

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)
Councillor Nia Evans (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Jo Checkley, Heilyn Williams, Dyfrig Siencyn, Peter Jones, Ray Peters, Liz Jones, Jo Checkley,
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk
Also Present: Gwenan Mai Roberts – Gwynedd Council – Licensing Officer

C.81.2025-2026 PUBLIC SESSION

Nothing to report / discuss

C.81.2025-2026.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Sion Edwards, Jessica John. Gwynedd Youth Officer

C.82.2025-2026. Presentaion : Gwenan Mai Roberts – Licensing Officer, Gwynedd Council.

Presented: see below:

Benefits of Holding a Premises Licence

- Licence for the benefit of the community, for community events.
- The Town Council retains control over which events can use the licence.
- The operational schedule of the licence can include conditions for management documentation, with reference to the Event Safety Advisory Group. Town Council members are **not expected** to make specialist assessments.
- Clear expectations for event organisers using the Town Council's approval to hold an event under the licence.
- No need to pay for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) each time an event is held.
- Costs are limited: initial application and annual licence renewal.
- Audience capacity under a TEN is limited to 499 people; a premises licence allows much higher capacity.
- More than one Town Council member can hold a personal licence, allowing appointment of a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) to authorise alcohol sales at events.

Legal Considerations

1. Legal responsibility: the Town Council as an organisation, along with the DPS.
2. Consent from landowners (e.g., Cyngor Gwynedd) is required for applications on public land.
3. A significant restriction on the number of events permitted annually under the licence is necessary due to Planning regulations.
4. Event organisers are responsible for:
 - Event arrangements

- Risk assessments
- Event Management Plan
- Public liability insurance
- Public health and safety

Application Process

- Support for Town Council members to complete application forms and include conditions in the operational schedule.
- 28-day public consultation, advertised in newspapers and via site notices.
- Licence approved at the end of the 28-day period if no comments are received.
- If comments/objections are received, the licensing officer will assess their validity and may refer them to a Licensing Committee hearing.

C.83.2025-2026 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST ARISING FROM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MEETING
 Cllr. Peter Jones – Grant Application in relation to Dolgellau Guides and Brownies

C.84.2025-2026 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026
 Accepted and confirmed the above minutes.

C.85.2025-2026 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Permanent Memorial – Penmaenpool Tragedy - Permanent Memorial

Presented: Update report from Cllr. Nia Evans, Work is progressing to plan. **MEMORIAL CEREMONY DATE IS JULY, 22,2026. – ALL COUNCILLORS, PLEASE MAKE A NOTTE OF THIS IN YOUR DIARIES**

Resolved: To accept the Information.

4. Ardal Ni Grant - Flowers / Tubs Grant application and activities:

Presented: Update report from the Mayor regarding work in progress, no issues, just hard work for volunteers but all progressing to plan.

Resolved: To receive the information.

5. CCTV Facilities in the Town / Driving speed restrictions

Presented: Feedback from Cllr. Liz Jones regarding complaints of speeding in the region of Llyndir, Tywyn Road, Dolgellau

Resolved: Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn and the clerk to follow up this matter to ask for a speed restriction of 20mph in this area

6. Ffynnon Fair Costs

Presented: Estimate in the region of £2000 excluding VAT for further works required due to storm damage in the area.

Resolved: To accept the information and to proceed to authorise the works on this basis

C.86.2025-2026

REPORTS / FINANCIAL MATTERS

Presented: Financial Report for Month 11, 2026 (February 2026).

Resolved: Received and confirmed the financial situation, and to approve expenditure of £1793 plus VAT for purchase of additional Christmas lights related equipment

C.87.2025-2026

SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Pre Presented Written Reports from Town Council members

i) **Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)**

Mayor Report February 2026

Collected new planters from Wynstay Farmers and placed them in storage at Bro Idris Senior School Thanks to the school caretaker for his time and van and trailer Have ordered 9 sheep look a like planters These planters are at present being made by a local craftsman using locally sourced Larch Changed lock on free library offices thanks to school caretaker Finished planting the last of the daffodils Met with Alys Gwynedd Ni grant lady School children and Dolfeurig adults filmed in a Gwynedd video thanks to my pa Mufyr for answering the questions Planted six new trees on Marian adjacent to the car park thanks to Ray and Martin Levy Met the tree man from the park and David Bradley in the money pit to try and find an answer to falling trees An action plan has been developed and will be sent to the council by park tree man

Nia Wyn Evans February 2026 Report

. Met with Gwynedd Council regeneration team regarding proposed funding for Lle'n y dre to be extended to June 26!
2. Connected with Gaynor Davies who works on the Penmaenpool toll bridge. She's very keen to support the Town council with all the arrangements for the memorial service. A teams meeting with Branwen will be held soon.

Cllr Jo Checkley – February 2026 Report

	MEETING ATTENDED BY Jo CHECKLEY		
DATE	BODY	COMMENTS	
04.12.2025	Dolgellau Partnership	Nothing new to report	
13.01.2026	Marian Mawr Trustees	Agreed to submit plans to SNP	

15.01.2026	LLyn y Dref	Review new building plans for Dolferig
27.01.2026 02.02.2026	Finance committee Partnership AGM	Review figures Wind up of old directorship. Offered to become a director representing local residents
04.02.2026	Trek 26	Met up with organisation to assess site for this year
06.02.2026	Grants officer	Met Steve to discuss different groups that may need to apply for grants this year
13.02.2026	Dolgellau Primary school	Collected list of names for wooden sheep planters
19.02.2026	Gwyl Nadolig	First meeting to allocate jobs
02.03.2026	Training	The town council as an employer

C.88.2025-2026

CORRESPONDENCE

Received: Applications for financial Assistance as follows:

Dolgellau Guides, Brownies, Rainbows – **Approved £440**
Younf Farmers Club Meirionnyd – **Approved £200**

C.89.2025-2026

REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Gwynedd Council Matters - Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn

Full Gwynedd Council Meeting to be held on 05.0026. Proposed Council Tax increase of 5.17% for new financial year. Future meetings to attend:
Meirionnydd Area Committee
Flood Prevention Meeting
Meetings with front line Gwynedd Council staff

C.90.2025-2026

PLANNING MATTERS

Application Number: NP5/57/1176K Installation of external lighting in connection with the development approved under Planning Consent NP5/57/1176 dated 10/11/2023 Dolfeurig Centre, Dolgellau, LL40 1EL Grid Reference: 272653 317842 – Support the application
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 Grid Reference: 272618 317611 – consultation is on going
with the National Park

Application Number: NP5/57/LB406B Conversion of outbuilding
into annexe accommodation in connection with the Bed and
Breakfast use, internal and external alterations and the installation of
an air source heat pump, engineering works to the vehicular access,
including resurfacing. Bryn Mair, Dolgellau. LL40 1SR Grid
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National