

# **DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Delwyn Evans – Mayor  
Councillors Ray Stubbs; Bob Gunton; Dyfrig Siencyn; John Raghoobar;  
John Cadwaladr; Nia Williams; Branwen Rhys Dafydd; Heilyn Williams;  
Ywain Myfyr; Siôn Edwards

Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** 1 x member of the Press

**C65.2018/2019 APOLOGIES**  
Apologies for absences were received from Councillors Jo Checkley;  
Linda Morgan and Marian Harrison

**C66.2018/2019 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY  
INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING**  
Received the following declaration:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Counc. Heilyn Williams	NP5/57/LB445C	Lives near the site

**C67.2018/2019 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
DECEMBER 4, 2018**

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed. Permission was granted for the Clerk to add another column to the list of payments, in order to record specific laws / powers which allows expenditure for different services / purposes. This was a requirement from the 2017/2018 External Audit.

**C68.2018/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 1. C60.2018/2019.1 Council website**  
**Presented:** Correspondence from ICT Vision enquiring whether, on the death of the Queen, the Council wants the website to follow the protocol known as 'operation London Bridge'.  
**Resolved:** To follow this protocol.
- 2. C60.2018/2019.2 Ffynnon Fair Woodland**  
**Presented:** Draft from the Clerk of appropriate wording for signs warning individuals not to cut trees on the site without the Council's consent.  
**Resolved:** To adopt the wording and arrange to put signs up on site.
- 3. C .2018/2019 1966 Llyn Penmaen tragedy**  
**Presented:** Update from the Clerk that a positive feedback was received from one family regarding the accuracy of the names of those who lost their lives, still need confirmation of the age of one child.  
**Resolved:** To follow up the information regarding the age of this one child through the registrar for births and deaths.
- 4. C62.2018/2019.1 Setting a speed restriction of 20 mph for educational sites and other areas in the town**  
Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn agreed to follow up on this matter.

**C69.2018/2019 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CURRENT PROVISION OF CLOSE CIRCUIT TELEVISION / ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

**Presented:** Verbal report from Councillor Heilyn Williams on the current provision of equipment along with several future schemes to extend or renew some equipment. This provision focuses on the town centre. At the moment there is just under £1,000 in the funds which is guaranteed via Dolgellau Partnership.

**Resolved:** Accept the information with thanks and arrange a visit to Barmouth Town Council to discuss their experience and arrangements with regards to:

- CCTV
- Provision of Christmas Lights
- Arrangement for car parking fees

**C70.2018/2019 FINANCIAL SITUATION**

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

Date	Cheque No	Name	Description	Sum £
31.12.2018	103814	R.J. Electrics	Christmas Lights	824.80
02.01.2019	103815	Cambrian News Ltd	Christmas Advert 2018	90.00
02.01.2019	103816	Wendy Owen	Translation December 2018	127.06
02.01.2019	103817	Rhys Williams	Salary January 2019 and stamps reimbursement	317.88
03.01.2019	103818	Inland Revenue	PAYE December 2018	69.20

Also agreed to hold a meeting of the Finance Sub-committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the Free Library at 6.30 p.m.

**C62.2018/2019 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

**1. Reports from Town Councillors**

**a) The Mayor**

- 4/12/18 Town Council
- 7/12/18 Late Night Shopping – very successful night, congratulations to those who arranged it – one small flaw – where were the lights?
- 14/12/18 Elderly Club Christmas Party
- 17/12/18 Funeral of two women from the town who worked together at Dolgellau Hospital – peace be to both.  
  
One at St Mary's Church and the other at Tabernacl Chapel, Dolgellau
- 18/12/18 Abbeyfield Christmas party – mince pies and carol singing
- 19/12/18 Dolgellau Craft Group Christmas Party
- 20/12/18 Tea at Cefn Rhodyn – singing and Christmas tea
- 24/12/18 Dolgellau Hospital

### **Complaints December 2018**

Where are the town's Christmas lights?

Where are last year's lights?

Dolgellau is getting worse each year where Christmas lights are concerned.

Ambulance staff have to carry patients over a wall to the helicopter. Trustees of the Marian

Where is the CCTV in Dolgellau – thanks to Heilyn for putting up a new camera over Christmas.

Vomit on the streets since before Christmas near the Free Library, Stryd y Plas in town.

Upsetting to hear that Abbeyfield will be closing during 2019.

#### **b) Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd – compliments on the late-night shopping event.**

c) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr** – compliments on the late-night shopping event. Concern about the current arrangement and format of 'Dolgellau Disglair'. Meeting of the Heritage Group regarding the wool industry now started.

**Resolved:** Establish a Council Sub-Committee for Christmas Lights to give consideration to the provision and arrangements for Christmas lights in the future. Everyone who can attend the first meeting (to be arranged) to be present.

