd Plas in the town and possibly below Bont Fawr.

C.2.2025-2026 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Jessica John and Llinos Rowlands.

C.3.2025-2026 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS ARISING FROM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MEETING

No declarations received.

C.4.2025-2026 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 4, 2025

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed.

C.5.2025-2026 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1.1 MATTERS RAISED FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Ffynnon Fair Wood

Presented: The Clerk has corresponded with the Council's insurance company regarding this case, regarding the possibility of filing a claim for compensation. The case does not qualify.

Decided: The Clerk also to remind contractor Richard Britland to submit prices for further works on site, such as new gates and poles and to arrange a site meeting to take this forward. Site meeting to be held on 03. 04..

2. Permanent Memorial – Penmaen Lake

Presented: Written feedback from Councillor Nia Evans reporting that discussions with the National Park are ongoing and that further correspondence is to follow from the National Park.

Decided: Accept the Information with thanks.

3. Parking problems between the HSBC bank and the Hospice Shop in the Square

Presented: No progress on this issue at the moment.
Accept the information. Keep on the agenda.

4. Community Involvement Programme

Presented: Update on several action points from the October 2023 Council meeting, being:

i) **Arrange an inquiry to establish a dedicated Exhibition Board for the Council:**

Presented: Quote accepted and confirmed at the February 2025 Council meeting. A pre-planning application (if required) has now been presented to the National Park. The Clerk to contact the Park to confirm that it is not a listed building.
Accept the information. Keep on the agenda.

Further matters raised:

ii) **Skate Park**

Nothing to report at the moment.
Decided: Accept the information.

iii) **Public seats – review**

Presented: Report from the Mayor on recommended sites for the five new seats.
Decided: Accept the plan and move ahead with this work. There will be additional costs for the safe set up of the benches through the work of RW Britland. **Also agreed** to finance minor re-painting work for some other benches around town.

iv) **Public Entertainment Licence for the Square**

Presented: No further update at the moment.
Decided: Accept the information.

v) **Vehicle on the “Lawnt”**

No further report to hand. Further meetings to follow.
Decided: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn to keep an eye on this.

vi) **Dolgellau town centre regeneration scheme**

Presented: Confirmed further discussions / meetings to follow.
Decided: Accept the information.

vii) **2025 Christmas Lights**

Presented: Report by Councillor Bob Gunton on further ideas for 2025 including changes around the pavement below Ty Siamas, there is further development on this at the moment. Discussion with Gwynedd Council continues.
Decided: Accept the information.

C.6.2025-2026 FINANCIAL SITUATION

The financial position was received and confirmed from the Clerk. Councillor Bob Gunton has recently attended a course in relation to the Community and Town Councils’ budget and financial controls and general management matters. Efforts to confirm new bank mandate continue.

C.7.2025-2026 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Council members

- i) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr – Adroddiad Ysgrifenedig i ddilyn**
- ii) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – attended a training course on biodiversity. Suggested setting up a local group/sub-committee to move this issue forward. Proposes discussion with the Partnership Group on the idea of establishing a local competition of 'Wales in Bloom'.
Decided: Agree to this. Councillor Bob Gunton to lead.
- iii) **Councillor Jo Checkley** – a local energy plan for the town is now back on the agenda (Hydro). Councillor Jo Checkley to send relevant details to the Clerk regarding the possibility of arranging a local meeting.
Authorised Councillor Jo Checkley to accept prices for new flag poles.
- iv) **Councillor Ray Peters** – attended a training course on biodiversity.
- v) **Councillor John Cadwaladr** – work involving 'Lle yn y Dref.' Matters regarding complaints regarding parking in Pencefn area.
- vi) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – successful competition and events recently at Coleg Meirion/Dwyfor.
- vii) **Councillor Peter Jones** – received an enquiry from a resident whether there are any arrangements to celebrate 80 years since VE Day in Europe?
Decided: For the Clerk to contract the Carnival Committee.
Also, comments on new planning clause Article 4?
Decided: For the Clerk to contact the National Park regarding this, possibly arranging a meeting on this matter.

C.8.2025-2026

REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn – dealt with several parking matters.
Full meeting of Gwynedd Council on 03.04.2025. Tribute to Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas.

C.9.2025-2026

CORRESPONDENCE

Received the following correspondence:

1. Dolgellau Carnival Committee 2025 – request for a financial contribution.

Decided: Contribute £500.

C.10.2025-2026

PLANNING MATTERS

PASTE