

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Delwyn Evans – Mayor
Councillor Jo Checkley – Deputy Mayor
Councillors Linda Morgan; Dyfrig Siencyn; Ywain Myfyr; John Raghoobar;
John Cadwaladr; Ray Stubbs; Nia Williams; Heilyn Williams; Bob Gunton;
Sion Edwards (from item C76.2018/2019 onwards)

Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Huw Edwin Jones – Gwynedd Council

C74.2018/2019 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence WERE received from Councillors Branwen Rhys Dafydd and Marian Harrison.

Announcements

1. Resignation – notice of resignation from the Council received from Councillor Marian Harrison. The notice was acknowledged.
2. In memoriam – tribute made to ex Councillor and Mayor, Mr John Dyer James. Held a minute's silence in Memory of Mr James.

C75.2018/2019 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING

Received the following declarations:

Name	Minute	Reason
Councillor Checkley	Jo NP5/57/LC1	Runs a business close to the application
Councillor Williams	Heilyn NP5/57/LC1	Licensing Officer at Gwynedd Council

C76.2018/2019 MR HUW EDWIN JONES – GWYNEDD COUNCIL – 360 RACE - JULY 22, 2019 AT DOLGELLAU

Presented: Report from Mr Jones on the current position and status of this event. Acknowledged that the organisers had not invited Mr Jones to the site meeting which took place last year. Contact has now been made with the organisers.

Emphasised that the purpose of this discussion was to give members the chance to suggest opportunities for local businesses/resources to be part of these events, bearing in mind that much of the support resource and arrangements is arranged as one 'central' package. Recognised an opportunity for evening entertainment as the Sesiwn Fawr stage, by the Ship Hotel, will still be available (by extending it one day).

Agreed: Councillor Ywain Myfyr to be the point of contact for any further discussions with the organisers on this.

Noted that a health and safety meeting will be held on the proposed site, the area around the Marian / Rugby Club / Marian Pavilion, on March 25, 2019. On the same day there will be an opportunity for members to catch up with the situation and status of the event.

Mr Jones was thanked for attending the meeting

C77.2018/2018 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2019

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed with the following one change:

C78.2018/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **C68.2018/2019.2 Ffynnon Fair Woodland – Warning signs**
Resolved: To contact the signage company on the Marian Industrial Estate to produce 2 of the said signs.
2. **C68.2018/2019.3 1966 Llyn Penmaen Tragedy – accuracy of names**
Noted that research is continuing on this through the County's registrars Service
3. **C68.2018/2019.4 Establishment of a 20 mph restriction on areas close to educational sites and other sites within the County**
Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn reported that a meeting has been arranged with relevant officers of Gwynedd Council to discuss this soon.
Resolved: To accepted the information
4. **C69.2018/2019 Discussion/visit to Barmouth Town Council**
Noted that the Mayor is currently making arrangement
Resolved: To accepted the information

C79.2018/2019 TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW OF 2018/2019 BUDGET / REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE RISK REGISTER FOR 2018/2019

Presented: i) The monthly financial report, and the following payments were confirmed

Date	Cheque No	Name	Description	Sum £
01.02.2019	103819	Rhys Williams	February 2019 Salary & Stamps Reimbursement	284.84
11.02.2019	103820	Marian Mawr Trust	Annual Donation	8000.00
11.02.2019	103821	Dolgellau Free Library Trust	Annual Donation	19,000.00
11.02.2019	103822	Wendy Owen	Translation work January 2019	98.86
11.02.2019	103823	Cyngor Gwynedd	Christmas Lights 2018-2019	603.38
12.02.2019	103824	Inland Revenue	PAYE January 2019	69.20
12.02.2019	103825	Felin Uchaf Wildlife Garden	Donation	200.00
12.02.2019	103826	Saint Mary's Church Dolgellau	Donation–Town Clock	100.00
13.02.2019	103827	1 st Dolgellau Rainbows & Brownies	Annual Donation	400.00
13.02.2019	103828	Ras y Gader 2019	Annual Donation	200.00
13.02.2019	103829	Wales Air Ambulance	Donation	200.00
13.02.2019	103830	Geiriau Gwyn	Translation work 04.09.2018 – 04.02.2019	1,681.08

Presented: ii) 2018/2019 Budget Review
(Actual income and expenditure at the end of month 9
Estimated income and expenditure to 31/3/2019)
The review was accepted and confirmed, noted an estimated loss of £7,945 on the annual expenditure.
Presented: iii) Update of the risk register for 2018/2019.
Resolved: To accept and confirm the register and reports.

