

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Delwyn Evans - Mayor
Councillor Jo Checkley – Deputy Mayor
Councillors Bob Gunton; John Raghoobar, John Cadwaladr; Sion Edwards;
Linda Morgan; Dyfrig Siencyn; Ywain Myfyr; Heilyn Williams; Branwen Rhys Dafydd.

Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C1.2019/2020 APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence received from Councillor Ray Stubbs and Nia Williams.

C2.2019/2020 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST APERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING

Name	Item	Reason
Delwyn Evans	C6.19/20.1	George the III Hotel Refreshments / Lunch
Bob Gunton	C8.19/20	Town Park Planning Application – Member of the Committee
Branwen Rhys Dafydd		?
John Raghoobar	C8.19/20	Town Park Planning Application – Member of the Committee

C3.2019/2020 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 5, 2019

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed.

C4.2019/2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 1. C .2018/2019 360 Race**
Presented: Explanation that there was no feedback available from the recent meeting in Cae Penarlag.
Resolved: Delete the item from any future agenda.
- 2. C87.2018/2019.1 Ffynnon Fair Woodland**
Presented: Confirmation that 2 signs have now been erected on the site.
Resolved: Accept the information.
- 3. C87.2018/2019.2 Setting a 20 m.p.h. Speed Restriction**
Presented: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn explained that a date has been set to discuss this at Gwynedd Council. Feedback to follow.
Resolved: Accept the information.
- 4. C87.2018/2019.3 Visit to Barmouth Town Council.**
Presented: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6 p.m. at Dragon Theatre as a possible time and date for this.
Resolved: Accept the invitation. Everyone to confirm whether they can attend and collect / prepare questions before hand to facilitate discussion.
- 5. C .2018/2019 Council website**
Presented: Statistics on the recent use of the site. Noted an increase in numbers.
Resolved: Accept the information.

6. **C 2018/2019 Llynpenmaen Tragedy – Permanent Memorial – Details of names**

Presented: Feedback from the Mayor that there is a discrepancy between the Coroner's notes and the registrar regarding the correct middle name for 'Gwyneth Prebble'

Resolved: Not to include the middle name on any new memorial. Agreed to start thinking about ideas for a design and type of new memorial.

7. **C90.2018/2019.2 Possible visit to Guerande.**

Presented: Discussion regarding accepting the invitation for a representation from the Council to attend the Medieval Festival on June 1-2, 2019.

Resolved: To send two representatives. Names to be agreed at the Council's May meeting.

C5.2019/2020 FINANCIAL SITUATION

The financial situation was received from the Clerk and the following payments confirmed

Date	Cheque No	Name	Description	Sum £
22.03.2019	103838	Sesiwn Fawr Dolgellau 2019	Donation	1,500.00
22.03.2019	103839	Clwb Criced Dolgellau	Donation	500.00
22.03.2019	103840	Wendy Owen	Translation– March 2019	93.07
26.03.2019	103841	Cymdeithas y Dydd	Donation	200.00
26.03.2019	103842	Y Cyng Jo Checkley	Travelling Costs / flags equipment	67.96
26.03.2019	103843	Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2019	Donation	200.00
26.03.2019	103844	Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2019	Donation	100.00
26.03.2019	103845	JP & Sons Ltd	Christmas Lights equipment	51.94
28.03.2019	103846	Geiriau Gwyn	Translation March 2019	212.76
02.04.2019	103849	Un Llais Cymru / One Voice Wales	Affiliation Fee 2019-2020	477.00
01.04.2019	103850	Rhys Williams	Salary April 2019 /Telephone & Typing Allowance &Stamps reimbursement	367.88

C6.2019/2020 INFORMATION SESSION AND REPORTS

1. **Reports from Town Councillors**

a) **The Mayor**

- 5/3/19 Access Group
Town Council
- 6/3/19 CAIS – request to paint the Free Library and tidy outside
- 8/3/19 Signs for Ffynnon Fair Woodland
- 11/3/19 Local Traffic Audit at the Free Library
- 12/3/19 Meeting with the Head of Highways in Cae Penarlâg
- 14/3/19 Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)
Access Group Abergele Hospital
- 20/3/19 Opening of George the III Penmaenpwl

March 2019 complaints

- 12/3/19 Water and silt running down Felin Uchaf.
Council going to open gutters.

