

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)
Councillor Nia Evans (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Jo Checkley, Ray Peters, Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Dyfrig Siencyn, Liz Hughes, Heilyn Williams, Peter Jones
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C.43.2025-2026 PUBLIC SESSION

Presentation from Mr Robert Hulme – presentation on the possibility of establishing a ‘pump track’ near the site of the Council’s old Skate Park.
Mr Hulme was thanked.

Resolved: Hold a meeting of the Skate Park Sub-group, being:
The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Sion Edwards, Branwen Rhys Dafydd and Jessica John. To have a further meeting with Mr Hulme.

C.44.2025-2026 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors Jessica John, Sion Edwards and Ywain Myfyr.

C.45.2025-2026 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST ARISING FROM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MEETING

No declaration of interest received, but Councillor Liz Hughes was welcomed to her first Town Council meeting.

C.46.2025-2026 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 1, 2025

Accepted and confirmed the above minutes.

C.47.2025-2026 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1.1 MATTERS RAISED FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1 Hub Project / Lle yn y Dref

1. Moving forward with the ‘Community Hub Project.’

Resolved: Submit a job description for the coordinator position.
Look at Prestatyn Town Council website to get ideas for marketing/promoting this type of initiative.

Agree for Councillors Nia Evans and Jessica John to move ahead with the work of applying for SPF1 grant (£18,000).

The above has now happened. Possibility of receiving a further SPF grant (£20,000). Post for 3 days a week has been appointed.

Adaptations required to the office in the Free Library.

Resolved: 1. Agree with the adaptations in the Free Library.

Resolved 2: Share Councillor Jessica John’s minutes of the last meeting of Town Centre Regeneration, with everyone.

2. Dolgellau Town Centre Regeneration / Dolgellau Partnership

Resolved: Invite members of Dolgellau Partnership to the October 2025 meeting of the Council to discuss future responsibilities / management of the Town Park.

2. Permanent Memorial – Penmaen Lake

Presented: Feedback from the Deputy Mayor reporting on arrangement to tender work to set up a permanent memorial on the site following National Park's approval. Will need to keep an eye and apply again for the memorial to continue with the National Park for more than 10 years. Also noted that it will be the Town Council's responsibility to maintain the memorial / site.

Resolved: Accept the report.

Further matters raised:

iv) Public Entertainment Licence for the Square

Presented: Nothing to report at the moment.

v) Parking complaints – Marian site (Ways to pay and charging electric vehicles)

Presented: Gwynedd Council's response to these complaints.

Resolved: Accept the information.

C.48.2025-2026

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Received and confirmed the financial situation from the Clerk. Much more effective than depending on Microsoft 'Excel' software.

Presented also: Presentation from the Clerk on the financial and budgeting system - 'Scribe'. This has already been approved by the Council.

Resolved: Received the presentation. The Clerk to include monthly balances in the accounts from now on.

Meeting of the Finance sub-committee to be held on 30.09.2025. The Clerk, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors John Cadwaladr, Dyfrig Siencyn, Peter Jones, Jo Checkley (if it is reasonable for the Clerk).

Presented also: Details of a grant from Gwynedd Council (Gwynedd Ni) for £7413.94 has been approved.

The Mayor was thanked for his work on this.

C.49.2025-2026

SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Council members

i) Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)

Celebrate 50 years of twinning with Guerande.

Resolved: Write to the Mayor of Guerande regarding this. The Deputy Mayor and Councillors Ywain Myfyr and Liz Hughes to lead on this matter.

ii) Councillor Ray Peters

For information, a further 1 x tree has fallen near the Bryn Mair property.

iii) Councillor John Cadwaladr - 2 X meetings of Trustees of Dr Daniel Williams.

iv) Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd

Work collecting rubbish in the park every week and work with Sesiwn Fawr 2025.

v) Councillor Nia Evans

Already reported, under matters arising.

Need to consider Christmas Dinner 2025.

vi) **Councillor Heilyn Williams**

Attended meeting of the Council's Planning Sub-committee.

vii) **Councillor Liz Hughes**

Volunteer work with Sesiwn Fawr 2025

viii) **Councillor Peter Jones**

Concerns regarding the current Post Office provision in town.

Resolved: Write to the Post Office to note concerns regarding the lack of any type of forms in Welsh and the ability to speak in Welsh, also note the protest which took place about this exact complaint back in 1965.

ix) **Councillor Jo Checkley**

Report to follow

x) **Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn**

Substantial rebuilding of Dolfeurig Centre is moving ahead successfully. Work tidying Tŷ Meurig going ahead. Attended the 2025 National Eisteddfod.

C.48.2025-2026 REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report.

C.49.2025-2026 CORRESPONDENCE

The following received for information:

1. Penmaen Lake Tragedy - Susan Barnes. Appeal to attend official opening of the Memorial in memory of the incident – has been acknowledged.
2. Filming in Dolgellau during September 2025 – suggestion that the film company also contact Gwynedd Council's Economy Unit.
3. Sian Gwenllian, Member of the Senedd for Arfon – campaign to set up a Dentist Training Unit in Bangor. **Resolved:** Support the effort again.
4. Felin Uchaf Wildlife Garden Management Group – request for financial contribution.
Resolved: Contribute £500 towards it.

C.50.2025-2026 PLANNING MATTERS

Cais Rhif: NP5/57/CAL650C Caniatâd Ardal Cadwraeth i ddymchwel wal i ffurfio mynediad cerddwyr Tegfryn, 4 Bryn Teg, Dolgellau, LL40 1ST Cyfeiriad Grid: 272745 317564 received.
Application Number: NP5/57/CAL650C Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of a wall to form pedestrian access Tegfryn, 4 Bryn Teg, Dolgellau, LL40 1ST

From information relating to the area, the Council comments on whether the adjacent property owner is aware of this application since it relates to creating a new access to Tegfryn

Cais Rhif: NP5/57/LB406A Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig i drosi'r adeilad allanol yn llety atodol mewn cysylltiad â'r defnydd Gwely a Brecwast, newidiadau mewnol ac allanol a gosod pwmp gwres ffynhonnell aer Bryn Mair, Dolgellau. LL40 1SR Cyfeiriad Grid: 272602 317572 The planning application described below has been received. Application Number: NP5/57/LB406A Listed Building Consent to convert the outbuilding into an annexe accommodation in connection with the Bed and Breakfast use, internal and external alterations and the installation of an air-source heat pump Bryn Mair, Dolgellau. LL40 1SR

The Town Council has concerns with this application since no contact has been made by the applicant prior to submitting this application in an area where the Town Council has a responsibility for. (Coed Ffynnon Fair) The Council is not aware of any easement rights for the property owner for this access road and , if granted such a change to his area would significantly change the nature of the area, resulting in an urbanisation of the area

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~~No specific comments but it is related to the above application relating to access~~

Cais Rhif: NP5/57/789A Newidiadau i ffrynt siop a ffenestri Lemon Grass, Tŷ Cambrian, Porth Canol, Dolgellau. LL40 1RE Cyfeiriad Grid: 272750 317717 The planning application described below has been received. Application Number: NP5/57/789A Alterations to shopfront and windows. Lemon Grass, Cambrian House, Finsbury Square, Dolgellau. LL40 1RE Grid Reference: 272750 317717

The Council Supports the application