C80.2018/2019 INFORMATION SHARING SESSION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Councillors

a) The Mayor

- 8/1/19 Town Council
Trustees of the Marian
- 10/1/19 Meeting with officers of A360 Wales on the Marian with Heilyn Williams and Bob Gunton
- 16/1/19 Meeting with Hugh Edwin regarding the A360 race
- 29/1/19 Finance meeting
- 30/1/19 From March onwards Alltwen Hospital will be open 24 hours for minor injuries.

January complaints

- 9/1/19 Letter to Highways regarding pine trees on the Cae Deitir and Pencefn Road junction
- 28/1/19 The town is dirty – dog excrement everywhere – vomit not cleared – flower boxes ruined
- 28/1/19 A gentleman complained to the press about a car parked on the corner near the Ship Hotel on Saturday night 26/1/19 at 7.30 p.m.
Need double yellow lines.

b) **Councillor Nia Williams** – recent meeting of the Dolgellau Hosptial League of Friends

c) **Councillor John Raghoobar** – meeting of the Council's finance sub-committee and a meeting of the Town Park committee

ch) **Councillor Jo Checkley** – feedback on Christmas lights. The town's flags are being replaced / tidied. Feedback on the recent activities of Dolgellau Partnership including the new book on the town's history.

Discovering Dolgellau Group have stopped the Sunday market and have closed the website.

d) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – have now received the files on the individuals who have been listed on the town memorial. This information will be uploaded onto the Council's website.

dd) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – arrangements for 2019 Sesiwn Fawr. Problem of dog mess on the Mawddach / Marian esplanade

e) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr** – meeting of the area's wool industry group has taken place with a tour around historical sites which have links to the area. The area around the square has been jet washed.

2. Local Gwynedd Councillors' reports

a) Councillor Linda Morgan

- 8/1/19 A request to give a letter of support to Gareth Lanagan for the Dolgellau Cricket Club as they are preparing a Business Plan for the Club. I stressed how important the club was to the town, and the impact on young people in the area and all the excellent work they are all doing

especially the work on the grounds etc. I wish them all well. A lot of good work for the town.

- 17/1/19 Gwynedd Council meeting, discussion re: Housing
- 31/1/19 E-mail from Wales & West facilities re keeping the gas flowing in cold weather. I have included telephone numbers for you to see in the minutes. National Gas Emergency 0800 111 999 and Gas Safe Registered engineer 0800 408 5500. Received from Reece Emmitt, Manager.
- 18/1/19 Gwynedd Council Savings Workshop, Penarlâg, Dolgellau
- 4/2/19 I attended the funeral of Mr John Dyer James, who as you know was a former Town Councillor and a real gentleman. He also was one of the founder members of our Twinning Committee.
- 5/2/19 Gwynedd Council Savings Workshop at Caernarfon – as you know the consultation closed on 31st January. 588 people and 21 organisations took part, which was good for the Officers and Cabinet to have an idea what people thought of it. But I feel the number was very low considering how many people live in Gwynedd. The Cabinet will now consider the results and it will go to Council on 7th March and they will decide upon the increase in Council Tax.
- 24/1/19 Attended a Dolgellau Branch League of Friends meeting at the hospital.
- 24/1/19 Attended the Executive Committee Meeting, it was confirmed that the Barmouth branch was standing down, which was sad news. We are now down to 1 branch. But we do have representatives for Dinas, Rhydymain and hopefully Barmouth soon. So this leaves the door open for these branches to start again in the future. We are very lucky to have such a good hospital for the area with dedicated staff. Please let me know if you ever hear of anyone interested in helping in these areas.

Various meetings every week regarding Residents' concerns, some were confidential. All dealt with.

Town Council flower boxes – sadly more dog fouling in one of the boxes by the seat near Harri's shop. This has been reported to Peter Simpson, Street Clean Manager. This is the 14th time this has happened. Hopefully this year when we have CCTV this will stop.

One morning 2.00 a.m., vandals damaged flowers/lights by the Royal Ship Hotel, Green lane and Y Lawnt and our Council Flower Boxes. It took me 3 hours to clear the mess with soil thrown all over the road in Eldon Square and Queen Square and soil even on the window sills of the old Tourism Building. I put the plants back in the containers. Vandals were seen and reported and caught. They were not local people. We have had £50 compensation, which will go towards extra spring flowers in Eldon Square.

The spring flowers in all the containers will hopefully be in place by March 1st, weather permitting. Which will look nice and colourful.

Update on bins which were confirmed today.

Instructions have gone to the Works Unit to replace the 15 bins I mentioned at the last meeting. 10 metal bins will replace those in the town centre, which I agreed back in May after a site meeting in the town with Peter Simpson, Manager of Street Scene. 5 round plastic bins will replace some of the older plastic bins on the outskirts, including those supplied by Meirion Dwyfor College, which are now in poor condition. I have been told the 10 metal bins are in Bala Road Depot and the remaining 5 will come down from Caernarfon as soon as possible.

