

# **DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Delwyn Evans - Mayor  
Councillors Dyfrig Siencyn; Linda Morgan; Ray Stubbs; John Raghoobar;  
John Cadwaladr; Ywain Myfyr; Bob Gunton; Branwen Rhys Dafydd a Sion Edwards

Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

**C9.2019/2020 APOLOGIES**  
Apologies for absence received from Councillor Jo Checkley (Deputy Mayor); Nia Williams and Heilyn Williams.

**C10.2019/2020 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Reason</b>
John Raghoobar	NP5/57/930A	Could become a future resident
Delwyn Evans	NP5/57/930A	Member of Friends of Cefn Rodyn Committee

**C11.2019/2020 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 2, 2019**

Accepted and confirmed the above minutes with the following change.

C2.2019/2020 Declarations of personal interest.  
Delete Branwen Rhys Dafydd's name

**C12.2019/2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 1. C.2018-2019 - 20 mph Speed Restriction**  
**Presented:** Feedback from Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn on a meeting with the relevant officer of Gwynedd Council regarding this. It would appear the average speed for traffic travelling through the town is less than 20 mph, therefore there is no longer the need to set this up.  
**Resolved:** Keep an eye on the matter.
- 2. C4.2019/2020.4 Visit to Barmouth Town Council**  
**Presented:** Feedback from several members and the Clerk on the above which was held on .April 23, 2019 to discuss: CCTV / Christmas Lights / Income from the County's Car Parks. Noted Barmouth Council's arrangement of setting a Strategic plan for the life of the specific Council.  
**Resolved: i)** Receive details of the electrician that Barmouth Council use for their Christmas lights to ask for advice.  
**Resolved: ii)** Ask for information from Gwynedd Council on how much income the Marian Car Park could collect if the Town Council was to increase the ticket price by 10%.  
**Resolved: iii)** Consider setting up an experimental Projects sub-committee for a 3year period and agree to hold follow-up meetings with Barmouth every 6 months.
- 3. C4.2019/2020.7 Guerande visit. June 1-2, 2019 – Fete Medievale.**  
**Presented:** Offer for 2 members to visit the above this year.  
**Resolved:** Recorded that no one can attend. The Clerk to inform Guerande.

4. **C4.2019/2020.6 Llyn Penmaen Tragedy. Permanent Memorial**  
**Presented:** Discussion on the way forward to set up a permanent memorial.  
**Resolved: i)** Endeavour to work with Barmouth and Gwynedd Councils on this.  
**Resolved: ii)** The Mayor to investigate initial prices should slate material be used for the memorial.
5. **C40.2019/2020.5 Council website**  
**Presented:** Feedback from Councillor Bob Gunton. The minutes of the Felin Uchaf Wildlife Garden will be added when possible.  
**Resolved:** Accept the information.

**C13.2019/2020 FINANCIAL SITUATION**

The Financial situation was received from the Clerk

**C14.2019/2020 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

**1. Reports from Town Councillors**

**a) The Mayor**

- 2/4/19 Town Council
- 3/4/19 Thanks to Dolgellau Co-op Dolgellau for collecting rubbish from the town streets
- 11/4/19 Auction at the Free Library towards Dolgellau Hospital League of Friends  
Thanks to Linda for the hard work of arranging and to Dyfrig for being such a brilliant auctioneer.
- 19/4/19 Good Friday Procession  
Exhibition of old Dolgellau photographs at the Free Library
- 29/4/19 Spring meeting of the Wales WI at Rhyd y Main

Complaints for April 2019

Resident Parking – Springfield Street

Residents complaining that they must pay to park near their houses but most of the time someone else is taking the space. This means a fine so they therefore pay twice.

Who is responsible for cutting the grass at the Dolgellau Quakers cemetery?

- b) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr** – beneficial meeting with Barmouth Council.
  - Assist the Cynefin Filming Company on the town's heritage and history of the wool industry.
  - Sesiwn Fawr preparatory work
- c) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – Sesiwn Fawr preparatory work.
- ch) **Councillor John Raghoobar** – planning for work on the Park's wall is ongoing.  
Incidences of vandalism in the Park – As a member of the Park's management committee, I will, in the future, be publishing the names and photos of individuals responsible for this.  
I emphasise I am not doing this in the capacity of a Town Councillor.
- d) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – beneficial meeting with Barmouth Council.  
Reported on a water leak on the Marian. Investigatory work currently undertaken.  
Parking problems around Bryntirion and Tyrau Mair.

- dd) **Councillor Ray Stubbs** – £500 collected for the Wild Life Garden.
  - Problem of young people drinking in the garden late at night
  - Attended a meeting with Barclays Bank on behalf of the Access Group regarding anti-fraud measures.
- e) **Councillor John Cadwaladr** – beneficial meeting with Barmouth Council.
- f) **Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd** – efforts to get a local quote for the Council's 'sponsorship' banner are ongoing.

The reports were accepted

**Resolved:** Invite the local PCSO to a meeting of the Council to discuss matters of concern, including vandalism around the town.

## 2. Reports from local Gwynedd Councillors

### a) Councillor Linda Morgan

Continuing – every week tidied the 8 Town Council flower boxes and one basket. Trying to save one basket from the Square. If successful it will be put back. The flowers are looking very nice, still lots of compliments. We still need volunteers to water them, now until the end of June. Can you let Nia or myself know if you can help. You can water anytime, any day, up to you. We do not need any details apart from the fact you will help.

As you know, as part of a campaign to stop the dog mess in the town, the officers put up some temporary posters. They also delivered some dog bags for me to put out in various areas. These are still going well, but new complaints regarding Golf Road owner, 3 times a day allowing the dog to foul the area and not picking up. Also, Tin Bridge in the town. These have been reported.

