

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, February 3 2026, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 6.45 p.m p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)
Councillor Nia Evans (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Jo Checkley, Ray Peters, Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Dyfrig Siencyn, Peter Jones, Sion Edwards, Ywain Myfyr, Heilyn Williams, Liz Jones
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk
Also Present: Catrin James – Architect acting for the owners of Bryn Mair for Agenda Item C.71.2025-2026.1

C.71.2025-2026 PUBLIC SESSION

Nothing to report / discuss

C.71.2025-2026.1 COED FFYNNON FAIR ISSUES - PRESENTATION FROM CATRIN JAMES – ARCHITECT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OWNERS OF BRYNMAIR

Presented: A presentation from the above architect outlining the detailed proposals for Planning Application Reference NP5/57/LB406B and in particular the proposals for upgrading the access track running behind Bryn Mair which borders Coed Ffynnon Fair.

Resolved: To continue to oppose the proposed works to the access track as submitted to Snowdonia National Authority and to suggest that the Architect and the applicants propose an alternative proposal.

C,71.2025-2026.2 COED FFYNNON FAIR ISSUES - DAMAGE TO BRYN MAIR GATES AS A RESULT OF RECENT GALES / STORMS

Presented; Correspondence from the Owners of Bryn Mair submitting estimates for the costs of replacing / repairing the above Damage.

Resolved: Following contact with the Council's Insurance Company, to advise the above owners to submit proof of negligence on behalf of the Town Council which resulted in this damage. If this was received, the Council would submit a claim under the Council's Public Liability Section of the Insurance Policy.

C.73.2025-2026 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST ARISING FROM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MEETING

No declaration of interest received,

C.74.2025-2026 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2026

Accepted and confirmed the above minutes with the addition of Cllr Liz Jones being present at the meeting.

C.75.2025-2026 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dolgellau Town Centre Regeneration / New Dolgellau Partnership Structure / Membership

Presented: Feedback from the January 2, 2026 open Meeting Meeting:

New Directors need to be appointed together with an administrative post. The job description of the administrative post requires more

detail together with agreement as to who is responsible for line manager duties for this post

The financial situation relating to the Town park Element of the Partnership was received.

Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn explained in details the work, constitution and role of the Partnership structure and confirmed his willingness to continue as a Director.

Proposed: As the new Partnership constitution requires Town Councillors as Members, the Following Members were nominated (in addition to Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn)_ :

Jessica John

Jo Checkley

Nia Evans

Liz Jones

Dolgellau Park Element of the current Partnership

At the request of the current town Park Partnership Group for the Town Council to take over responsibility for the Park.

Resolved: For Dolgellau Town Council to take over responsibility from April 2026.

Key follow on Actions as a result of this decision:

Formation of Dolgellau Town Council Park Sub – Committee comprising Cllrs. Bob Gunton, Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Peter Jones.

Warranty Details of Park Play Equipment - Current Partnership to provide to Town Council

New Lease details to be organised – Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn to action

Town Council Insurance Policy – Town Clerk to action

2. Permanent Memorial – Penmaenpool Tragedy - Permanent Memorial

Presented: Progress meeting to follow this Meeting with Cllrs. Nia Evans and Branwen Rhys Dafydd

Resolved: To accept the Information.

3. Public Entertainment Licence for the Square

Presented: Nothing to report at the moment. Gwynedd Licencing Officer to attend the March 2026 meeting.

Resolved: Accept this information.

4. Ardal Ni Grant - Flowers / Tubs Grant application and activities:

Presented: Update that the planters and 1 x Public Seat has arrived. Sheep Planters naming competition in hand! Daffodil Planting scheme is in hand with Dolfeuring Centre through the work of the Mayor and volunteers.

Resolved: To receive the information.

5. 'Pumptrack' Project

Presented: Feedback from Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn that a feasibility study needs to be undertaken to progress this project. – Brief has been prepared and submitted to 4 Consultance companies for their consideration by Gwynedd Council. Grant finance from Gwynedd Council may be available during 2026 – 2027 financial year although not confirmed at present. Ysgol Bro Idris old Tennis Court identified as a location .