Bin by toilets Marian – no need to change
Bin by Harri's shop, Eldon Square – new one to follow
Bin by old Information Centre – new one to follow
Bin by old Court House – new one to follow
Bin by Spar Post Office – new one to follow
Bin by Gold Shop – to be removed
Bin by Cader Cafe – new one to follow
2 bins outside Tŷ Siamas, Eldon Square – two new ones to follow
Bin by HSBC – new one to follow
Bin by J.S. Jones IFA – Coleg Meirion Dwyfor bin – new one to follow
Bin by entrance to Industrial Estate from Y Lawnt, Coleg Meirion Dwyfor bin – new one to follow
Bin by Arran Road, Ysgol y Gader bin – new one to follow
Bin by Sorting Office – new one to follow
Bin by Maesyfelin Flats – new one to follow
Bin at the bottom of Ysgol y Gader drive – new one to follow
Bin by Dog bin on Marian to be removed.
Start of Mawddach Trail, Coleg Meirion Dwyfor bin was here - new one to follow
All good news – the bins are also dual purpose and labelled, which should help all the problems in the town.

Update regarding Wardens:

We have 3 Street Enforcement Wardens throughout Gwynedd. As well as enforcement of dog fouling, they are responsible for litter, fly tipping, bins and waste, as well as graffiti and fly-posting etc.

The Council's Pest Control / Dog Wardens are part of Environment / Property and as far as Peter says these officers have no involvement in dealing with dog fouling in public places.

All areas I have highlighted of concern will be patrolled and inspected by Wardens. This is good news.

6 A4 temporary Campaign signs will be placed in the areas of concern.

I am continuing with placing dog 'poo' bags in different areas of the town. These are going well, BUT unfortunately the people making the mess are obviously not using them. Hopefully all I have said will help matters throughout the town. If anyone has times and days of the problems please let me know after the meeting.

One parking matter – regarding double yellow lines and no waiting at any time outside the Royal Ship Hotel. Sign is by the Boots

Shop in Queens Square. I have spoken to the Manager of the Hotel for his view and I agree we do not want this in front of the Hotel as many people use this area to drop off disabled and elderly people on a daily basis. It is obviously needed around the corner as there have been problems there, which cause a built up of traffic. For obvious reasons of safety re: Fire Service and Ambulance we need the traffic to flow here. I have sent an e-mail with my views.

I am attending a Community Meeting on Thursday and will give you an update next month.

b) Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn

Reported on the following items/events:

Planning work underway to re-build Dolfeurig Centre

Several meetings with the new Welsh Government Ministers including Ministers with responsibility for local government and finance. Substantial concern regarding the worrying 'Brexit' situation.

Meeting with the North Wales Deputy-minister regarding the Growth scheme for the North.

News regarding work on the new Wylfa site coming to an end / delayed, sad news with the loss of jobs, but at least the apprentices on site will continue for the time being.

Gwynedd Council currently preparing the budget for 2019/2020. Possible increase of between 5.5 and 6.5% or more on the horizon.

The reports were received with thanks

C81.2018/2019 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 1/2/2019 AND TO SET THE COUNCIL'S PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

Presented: i) Minutes of the Finance sub-committee held on 1/2/2019.

Resolved: i) Accept the information and also contribute £200 to the new look local paper "y Dydd" (financial request already received).

Resolved: ii) Set a precept of £60,000 for 2019/2020.

Resolved: iii) Confirm the proposed budget which was presented to the meeting.

Resolved: iv) Accept and confirm the revised risk register for 2018/2019.

C82.2018/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

1. V. Hill, 3 New Cottages, Llynpenmaen

Presented: Letter via e-mail noting concerns regarding the speed of traffic through the village.

Resolved: i) To Support the concern and refer it to the police.

Resolved: ii) For Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn to follow this up with Gwynedd Council.

C83.2018/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP5/57/L1C – PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION TO EXTEND INTERNAL FLOOR AREA OF THE EXISTING TEA ROOM, INCLUDE THE USE OF THE REAR YARD AREA FOR ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE SEATING AND TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPENING, GWYNDY, HEOL Y BONT, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1AU

The Council supports the application on the grounds that the works and provisions will greatly improve the area.

NP5/57/212P – RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION TO EXISTING GARAGE, GWYNDAF EVANS, FFORDD PONT YR ARAN, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1HS

The Council supports the application on the grounds that the works and provisions will improve the area.

NP5/57/911C – CONSTRUCTION OF DETACHED DWELLING (REVISED DESIGN), OLD GAOL, BODLONDEB, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1SN

The Council supports the application on the grounds that the works and provisions will greatly improve the area.