

CYNGOR TREF DOLGELLAU

Minutes of the meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.

PRESENT: Councillor Ywain Myfyr (Mayor)
Councillor Bob Gunton (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Nia Evans, Jo Checkley, Sion Edwards,
Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Nia Wyn Evans, Jessica John, Llinos
Rowlands, Peter Jones, Dyfrig Siencyn
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C.83.2024-2025 PUBLIC SESSION

Annabel representing Dolgellau Carnival Committee as an observer for a period of the meeting.

C.84.2024-2025 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Peter Jones and Heilyn Williams.

C.85.2024-2025 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING

No declarations received.

C.86.2024-2025 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Accept and confirm the minutes of the above meeting.

C.87.2024-2025 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1.1 MATTERS RAISED FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Ffynnon Fair Woods

Presented: Following a public advert, a further quote has been received for the remaining repair work. The sum is for £7,776 (including VAT).

Resolved: Accept this price from contractor David Bradley (Timber Valley Services). Also, the Clerk to correspond with the Council's Insurance Company regarding the possibility of making a claim. The Clerk to also remind contractor Richard Britland to present prices for the further work on the site, the new gates and pole.

2. Permanent Memorial – Penmaen Lake

Presented: Feedback from Councillor Nia Evans that discussions are continuing with the National Park and further correspondence from the National Park to follow.

Resolved: Accept the information with thanks.

3. Paring problems between the HSBC bank and the Hospice shop in the Square

Presented: No progress to date.

Resolved: Accept the information. Keep on the agenda.

4. Community Involvement Programme

Presented: Update on several action points from the October 2023 Council meeting, being:

i) **Arrange investigation to establish a specific Notice Board for the Council:**

Presented: Quote received and confirmed in the February 2025 meeting of the Council. Pre-planning application (if needed) has now been presented to the attention of the National Park.

Accept the information. Keep on the agenda.

Further matters raised:

ii) **Skate Park**

Nothing to report at the moment.

Resolved: Accept the information.

iii) **Public seats – review**

Presented: Report from the Mayor on recommended sites for the five new seats.

Resolved: Accept the plan and move ahead with this work. Additional costs for the safe set up of the benches. **Also agreed** to finance minor re-painting work for further benches around the town.

iv) **Public Entertainment Licence for the Square**

Reported attention will be given to complete the licence during February and March 2025.

Resolved: Accept the information.

v) **Vehicle on the “Lawnt”**

No further report to hand.

Resolved: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn to follow up on this matter.

x) **Parking regulations in the town including the Marian Car Park**

No further report to hand.

xi) **Dolgellau town centre regeneration scheme**

Presented: Report from Sub-meeting held on February 26, 2025. Discussion and questions regarding the Town Council's long-term strategy. Also receive information regarding various sources to present grant application for individual projects. The next meeting will be held in March 2025.

Resolved: Accept the information.

xii) **Christmas Lights 2025**

Presented: Report from Councillor Bob Gunton on further ideas for 2025 including changes around the lower pavement, under Ty Siamas. Discussing with Gwynedd Council.

Resolved: Accept the information.

C.88.2024-2025 FINANCIAL SITUATION

The financial situation was received and confirmed from the Clerk.

C.89.2024-2025 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Council members

- i) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr** – written report to follow
Agreed to send a message of condolence to the family of Dafydd Elis-Thomas, First Welsh Senedd Leader and an active Senedd Member for Meirionnydd and Dwyfor.
- ii) **Councillor Jessica John** -Feedback from the sub committee meeting held on 26.02.2025 regarding the Town centre regeneration programme. Details of further meetings to follow.
- iii) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – attended a training event on Welsh Government budget and several other courses on the horizon.
- iv) **Councillor Nia Evans** – work on ‘Lle yn y Dref’ continues to go from strength to strength. Consideration being given to setting up financial applications/event co-ordinator post in the future. Meirion Dwyfor college students to play a part in sharing food parcels.
- v) **Councillor Jo Checkley** – work regarding the town’s flowers. There are no longer flower boxes by the town’s twinning signs.
Resolved: Authorise Councillor Jo Checkley to set up new flower boxes. Shared information on the minutes of the recent Dolgellau Partnership.
- vi) **Councillor John Cadwaladr** – work regarding the Trustees of Dr Daniel Williams.
- vii) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – good result from Estyn for Meirion Dwyfor college including the department for students with special needs.
- viii) **Councillor Jessica John** – attended a meeting regarding Dolgellau Innovation (Arloesi). Arranging training courses in filming for young people. Work continues with the town’s Television Centre. Plan in place to establish a historical plaque via the Aran group.
- ix) **Councillor Llinos Rowlands** – endeavouring to re-start the Discovering Dolgellau group, meeting to be arranged. Interest in taking over the managements and responsibility for the Marian public toilets - **Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn to arrange a meeting with the relevant officers of Gwynedd Council.**

C.90.2024-2025

REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn – a budget of around £3.9 million is now available to set a new Dolfeurig Centre. Eryri National Park have received a budget for Series 3 of THI programme. Gwynedd Council reviewing the Town Council loan and investment strategy for 2025-2026 to increase 8.9%.

C.91.2024-2025

CORRESPONDENCE

Received the following correspondence:

- 1. Trustees of Dr Daniel Williams – Annual Report 2023-2024**
Resolved: Accept the information.

2. **Request for financial contribution - Ras y Gader 2025**
Resolved: Contribute £500
3. **North Wales Police – PCSO Mr Gareth Jones – offered to meet with the Town Council.**
Resolved: Invite the officer to the April 2025 meeting of the Council.