

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held from afar on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor John Raghoobar – Mayor
Councillor John Cadwaladr – Deputy Mayor
Councillors Bob Gunton; Jo Checkley; Llinos Rowlands; Heilyn Williams; Sue Irlam; Nia Wyn Evans; Branwen Rhys Dafydd; Dyfrig Siencyn and Richard Jones

Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C64.2021/2022 APOLOGIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies received from Councillors Sion Edwards; Ywain Myfyr and Mark Wiseman.

The new members were welcomed. The forms accepting the post of Councillor have been distributed and received.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Councillor Mark Wiseman's wife.

C65.2021/2022 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING

Received the following:

Name	Item	Reason
Councillor Sue Irlam Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd	C70.2021/2022 - Old School Aran Road, Planning Appeal	Lives close to the site

C66.2021/2022 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2021

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed.

C67.2021/2022 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. C59.2021/2022.3 Skate Park

Presented: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn reported that he has contacted the relevant officers of 'Byw yn Iach' and Councillor Sion Edwards will continue to lead efforts on applying for grants.

Resolved: Accept the information.

2. C59.2021/2022.4 Gritting arrangements for the town Park

Presented: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn confirmed that this matter has received attention.

Resolved: Accept the information

3. C59.2021/2022.6 The Town's CCTV equipment

Presented: Councillor Heilyn Williams confirmed that information signage for the public is on the way.

Resolved: Accept the information.

4. C59.2021/2022.7 Llyn Penmaen Tragedy – Permanent Memorial

Presented: Confirmation that a site meeting will soon be held.

Resolved: Accept the information.

5. C61.2021/2022.1 a) Bwlch Coch Road – repair work

Presented: Information that a site meeting is to be held this week. Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn will report back on any developments.

Resolved: Accept the information.

6. C62.2021/2022.1 Felin Uchaf Wildlife Garden.

Presented: Confirmation that a copy of the current lease is available.

Resolved: For the Mayor and the Council's Press Officer to design an article for the local press – encouraging any interest from volunteers / organisation who may be interested in taking on this plot of land.

C68.2021/2022 FINANCIAL SITUATION AND REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S 2021/2022 9 MONTH BUDGET

The financial situation was received from the Clerk. The 9-month budget review was accepted.

The following payments were confirmed:

Date	Cheque No	Name	Description	Sum £
12.12.2021	103991	R.J Electrics	Christmas Lights	1224.00
14.12.2021	103992	Tindle Newspapers Ltd	Adverts	290.40
28.12.2021	103993	Inland Revenue	PAYE Decemb 2021	71.67
28.12.2021	103994	Geiriau Gwyn	Translation	1584.00
04.01.2022	103995	Rhys Williams	January Salary 2022 & stamps reimbursement	296.85

Meeting of the Finance Sub-committee to be held on January 11, 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

C69.2021/2022 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Councillors

- a) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – volunteering with vaccination work. Has requested a quote for more Christmas lights for 2022. Further work on the horizon at Ffynnon Fair.
- b) **Councillor Jo Checkley** – giving advice to residents on several matters.
- c) **Councillor John Cadwaladr, Sue Irlam, the Mayor, Bronwen Rhys Dafydd** – volunteer work with the vaccine.
- ch) **Councillor Richard Jones** – arranged a quote for the repair work to the Marian tractor.
- d) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – work with the Christmas lights.
- dd) **Councillor Richard Jones** – work on repairing the Marian tractor. Need to know when the work on the road near Pant yr Odyn will be completed.
Resolved: The Clerk to contact the Highways service.
- e) **Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn** – 2 meetings with the Architect regarding the final work at the Free Library. New tables have arrived. Chairs to follow. Need to put pressure for the resurfacing work on the road near the old Court.
Resolved: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn to follow up.

2. Reports from County Councillors

- i) **Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn**
Continue to correspond with the local Cylch Meithrin regarding providing care service. Significant increase in the County's Covid figures. Meeting this week with officers from the Welsh Government. The 2022/2023 financial settlement was much better

than expected, +9.4%, but there will be additional costs e.g., home carers' pay, free school meals.

C70.2021/2022 PLANNING MATTERS

Presented: Document reporting on the result of the appeal process – Old School, Aran Road, Dolgellau. The appeal was successful.

Member's Feedback / Observations:

Totally disappointed. No consultation with local residents. Definitely concerned, from a health and safety perspective, about the building / demolition period. Concern / worry for the general deterioration in the quality of Gwynedd Council's building work.

In general, a process is required for local consultation. Need plans for the future of local properties.

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn's response / observations

Very aware of the concerns about this development. In reference to the County Council's attitude / priorities, is of the opinion that the County has not explained locally the current crisis of a lack of dwellings for the homeless. Promised a full consultation with local people to explain why this development is needed.