

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillor Delwyn Evans – Mayor
Councillor Jo Checkley – Deputy Mayor
Councillors Sion Edwards; John Raghoobar; John Cadwaladr; Bob Gunton;
Linda Morgan; Heilyn Williams; Nia Williams; Branwen Rhys Dafydd.

Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C84.2018/2019 APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence received from Councillors Dyfrig Siencyn and Ray Stubbs.

C85.2018/2019 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING
No declarations were received.

C86.2018/2019 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2019

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed.

C87.2018/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **C78.2018/2019.1 Coed Ffynnon Fair**
Presented: i) Quote of £50 for producing 2 x signs to be put up at the coppice.
Resolved: Authorise this expenditure.
Presented: ii) Feedback on further damage to the coppice following the recent bad weather. The woodland specialist, Mr D. Bradley, The National Park Woodland Officer and Councillors Dyfrig Siencyn, Bob Gunton and Heilyn Williams have visited the coppice.
Resolved: Confirm a further expenditure of £350, which is 1 day's work on the site for the woodland specialist, Mr D. Bradley, to make sure the area is safe
2. **C78.2018/2019.3 Set up a 20 mph restriction on areas close to educational sites and other sites within the town**
Presented: Feedback that Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn is following up on this matter.
Resolved: Invite the relevant Transport officer from Gwynedd Council to undertake a joint tour around the town with members.
3. **C78.2018/2019.4 Discussion/visit to Barmouth Town Council**
Presented: Feedback from the Mayor explaining that we are currently awaiting a response from Barmouth Council.
Resolved: For the Clerk to follow this up
4. **C82.2018/2019.1 Concern about speeding traffic - Llynpenmaen**
Presented: Feedback from the Clerk explaining that this matter has now been referred to PCSO Gareth Jones.
Resolved: Accept the information

C88.2018/2019 FINANCIAL MATTERS AND SITUATION
The financial situation was received from the Clerk and the following payments confirmed

Date	Cheque No	Name	Description	Sum £
04.02.2019	103831	Dolgellau Partnership- Town Park	Donation	2,500.00
04.03.2019	103832	Rhys Williams	March 2019 Salary & Stamps reimbursement	362.08
18.03.2019	103833	David Bradley	Works at Coed Ffynnon Fair	350.00
18.03.2019	103834	Rhys Williams	Mcaffee Subscription reimbursement	89.99
20.03.2019	103835	Wendy Owen	Translation February 2019	155.86
20.03.2019	103836	Linda Morgan	Reimbursement of costs – Spring Flowers	31.47
20.03.2019	103837	Coleg Meirion Dwyfor	Spring Flowers Costs	164.00

Also agreed the following:

- i) To reappoint Gwynedd Council's Audit Unit to deal with the 2018/2019 internal audit
- ii) Contribute a further £500 to the Dolgellau Cricket Club in accordance with the decision made on this during 2017/2018
- iii) Ensure that each member declares 'yes or no' to the possible annual payment of £150 for costs
- iv) Authorise further expenditure of £100 before the end of March 2019 for flag equipment – the Deputy Mayor to lead on this.
- v) Membership fee for One Voice Wales for 2019/2020 for £477 to be paid

C89.2018/2019 INFORMATION SHARING SESSION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Councillors

a) The Mayor

February 2019 complaints

Vandalism in the town – windows smashed at St Mary's Church; football club seats on the Marian have been vandalised.

It's nice to see some new CCTV by some businesses (?) – should they display a sign informing that they are operational? Police say NO if they are private cameras, but YES if the Council installed them.

The town still looks dirty – chewing gum on every street.

February 2019 meetings

1/2/19 Finance Meeting

4/2/19 Funeral of ex-councillor, John Dyer James

5/2/19 Town Council

13/2/19 Fallen tree at Ffynnon Fair – investigate with Bob Gunton

18/2/19 Meeting with Rhydian (Snowdonia Park) and David Bradley (woodland specialist). Agreed to give David Bradley an additional day's work and wait until the spring to see how many trees will be in leaf.

24/2/19 Catholic Church –Taize Service

25/2/19 For information – "I CAN" – the support service for mental health service will begin in the emergency department of Ysbyty Gwynedd between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. to help people with mental illness.