Resolved: To accept the information

7. CCTV Facilities in the Town

Presented: Feedback from Cllr Heilyn Williams regarding conflicting information / lack of clarity as to what the Police actually require. i.e quicker access to the existing equipment or overall control and ownership of the system with potential additional funding for equipment upgradw ?

Resolved: Request for the Police to attend the Council's April 2026 Meeting in order to clarify the situation

C.76.2025-2026

REPORTS / FINANCIAL MATTERS – TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2026 AND TO SET THE COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR 2026-2027

Presented: Details of the Finance Sub Committee meeting held on January 27, 2026 including actual budget report for Month 1 – Month 9 of 2025 and estimated budget report for Month 10 -12 of 2026.

Estimated Deficit of £8,473 projected following adjustments . Recommendation to set a precept of £80,000 for 2026-2027 (an increase of £3000,00 following several years of no increase)

Received and confirmed the financial situation.

Resolved: To set a precept of £80,000 for the 2026-2027 Financial Year

C.77.2025-2026

SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Pre Presented Written Reports from Town Council members

i) Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)

Mayor Report January 2026

Gwynedd Nin grant became a reality this month as work started on the Arran Road Site

Four Flowering Cherry Trees and two park benches were placed at the site. To date, they have been left [alone](#). I would like to thank members of the TSC club and members of North Waldes Fire and Rescue Service for their assistance

Bulb planting is planned for this week at this Site

Dolfeurig Centre service users are busy planting 500 bulbs in a space up by the small schools. The cunning plan is for them to move onto the Marian car park and plant another 1000 bulbs

500 bulbs have gone to the community garden, and 500 have been allocated to the entrance sign areas
The sheep planters are now in the form of planks and will be made into planters ready for summer flowers
We still await delivery of the large steel planters for the square.

Attended Marian Trustee Meeting to discuss the pavilion upgrade

I attended the Carnival crowning evening on the 24th January, which seemed to be fairly well attended by adults and flooded with female-type entrants, not so many boys

On Monday night, I attended a fictitious meeting and was Billy no mates got the wrong date, but I did enjoy twenty minutes of reflection on being stupid.

I will have also attended the finance subcommittee meeting by the time that you all pretend to read this masterpiece.

ii) **Councillor Nia Evans (deputy Mayor)**

January 2026 Report – Nia Wyn Evans

- Lle'n y Dre continues to offer an additional session on Monday afternoons. It would be great if you could help promote this service. Hot chocolate and a cuppa are available between 3:30 and 4:30pm – call in if you can!
- Gwynedd Council Event – there was strong support from local residents for this event. There was an opportunity to see the developments at Dolfeurig and Tŷ Meurig. Thanks to the councillors who were there on the day.
- Llyn Penmaen– Branwen and I have plans to meet after the February Meeting to organise the arrangements. Gaynor Davies, who coordinates Pont Llyn Penmaen, is keen to support us.
- I attended a meeting of the Marian Trustees at the beginning of January.

C.78.2025-2026

CORRESPONDENCE

Received: Letter from local Gwynedd Youth Officer requesting a meeting and discussion with the Council.

Resolved: To invite the officer to the Council's March Meeting (to commence at 6.45 p.m) together with Gwynedd Council's Licensing Officer

C.79.2025-2026

REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Gwynedd Council Matters - Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn

Visited Dolfeurig Centre which is undertaking a complete rebuild. Work is progressing well on site.

Gwynedd Council Financial Situation for 2026-2027– a slight improvement in the forecast. Average Council Tax increase for 2027-2027 is likely to be 5%.

Friars School situation has placed a heavy burden on Council staff, who also now need to respond to the investigation report into this matter.

C.80.2025-2026 PLANNING MATTERS

Application Number: NP5/57/1176H Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) and deletion of Condition 3 (Preclusion of shelters, greenhouses, etc.) attached to Planning Permission NP5/57/1176 dated 10/11/2023 and the erection of a cycle and car wash shelter, greenhouses and a shed (AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED) Dolfeurig Centre, Dolgellau. LL40 1EL
Grid Reference: 272653 317842 **TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION**