

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor John Raghoobar – Mayor
Councillor Ywain Myfyr – Deputy Mayor
Councillors Jo Checkley; Bob Gunton; Peter Jones; Nia Wyn Evans;
Dyfrig Siencyn; Branwen Rhys Dafydd; Peter Barnes; Ray Peters;
Sion Edwards.

Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C9.2023/2024 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Heilyn Williams;
John Cadwaladr; Richard Jones and the County Councillor Linda Morgan.

C10.2023/2024 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST PERTAINING TO ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETING

No declarations were received

C11.2023/2024 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2023.

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed with the addition of the Council's comments regarding Plas Isaf building / location.

C12.2023/2043 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Defibrillation equipment

Presented: Information from the Clerk, the ordering of the equipment is currently in the hands of Mr J P Williams.

Resolved: Accept the information

2. Coed Ffynnon Fair – Gate

Presented: Information that the gate in the wall, which borders the woodland and Tai Bodlondeb, will be moved, and the gap filled in.

Resolved: Accept the information.

3. Permanent Memorial - Llynpenmaen Tragedy

Presented: Explanation, there is nothing further to report at present as it's not possible to contact the relevant officers at Eryri National Park.

Resolved: For Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn to continue to try and make contact so as to arrange a site meeting.

4. Training Scheme for Members

Presented: Note from the Clerk reminding members to present details of virtual courses to follow through the programme arranged by One Voice Wales. Also noted that Tŷ Siamas is currently not available as a meeting point for virtual training sessions.

Resolved: Accept the information

5. **Football field – Lease for Dolgellau Football Club**
Presented: Information from the Clerk that the Solicitors are currently working on this agreement.
Resolved: Accept the information.

Also: Councillor Ywain Myfyr reported, at the moment, there is no need for a letter of support for upgrading the playing fields at Ysgol Bro Idris to a 4G standard.

6. **Felin Uchaf Wildlife Garden**
Presented: Feedback on the situation on the above site. Reported it is possible for volunteers to use the Dolgellau Partnership bank account for any income received.
Resolved: Accept the information

C13.2022/2023 FINANCIAL SITUATION

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

Date	Cheque no	Name	Description	Sum £
30.03.2023	104098	Rhys Williams	Salary April 2023	483.56
30.03.2023	104099	Un LLais Cymru	Training Costs 2022-2023	350.00
01.05.2023	104100	Rhys Williams	May Salary 2023 a stamps	512.56
01.05.2023	104101	PAYE	PAYE Balance Month 10 22/23	4.41

Resolved: In the future, include the Roller Skate Park site in the financial situation agenda.

C14.2023/2024 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Council members

- i) **Councillor John Raghoobar, the Mayor**
Presented written report on the previous month's work
- ii) **Councillor Jo Checkley** - work to maintain and extend the flowerpots near the Free Library. Local meeting of One Voice Wales. Meirion/Dwyfor College meeting. Meeting of Dolgellau Partnership.
- iii) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – attended training courses. Notice of a future request for the Council to invite an officer from the local hospital to a Council meeting.
- iv) **Councillor Peter Jones** – situation with the CCTV cameras and wi-fi connection throughout Ty Siamas?
Cytunwyd: For the member to discuss this with Councillor Heilyn Williams.
- v) **Councillor Nia Wyn Evans** – work on 'Lle yn y Dref' continues, including a poverty workshop at the Free Library.

- vi) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr** – Meeting with Menter Môn regarding ‘Smart Towns’ project, such as public wi-fi for the town.

Resolved: Ask this organisation for a written report.

General Licence application for events.

Resolved: For the Clerk to contact the county’s relevant licensing officer to find out about any specific responsibilities which would fall on the Town Council (if any).

New name and sign for the Plas Dy’r Llwyn building, which is

‘Snowdonia Manor’

Resolved: For the Clerk to write to the owners to declare the Council’s objection to this.

- vii) **Councillor Branwen Rhys Dafydd** – rubbish collection. Work on changing two rooms in the Town’s hospital. The hospital is having difficulty attracting staff.
- viii) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – event at the College arranged for June 16, 2023, more information to follow. Skate Park questionnaires are coming in.
- ix) **Councillor Peter Barnes** – complaints received regarding a recent cycling club incident near Dolgellau Golf Club.
- Resolved:** For the Clerk to respond to the member of the public who raised this issue.

1. Local Gwynedd Councillor Reports

1. Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn

Meetings with the health service, presumption that solving the health service problems will take 10 years, despite this, there are several examples of good work at the moment. Meeting with ministers regarding the new scheme for the Llanbedr bypass also in context with the future of the airfield.

Meeting to discuss plans to protect the Welsh language.

Meeting of Meirionnydd Area Forum where a report was received from the Police and an opportunity for members to discuss matters of concern with front line staff from Gwynedd Council.