Funeral at St Mary's Church.

- b) **Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd** – proposal that the Council buy banner/banners for the town to include appropriate wording that they have been sponsored by the Council.

Resolved: Authorise the above to arrange a quote for this.

- c) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – work is ongoing to update the contents of the website.. Details of the town memorial has also been uploaded.
- ch) **Councillor Heilyn Williams** – recent meeting of the One Voice Wales Area Committee.
- d) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – still a problem with dog fouling in the area.

2. Reports from local Gwynedd Councillors

a) **Councillor Linda Morgan**

- 7/2/19 Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting in Caernarfon
- 9/2/19 Cleared and prepared the Town Council flower boxes / containers x 8 ready for the college.
- 11/2/19 Met with Jonathan Neale and Alan Hughes re new bins – I am very pleased with the new bins in the town. Hopefully they will help with the dog fouling problem throughout the town as the bins are dual purpose and will accept dog mess in bags.
As part of a campaign to stop the dog mess, the officers put up some temporary posters. They also delivered some dog bags for me to put out in various areas.
- 13/2/19 Meeting with Delwyn and Nia regarding Dolgellau Hospital
- 22/2/19 Checked the boxes ready for the College – Dylan Jones, Peter Felton staff of Meirion Dwyfor College and three of the Pre-vocational course students, Chris Mason, Aaron Poxon and Kye Jones delivered all the flowers for the Council boxes and containers and planted them all for us. We also had three hanging baskets, which were placed in Eldon Square. Special thanks must go to all the ILS and Pre Vocational students for all their work in preparation for the spring flowers to be planted. It is great news that the students are actively involved in contributing to improving the community and bringing so much colour to the town. I am hoping that their example will be an inspiration to other young people and local businesses to take part and help care for the local environment, especially in the town centre. Any offers to help Nia and me this year to water the Council flowers.
Proposal: To write and thank the college. Agreed.
- 24/2/19 Attended a service with Delwyn at the Catholic Church. There were representatives from all the Chapels and Churches in attendance. Taking part in the Taize service. It was a very meaningful service and was enjoyed by all.
Dealt with concerns re children crossing outside the infant school. Visited the site to take photos. Sent an email and I am monitoring the site this week. Will follow up at next meeting.
Dealt with concerns regarding rubbish in Industrial Estate, follow up next meeting.
Dealt with problem regarding trees, will follow up next meeting.
We have a meeting of the Council at Caernarfon on Thursday.
There is an Open Day on 11th March 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. regarding Public Transport at the Free Library
Gwynedd Bus Survey online – Gwynedd website.
Good news that the George Hotel will be opening soon.
Dealt with potholes outside Meirion Dwyfor College.
Dealt with complaints regarding dog mess.

3. Question (Q) and Answer (A) Session

- Q. Would it be possible for the town Park to have some of the old rubbish bins that Gwynedd Council are currently renewing?
A. Councillor Linda Morgan agreed to follow up on this matter.

C90.2018/2019 CORRESPONDENCE

Received the following:

1. **Mr Peter and Sue Barnes** – letter of disappointment on the Council's decision not to contribute to the town's 'Special Streets' project.
Resolved: Accept the information.
2. **Guerande twin town** – invitation for a representation to attend the Medieval Festival on June 1-2, 2019.
Resolved: Discuss and come to a decision at Council's April 2019 meeting.
3. **Meirionnydd Young Farmers Clubs** – application for financial contribution.
Resolved: Discuss the request during the 2019/2020 financial year.
4. **Gwynedd Council – proposed restricted parking – Lllys Owain, Dolgellau.**
Resolved: Discuss the matter when a more recent plan / proposal comes to hand.

C91.2018/2019 PLANNING MATTERS

NP5/57/L557E RE-POSITIONING OF UNAUTHORISED AIR CONDITIONING UNIT, SWYDDFA NFU OFFICE, LION STREET, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1DH – **No Objection.**

NP5/57/LB389C –SITING OF A TOMBER FRAMED SHED PITCHED ROOF WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF A GRADE 11 LISTED BUILDING, LION COTTAGE, LION STREET, DOLGELLAU. LL40 1DG – **No Objection.**