

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ywain Myfyr – Mayor
Councillor Bob Gunton – Deputy Mayor
Councillors Peter Jones; Branwen Rhys Dafydd; John Raghoobar – virtually; Ray Peters; Peter Barnes; John Cadwaladr; Nia Evans; Jo Checkley; Sion Edwards.
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C72.2023/2024.1 PUBLIC SESSION
No member of the public present

C73.2023/2024.2 APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence received from Councillors Heilyn Williams, Dyfrig Siencyn, County Councillor Linda Morgan.

C74.2023/2024 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING
No declarations received.

C75.2023/2024 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024
The above minutes were accepted and confirmed.

C76.2023/2024 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Football Field lease for the Football Club - Councillor Nia Evans Chaired**
Presented: Nothing further to report
Resolved: Accept the information
2. **Y Felin Uchaf Wildlife Garden**
Presented: Need a copy of the new agreement with the volunteers to share with Council members.
Resolved: Accept the information.
3. **Pen y Banc footpath**
Presented: No progress at the moment.
Resolved: Accept the information.
4. **Permanent Memorial – Penmaen Lake**
Presented: No progress at the moment.
Resolved: Accept the information.
5. **A470 path between Cwt Gwyn / Ffridd Arw Woods to Tanyfron**
Presented: No progress at the moment.
Resolved: Accept the information. Keep on the agenda.
6. **Parking problems between the HSBC bank and the Hospice Shop in the Square**
Presented: No progress at the moment.
Resolved: Accept the information.
7. **Community Involvement Programme**
Presented: Update on various actions points from the October 2023 Council meeting:

i) **Arrange an inspection to set up specific Notice Boards for the Council:**

Presented: Feedback from the Clerk that he has processed a request for pre-planning advice prior to full planning application.

Resolved: Accept the information

ii) **New twinning signs**

Presented: Feedback from the Clerk that following receiving specific details for the location of the 2 x further signs, he has processed a request for pre-planning advice prior to full planning application.

Resolved: Accept the information

8. **The County's Residential Parking Scheme**

Presented: No progress at the moment.

Resolved: Accept the Information.

C77.2023/2024

FINANCIAL SITUATION

The financial situation was received from the Clerk and the following payments confirmed:

| Date | Cheque No | Name | Description | Sum £ |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| 07.01.2024 | 104145 | HMRC | PAYE – cheque cancelled | 0.00 |
| 07.01.2024 | 104146 | HMRC | Paye month 8 05.11.23 – 05.12.23 | 18.55 |
| 20.01.2024 | 104147 | Rhys Williams | Stamps / Telephone / Typing | 170.00 |
| 20.01.2024 | 104148 | Vision ICT | Maintenance costs for internet site | 156.00 |
| 21.01.2024 | 104149 | Starboard Systems Ltd | Costs for maintaining new accounting system | 910.80 |
| 29.01.2024 | 104150 | Wendy Owen | January 2024 translation cost | 88.27 |
| 06.02.2024 | 104151 | Rhys Williams | Pay for February 2024 | 478.40 |

To set a precept for 2024-25 financial year.

Presented: Minutes of the Council's Finance Sub-committee held on January 30, 2024, recommending a precept of £77,000 along with financial contributions to local bodies and others.

Resolved: To accept the recommendations and set a precept of £77,000 for 2024 – 2025. Also set up an expenditure line for promotion, with a budget of £1,000.00

C78.2023/2024 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Council members

i) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr** (Mayor) - activities with Local Dolgellau engagement scheme – **soft copy to follow Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd to enquire about prices for curtains for the Free Library**

ii) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – planning work for Christmas 2025 lights. Some light strips need changing, also noted the need to

order more coloured lights. Looking at options to expand the areas in mind.

- iii) **Councillor Nia Evans** – work on ‘Lle yn y Dref’ is going from strength to strength. Food packages successfully shared out and the numbers are increasing. Investigating options to employ neighbourhood regeneration officer.
Resolved: Invite relevant officer from Gwynedd Council to the Council’s March 2024 meeting to discuss this.
- iv) **Councillor Ray Peters** – attended Council Finance business promotion pamphlets Sub-committee meeting 30.01.2024.
- v) **Councillor Peter Barnes** – attended a meeting of the Governors of Ysgol Bro Idris. Painting the public seat will happen during dry weather. Attended meeting regarding Coed y Brenin site. Try to promote advertising town’s businesses.
Resolved: Encourage the Council’s sub-group to lead on promoting the town’s businesses, being: Councillor Bob Gunton (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors Peter Barnes, Ray Peters, Branwen Rhys Dafydd.
- vi) **Councillor Jo Checkley** – Meeting of Dolgellau Partnership and a meeting regarding the future of Coed y Brenin site.
- vi) **Councillor John Cadwaladr** – attended meeting of the Council’s Finance Sub-committee 30.01.2024. Meeting regarding the future of Coed y Brenin site. Meeting of Trustees of Dr Daniel Williams. Meeting of Meirion/Dwyfor College Council – substantial capital investment over the coming years.
Resolved: Contact Natural Resource Wales to raise concerns regarding the future of Coed y Brenin site.
- viii) **Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd** – local rubbish collection.
- ix) **Councillor Peter Jones** – volunteered to collect rubbish in the town’s park. Concern regarding the safety of National Park woodland during the adverse weather. Possible damage to dwellings. Is there any Correspondence from 4 Bodlondeb regarding this? Via the Clerk - Not to date but

2 **Reports from Gwynedd Councillors**

Nothing to report.

C79.2023/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.