Fairbourne Coastal Scheme noted that after 2054 Natural Resource Wales will have no defence scheme. After 2054, any responsibility for defence will fall on Gwynedd Council.

Meeting of Dolgellau Partnership, with an intention to resurrect Arran River hydro scheme.

The reports were received with thanks.

2. Councillor Linda Morgan

***Report for Dolgellau Cyngor Tref/Town Council
March/April 2023***

Attended all of the Warm events at the Rugby Club Dolgellau. They have now finished. I would like to thank Gwenno and Merfyn Burrough for providing the venue and the refreshments for all the events held at the Club. Also thank you to Adele Roberts who gave a warm welcome to everyone and for her friendly Customer Service. The people enjoyed the soup, tea and chat. Some people brought their knitting and crochet work one lady was making jewellery. They all enjoyed reading and looking at the Dolgellau Books and old photos. They also had a stall with free books and videos and many useful leaflets.

Diolch i Clwb Rygbi

16th March attended a Workshop in Bangor

DOGS: Sorted the signs for the dog fouling problems and gave out more bags, problem seems to be improving in most areas. But still having complaints every week.

Housing: Sorted and dealt with many housing issues. Many people struggling financially despite the help available.

HIGHWAYS: Reported blocked drains and potholes through the town, many complaints on these problems plus the pavement on Arran Road - Chair will keep you updated on these

20th April

Attended a Zoom Care Scrutiny meeting

Discussed

UPDATE ON THE GWYNEDD AUTISM PLAN
SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA IN GWYNEDD

A big concern re Recruitment of Carers

Attended an Open Day at Dolfeurig

This was held after I requested an update on what was happening with the building.

Met up with the Staff and Service users, they were all pleased to see that plans are now finally moving forward.

Had a chat with the Manager Annie Humphreys and some of the staff, also in attendance was Helen Fon Owen from Learning Disabilities Dept and Cllr Dilwyn Morgan, the Plans were on display for everyone to view and to ask questions

Thanks must go to all the Staff for their work and dedication to the Service Users.

The Service Users at Dolfeurig are looking forward to a new Building, and being able to be part of the new venture

The plans are to demolish existing building and redundant outbuildings and the construction of a new building. Hard and soft landscaping including new car parking, fenced storage compound with storage containers and external canopies and cycle shelter. Erection of new garden outbuildings including sheds and polytunnel. There will be a Shop and Café open to the public. Good news

Enquiries re Electric Chargers

Enquiries re new bins etc

Attended a Meeting re Air Ambulance at the Leisure Centre

You can have your say by using one of the options below:

Telephone 01443471520

E mail eascservicereviewqueries@wales.nhs.uk

It is important to have as many views as possible especially if you want the Caernarfon and Welshpool bases to stay as they are.

I was told individual e mails will go down well and will be a big help with their next decision.

You can also participate at an engagement session (online timetable)

<https://easc.nhswales/engagement/sdp/engagement-timetable/>

or complete an online Query Form:

<https://easc.nhs.wales/engagement/sdp/>

You can also complete a Survey

[https://picker.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SVdo\)h6Yk1DG1pyD4?
Q_CHL=qr](https://picker.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SVdo)h6Yk1DG1pyD4?Q_CHL=qr)

I have detail in Martin's Shop Top of Eldon Square Dragon Snaps photography, if you want to pick up any leaflets

I also have paper copies of the Survey if you do not want to do them online

Making a difference to local lives: Cyngor Gwynedd Plan 2023-28 is adopted - Cyngor Gwynedd has agreed on the priority areas which will form the basis for improving services provided for local people for the next five years.

To view the document, go online

MEIRIONNYDD AREA FORUM Tuesday 2nd May

SEA DEFENCES Rhydian Roberts, Principal Engineer for YGC (Gwynedd Consultancy) Water and Environment Service (North Area Team) will be attending to provide information on sea defences in the area

NORTH WALES POLICE To receive an update from Llinos Davies, Gwynedd Chief Inspector and Darren Kane, North Wales Police.

NATURAL RESOURCES WALES A representative from National Resources Wales Integrated Engineering Team will be present to provide information on forestry's in the area and discuss works to clear ditches and prevent flooding

This is a very important link for you regarding Jobs in Gwynedd please pass on to anyone interested

www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/jobs

Don't forget the Council's campaign to attract more people who are interested in a career in social or care work to come to work for Gwynedd. If you know someone who may be interested, please refer them to the Council's website above. Thank you/Diolch

Next Council meeting is on Thursday 4th May at Caernarfon

We also have Workshops on 9th and 10th May for Care Scrutiny and Communities Scrutiny

Dealt with many confidential matters

C15.2023-2024 CORRESPONDENCE

For information, the following correspondence was received:

1. Notice of road closure, Porth Canol/Finsbury Square
2. Gwynedd Council, Highways Service, monthly work programme for May 2023

C16.2023-2024 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

See Appendix A