Cut trees at the corner of Cae Deintir and Ffordd Pencefn. Council awaiting response from Education department as the trees are on education land.

Water pollution on Pencefn road. People have sand bags throughout the year.

Very complicated to resolve this. Several departments have been in discussion about this.

Welsh Water not keen to let the water go into their drains.

Natural Resource Wales working with the Council.

Landowners – surface water flowing from the land.

Very expensive to resolve something natural – dig a hole and put a water tank to collect the water and then have to pay the Council or Welsh Water to empty it every now and again.

The Council and other parties are keeping an eye on this water.

One suggestion is for residents to raise their step, the water will then flow by.

Red lines across the road near the Infant School and Dolgellau Primary School – what do they show and why are they there?

In addition, noted regarding:

i) Dirty water near the 'staylittle' area – there is currently a dispute between Welsh Water and the highways service regarding the best way to resolve this problem.

ii) Red Line on Pencefn road near Bro Idris primary school – Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn will be attending a site meeting tomorrow. Feedback to follow.

b) Councillor Ywain Myfyr – work on Sesiwn Fawr. Wool Group may get support from Gwynedd Council archaeologist. 'Cynefin' television series to produce a programme on Dolgellau in the near future.

c) Councillor Sion Edwards – work on Sesiwn Fawr. Dog fouling issues are ongoing. Popty'r Dref has recently received public acclaim.

Resolved: To send a letter to congratulate the business.

ch) Councillor Jo Checkley – spent time resolving several small issues.

d) Councillor John Raghoobar – work with the Town Park.

dd) Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd – presented draft design of the sponsored banners for the town. Currently awaiting prices.

Supported the draft design.

e) Councillor John Cadwaladr – attended a meeting of Meirion / Dwyfor College Council where it was noted there are still parking problems near the Bro Idris Infant / Primary School.

2. Reports from local Gwynedd Councillors

a) Councillor Linda Morgan

7/3/19 Plaid meeting Caernarfon

7/3/19 Gwynedd Council meeting at Caernarfon

Every week tidied the eight Town Council flowers boxes – one basket damaged by vandals. Café owner hoping to sort it out. The flowers are looking very nice, lots of compliments. We need volunteers to water them now until the beginning of June. Can you let Nia of myself know if you can help. You can water anytime, any day, up to you. I do not need any details apart from the fact you will help.

As you know, as part of a campaign to stop the dog mess in the town, the officers put up some temporary posters. They also delivered some dog bags for me to put out in various areas. These are going well, especially in Eldon Square and Y Lawnt. Please let me know if you have an area that needs them.

28/3/19 Branch meeting regarding Dolgellau Hospital League for Friends, to discuss next fundraising event for the Hospital, which is an auction on 11th April, here at the Free Library. It would be nice to see some of the Town Councillors there. Viewing is 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m. Please let me know if you would like to give a contribution or item for the auction.

28/3/19 Executive meeting regarding Dolgellau Hospital League of Friends.
Dealt with concerns regarding children crossing outside the Infant School again. Visited the site to take more photos. Sent an e-mail and I am monitoring the site. Met up with Iwan ap Trefor to discuss some ideas. I am meeting with another officer to discuss this matter, as the crossing area where the little girl was knocked by a car is not fit for purpose and markings are not clear enough in this area. We need to try and slow traffic coming down from Pen Cefn road alongside both schools. Press have been in touch, as parents contacted them.

Went to an Open Day regarding Public Transport at the Free Library. This went very well, good attendances and many comments. They also had copies of timetables for the public. I hope you all completed the online questionnaire. More open days to come in Porthmadog, Bangor, Pwllheli and Caernarfon. Very important to speak up.