Re: Dolgellau Hospital League of Friends Auction – pleased to say we have now raised £985 with another £20 on its way, so we will soon reach our target of £1,000.

4/4/19 Had an invitation to visit Ffynnon Hotel – it is very impressive, Wow factor and excellent for the town. I hope they are successful and wish them luck. Lovely furnishings, and bedrooms are stunning, beautiful Dining Room and excellent food. Beautiful views and ample parking – great for visitors and locals.

4/4/19 Met with Phil Leeds to arrange moving Teresa's seat to the Marian. Very pleased with new location, just need to move the Tulips 150 and daffodils. Cricket project looks good, in keeping with the area, not affecting the views, great for the children and young people to practice their cricket skills. Good for children's health and well-being. Another great sporting facility for the town. Well done to all involved.

10/4/19 Site meeting at Pencefn Road and Cae Deintur, officer agreed with my ideas – additional speed hump, raised crossing area. As to speed he said he could arrange 20 mile hour zone, this will be from above Vicarage down to main road, and also agreed additional and improved signage.

Double yellow lines from Cae Deintur post box around to front of school proposal put forward – this area has been a concern to many for a long time.

Had an e-mail from Alan Edwards, Client Officer Property Development Unit Gwynedd Council regarding other arrangements Pencefn Road.

Had an e-mail from Dylan Wynn Jones, Traffic Manager confirming what we agreed at the site meeting.

11/4/19 Auction for Hospital – excellent event.

Re: Public Transport event at the Free Library – this consultation is now closed. Will be following this up, I hope people have spoken up regarding their concerns.

Requested the Zebra Crossing on the Bont Fawr is re-painted. Need to follow up.

Met with officer regarding Ardd Fawr, was told the work would be done soon. Wall is finished, also a small wall above it and a fence, also 4 more bollards, tidy job – ongoing.

Also looked and second row of Cae Deintur, following request – waiting to hear from Highways – ongoing.

Supported a Church Coffee Morning at the Royal Ship Hotel.

Highways to visit outside Coleg Meirion Dwyfor to fill potholes - ongoing.

Sign at Fronallt – on going.

Bins park on going, will report at next meeting.

Dealt with request regarding emptying dog bin far end of Marian – ongoing.

Industrial Estate – rubbish and trees – ongoing.

We need a meeting with the Free Library Committee.

Ongoing – e-mails regarding parking by Royal Ship Hotel, hoping for a site visit. It has been agreed to reduce the length of the double yellow lines, further information to come.

Fair Day. 10 stalls Marian Car Park, one in Eldon Square. Need to let Gwynedd Council know the dates so posters can go up regarding the buses. Indian Cuisine mention.

Concerns Maes y Felin flats back and front rubbish.

Concerns rubbish behind Harris Shop, the flats above.

Concerns regarding rubbish in Eldon Square re a flat.

All passed on.

Val Wilkins requesting a new bin – ongoing.

Concern regarding empty shops and buildings:  
Sulis; Antique Shop (Nurses); Dipsy Dragon; JS's old shop; Information Centre; Mervinian house; Nat West Bank; by Kebab.

Any information regarding owners etc., or for sale?  
We could do with a museum in Dolgellau.

We could do with signs / notice board, well designed with a Town Map in Eldon Square and the Car Park.

**b) Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn**

Chaired Trawfynydd Oversight Board which is concentrating on the future of the power station. Recent meeting of Bro Idris School governors – explanation received on the status of the red crossing between the Infant and Primary schools, in that it is an “indicative crossing”.

Meeting of Wales Rural Forum, focusing on the problem of empty properties. Now working with the 5<sup>th</sup> Minister for rural matters in the British Government, which doesn't help to nurture a useful relationship.

Recently attended the Annual Meeting of Gwynedd Council where the National Scrutiny Body praised the Council's Children Services.

Also attended a review of the Council's management structure and process with financial savings likely to be an outcome of this work.

The reports were received with thanks.

**C15.2019/2020 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Summer Fun 27/07/2019.**

**Presented:** Request to use the Marian for this.

**Resolved:** On behalf of the Trustees of the Marian, to agree to the request.

**2. Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd**

**Presented:** Advertising an empty property at No. 5 Henfaes.

**Resolved:** Accept the information.

**3. Iola Rowlands, Tyddyn Du – the Quakers cemetery, Tabor**

**Presented:** Enquiries from the above regarding who is responsible for cutting the grass and tidying the cemetery. The Mayor explained that he had now found out which chapel has responsibility. He will also refer this request for support from the probation service.

**Resolved:** To accept the information

**C16.2019/2020 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

NP5/57/1102B –NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION NP5/57/1102 DATED 13.10.2015 TO AMEND DETAILS & EXTENT OF RETAINING WALLS TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY INCLUDING A REDUCTION IN THE LENGTH OF THE WALL AND THE OMISSION OF PILLARS & RAILINGS AROUND THE CAR PARKING AREA, YSGOL BRO IDRIS, DOLGELLAU. LL40 2YW – **No Objection.**

NP5/57/930A –CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIONS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LOUNGE SPACE, SUN LOUNGE, STORE AND HAIRDRESSING ROOM. CEFN RODYN, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1UG – **The Council supports the application on the grounds that this work will add to the resources available to the residents of this building.**

NP5/57/LB343A –LISTED BUILDING CONSENT TO TAKE DOWN EXISTING CHIMNEY STACK, INTRODUCE A CODE 5 LEAD TRAY DETAIL AND REBUILD AS EXISTING DETAILS, 2 RHES IDRIS, FFORDD Y GADER, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1RT– **No Objection**