

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, February 3, 2020 at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Delwyn Evans - Mayor
Councillors John Cadwaladr; John Raghoobar; Dyfrig Siencyn; Ywain Myfyr;
Bob Gunton; Sion Edwards; Ray Stubbs; Branwen Rhys Dafydd
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

Also present: one member of the Press

C74.2019/2020 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absences received from Councillors Jo Checkley; Heilyn Williams and Linda Morgan.

In memory

A minute's silence was held in memory of Mr Rhagfyr Lewis, a former Mayor of the Town.

C75.2019/2020 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING

The following declarations were received:

Name	Item	Reason
Counc. John Raghoobar	C.79.2019/2020	Member of Town Park Group
Counc. Bob Gunton	C.79.2019/2020	Member of Town Park Group

C76.2019/2020 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2020

The above minutes were accepted subject to correcting the content of Councillor John Raghoobar's report – English version of the minutes.

C77.2019/2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- C69.2019/2020.1 – Projects Sub-committee**
Presented: Update from Councillor Bob Gunton on the planning work for the 2020 Christmas lights. Work on measuring and likely future cost is going ahead now.
Resolved: Accept the information with thanks.
- C69.2019/2020.2 – Meirionnydd Bee Association**
Presented: Feedback from Councillor Bob Gunton on the ongoing work to ensure the town's status as a bee friendly town.
Resolved: Accept the information with thanks.

C78.2019/2020 FINANCIAL SITUATION / REVIEW OF 2019/2020 BUDGET / REVIEW/UPDATE OF RISK REGISTER DURING 2019/2020

Received the usual financial report from the Clerk and the following payments were confirmed:

Date	Cheque No	Name	Description	Sum £
02.02.2020	103862	Wendy owen	Translation work January 2020	71.17
02.02.2020	103863	Rhys Williams	Salary Fenruary 2020 / stamps reimbursement	293.60
05.02.2020	103864	Dolgellau Green Trustees	2019/2020 Donation	8,500.00
05.02.2020	103865	Gwynedd Council	2019/2020 Christmas Lights works	983.80
05.02.2020	103866	Geiriau Gwyn	Translation work November 2019	191.76

05.02.2020	103867	Saint Mary's Church Dolgellau	Donation	250.00
05.02.2020	103868	Sesiwn Fawr Dolgellau	Donation	1,500.00
05.02.2020	103869	Meirionnydd Young Farmer's	Donation	100.00
06.02.2020	103870	Dolgellau Partnership	Donation – Dolgellau Park	2,500.00
12.02.2020	103871	Coleg Meirion/Dwyfor	Flowers & Compost Costs	168.30

Also, received and confirmed the following:

- i) 9-month review of the 2019/2020 Council Budget
- ii) The Council's 2019/2020 Risk Register (updated)

C79.2019/2020 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 21/01/2020 AND TO SET THE COUNCIL'S PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR 2020/2021

Presented: Minutes of the Council's Finance Sub-committee on 21/01/2020.

Resolved: i) Accept and confirm the above minutes.

Resolved: ii) To approve the proposed budget for 2020/2021

Resolved: iii) Set a precept of £70,000 for 2020/2021, an increase of £10,000. This sum to be earmarked for improvements to the Free Library.

C80.2019/2020 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Town Council Members' Reports

a) The Mayor

January 2020 meetings:

- 7/1/2020 Town Council
- 10/1/2020 Railway Meeting – Welshpool
- 14/1/2020 Community Health Council – Tywyn. Vascular services
- 16/1/2020 Equality Group –Gwynedd Council
- 20/1/2020 Trustees of the Marian
- 21/1/2020 Council's budget meeting

b) Councillor Jo Checkley (Written Report)

08.01.20	One Voice Wales – Speaker - Nia Wn Hughes, Community Lottery fund. Main item to report back – the train and bus services are finally looking at aliening bus/train times from Mach to avoid long waiting times.
13.01.20	Dolgellau Partnership – No further report about Heritage fund. Martin Cherry is looking at the interiors of town centre listed properties, as although the exteriors are photographed and protected, nothing is being done to record the interiors. Nothing else important to report back.
20.01.20	Dolgellau App – 100% agreement from town businesses about advertising on app, now waiting for cash to appear, need 50 to cover initial year.
20.01.20	CCTV - - I'm now treasurer Fundraising doing well. Start on Elson Sq. asap.
21.01.20	Finance
22.01.20	Christmas lights – discussing lights for 2020 Christmas.
27.01.20	Dolgellau App – visiting further businesses.

Resolved: To authorise expenditure of up to £150 for the town's flags and for the Clerk to investigate insurance provision for Council members and volunteers who assist the Council from time to time.

- c) **Councillor John Raghoobar** – attended meetings of the Partnership, Park Group, and the Council's Finance Sub-committee.
- d) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr** – work with Christmas lights over the festive period.
- e) **Councillor John Cadwaladr** – Council's Finance Sub-committee.
- f) **Councillor Ray Stubbs** – Council's Finance Sub-Committee. Also work with the Wildlife Garden – purchased seeds and arranged renewal of the insurance.

2. Reports by Local Gwynedd Councillors

- a) **Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn** – attended the following events / meetings:

Launch of Ffestiniog's application for slate area heritage.
 Meeting at Gwynedd Council regarding climate change – a specific Board is to be set up to work on this.
 General concern regarding 'Ash Dieback'
 The Welsh Government has announced a draft financial settlement for 2020/2021, an increase of +4.6%. The first increase in 10 years.
 Gwynedd Council are likely to increase Council Tax by less than 4%.
 Meeting of the six north Wales council leaders with the Cabinet of the Welsh Government – the first meeting of its kind.
 A meeting with the new Language Commissioner.

C81.2019/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Public Protection Service, Gwynedd Council. Licence Act 2003 application for Beechwood House, Heol y Bont, Dolgellau**
Resolved: Accept the information.
2. **Mr S. Parry, Dolgellau Football Club Chairman**
Presented: Enquiry as to whether the Council would be willing to give a financial contribution towards cost of fencing.
Resolved: Not to contribute due to other financial requirements already faced by the Council.