#### **ch) Councillor Siôn Edwards – feedback on recent local successes**

d) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – feedback on work with the website. Meeting soon with Llinos Rowlands to discuss ways of putting a link to the Councils website on other websites.

dd) **Councillor Ray Stubbs** – feedback on the work on the town Park. Meetings with NRW regarding the wall are ongoing. Request for financial contribution from the Council is on its way.

e) **Councillor John Cadwaladr** – feedback on the work of the Rotary Club over Christmas. £300 contributed towards Meirion Unit.

## **2. Reports from Local Gwynedd Councillors**

### **a) Councillor Linda Morgan**

6/12/18 Meeting at Caernarfon  
Late night shopping at Barmouth – Zumba band, children singing, decorated shops, Chris Knowles, Celtic harpist and multi-instrumentalist, playing his harp at one of the shops. Carol singing at the "Last Inn", Lifeboat staff and Fire Service on the street etc. well organised. Christmas lights were fantastic.

10/12/18 Invited to draw a raffle at the Dolgellau Hospital for Mr Mike Triggs, who has raised £400 for Prostate Cancer. This was the 43<sup>rd</sup> rug he had made for various charities over the years.

- 12/12/18 Carol Service at the Dolgellau Hospital with League of Friends Committee and Councillor Anwen Hughes, Chair of Gwynedd Council. I distributed Christmas cards to the patients and staff at the hospital. The event was led by Rev. Patrick Slattery. We are very lucky to have such a good hospital with great staff who are dedicated to the patients and so kind and considerate at all times.
- 13/12/18 Air Ambulance coffee morning at the Royal Ship Hotel. This was held to raise awareness for recruiting volunteers for Air Ambulance Wales.
- 17/12/18 Attended Megan Parry's funeral in the town. Continuing to place dog bags in various places for people to help themselves. Going down well, but problem of dog fouling continues. Need to follow up with CCG and Tidy Towns. Will follow up with report at the next meeting.
- 18/12/18 Attended Mrs Anderson's funeral in the town. Visit to Abbeyfield to join staff, residents committee etc., for Carols and mince pies. Carol singing at Cross Keys in aid of various charities.
- 19/12/18 Visited various shops to promote local businesses, especially at Christmas. Visited Cefn Rodyn with Councillor Anwen Hughes and Peredur Jenkins. An excellent residential home in the town, the residents are very happy, lots of entertainment.
- 21/12/18 Visited the hospital, Abbeyfield and Cefn Rodyn with MP Liz Saville Roberts and Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn  
Visited the Carmelite Convent to distribute Christmas cards to all the Sisters.  
Tidied the flower containers in the town and cleaned the wooden containers.  
Dealt with various concerns in the town. Will follow up reports on these at the next meeting – regarding house, trees, rubbish etc.

Dealt with questions regarding dog mess in Penycaeau.  
Distribution of leaflets and bags.  
Dealt with requests for new bins, they will be installed any day now. They are very smart, and as I said before they are 'dual purpose'. I will be meeting up with Peter Simpson, the Street Scene Manager from Caernarfon when they arrive. Good News.

#### **b) Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn**

Further consultation due on how to fill the gap of £6m for 2019-2020. Council tax may have to be increased by +5%.

A recent meeting held with the Welsh Government Minister for Economy, where confirmation was received that the Assembly will match fund the money received from Westminster for the economy Growth Bid for North Wales.

The reports were received with thanks.

## **C72.2018/2019      CORRESPONDENCE**

For information, the following correspondence was received.

1. Gwynedd Council – consultation on the Housing Allocation Policy
2. Gwynedd Council – work on transferring Leisure Centres to a Council owned company.
3. North Wales Police - ‘flying the flag against fraud’
4. Cylch yr Iaith – objection to restructuring of the County’s Language Centres.
5. Highways Service – programme of work for the Dolgellau area – January 2019.

## **C73.2018/2019      PLANNING MATTERS**

**NP5/57/CAL775C** –CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT TO DEMOLISH A CHIMNEY WHICH IS CENTRAL AND ON THE RIDGE DUE TO IT’S CONDITION AND NO LONGER IN USE AND TO RE-COVER WITH SLATES AND RIDGE TILES TO MATCH EXISTING, DYLANWAD DA RESTAURANT, FFOS Y FELIN, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1BS – **The Council supports the application on the grounds that it will protect the building’s condition for the long term.**

**NP5/57/515A** –PROPOSED ERECTION OF ‘PORTAKABIN’ WELFARE FACILITY AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION, FFORDD PONT YR ARRAN, DOLGELLAU. LL40 2AA– **The Council supports the application on the grounds that such facilities are needed on this site.**

**NP5/57/960B** ERECTION OF 2.4M FENCE AROUND 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM FOOTBALL PITCH, CAE PELDROED MARIAN MAWR, DOLGELLAU. – **The Council supports the application on the grounds that it will improve facilities and safety in general in this area. Please note that Dolgellau Town Council is the owner of the land in question. The matter was discussed with the Football Club prior to them submitting this application and it was agreed at this meeting to support the Club;s efforts with regards to this matter.**