Requested the Zebra Crossing on the Bont Fawr is re-painted.

Met with residents and Iwan ap Trefor to see bollards on Cae Deintur Road regarding the incident where a vehicle accidentally went through a hedge and landed in a garden in Ardd Fawr. Luckily the children had just left the area. Incident happened 3.30 when children could have been playing. Also, some of the public could have been walking on the footpath. Requested more bollards and in touch with Footpath Committee regarding possible wall to be built in this area - ongoing.

Also looked at second row of Cae Deintur following request - ongoing.

Supported a Church Coffee morning at the Royal Ship Hotel for the Women's Fellowship.

Requested Highways to visit outside Coleg Meirion Dwyfor to fill potholes - ongoing.

Visited opening of the George III Hotel, many businesses and public attended. Excellent refurbishment, really nice, good access for the disabled and elderly. Good menu, good food, excellent customer service. Stunning views. I wish them well. Good for locals and tourists.

Request for a sign at Fronallt – ongoing.

Requested to visit Cader Road problem parking – ongoing.

Visited the Wales Rally – lovely day. Very busy in the town with Rally, Rugby and the Eisteddfod. Nice to see the town busy.

Rally was well organised with cars coming into the main car park and then on to Marian Road to Gwyndaf's Garage area. Marshalls and organisers need to be congratulated.

Request bins park ongoing, will report at next meeting.

The town is looking much better now, less rubbish etc.

Dealt with request regarding emptying dog bin far end of Marian.

Industrial Estate rubbish and trees ongoing.

Follow up meeting regarding housing.

We need a meeting with the Free Library.

Ongoing e-mails regarding parking by Royal Shop Hotel. Hoping for a site visit.

Remember the CIST Gwynedd Revenue and Capital Grant funding is still available for Gwynedd's community and voluntary groups. Details are online.

The Voluntary Development Fund offers capital and revenue grants up to £10,000 to support volunteers to improve the quality of life of residents and communities of Gwynedd.

b) Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn

Reported on the following:

Recent meeting with the new Local Government Minister at the Assembly. Preparatory work under way for legislation on measures to change/adapt local government– including Town and Community Councils.

Intention to extend voting rights to 16 years old and up. Referred to recent changes to Gwynedd Council's Cabinet members. Recently received training on equality.

Visited the mosque in Bangor to show support following the recent tragedy in New Zealand.

An awards ceremony was recently held for Gwynedd Council staff (the Council at its best) it was good to see staff from South Gwynedd at the forefront of the awards including staff from the Homeless and Building Regulation services.

The reports were received with thanks.

C7.2019/2020

CORRESPONDENCE

Received the following:

1. Bro Idris school – invitation to nominate a member to fill an empty seat – category of Community Governor.
Resolved: To nominate Councillor Bob Gunton.
2. Gwynedd Council – parking and waiting time restriction on the street: Looking at the junction of Ffordd y Gader / Ffordd Bodlondeb.
Resolved: To accept the information.

C8.2019/2020

PLANNING MATTERS

NP5/57/67B –DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY AND ERECTION OF EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS, MAES MERLYN, GARREG FEURIG, DOLGELLAU. LL40 2YA – **No objection.**

NP5/57/1038G –ERECTION OF 600 MM HIGH TUBULAR METAL STYLE FENCE ON TOP OF EXISTING FLOOD DEFENCE WALL, PARC MARIAN BACH, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1DF – **The Council supports the application on the grounds that that the works will improve the locations’s resources and will improve Health & Safety measures.**

NP5/57/L631 –INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL FLUE, Y BWTHYN, 4 UPPERFIELD STREET, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1NA – **The Council supports the application on the grounds that the works will improve the facilities for the building.**

NP5/57/1153 ERECTION OF REAR FLAT ROOF DORMERS, BOD HYFRYD, 20 MAESBRITH ,DOLGELLAU. LL40 1LF – **No objection.**