

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 6.45 p.m

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Heilyn Williams, Ywain Myfyr, Dyfrig Siencyn, Peter Jones, Ray Peters, Sion Edwards.
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C.10.2026-2027 PUBLIC SESSION - PCSO MR GARETH JONES, NORTH WALES POLICE

PCSO mr Gareth jones reported that an additional pcso post will be appointed commencing in May 2026 for the area. Local CCTV matters – funding is available due to a donation received.

Resolved: pcso Gareth Jones to provide an update on this when possible.

Cllr Heilyn Williams to share details regarding current connectivity details regarding the current CCTV system in the town with the Police. Feedback to be discussed at the Council's June 2026 Meeting. Agreed that the Council would fund updates to the current CCTV connectivity infrastructure (in the region of £300)

C.11.2026-2027 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Nia Wyn Evans, Liz Hughes, Jo Checkley

C.12.2026-2027 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST ARISING FROM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MEETING

No declarations received

C.13.2026-2027 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2026

Accepted and confirmed the above minutes.

C.14.2026-2027 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Permanent Memorial – Penmaenpool Tragedy - Permanent Memorial

Presented: Urgent discussions are needed with Snowdonia National Park regarding solutions to cover the Temporary scaffolding around the signl box on this site - - **Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn to action.**

MEMORIAL CEREMONY DATE IS JULY, 22,2026. – ALL COUNCILLORS, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS IN YOUR DIARIES

Resolved: To accept the Information.

2. Public Premises Licence - Eldon Square

Presented: Follow on discussion regarding this matter whether the Council should or should not progress this matter following a Presentation from Gwynedd Council at the March 2026 meeting.

Resolved: Not to proceed with this offer for the time being.

3. Dolgellau Park – Transfer from Dolgellau Partnership to the Town Council

Presented: Update from Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn - A New Lease between the Town Council and Gwynedd Council is now the next key step including authorised signatures for an ongoing agreement with Wickstead Company and agreement regarding a peppercorn rent between the Town Council and Gwynedd Council.

4. Caerffynnon Surgery issues of concern

Presented: A report from the Clerk regarding a recent meeting with the Practice Manager of the Surgery.

Resolved: To request that representatives of the Council meet with the senior GP at the Surgery.

5. 'Gwynedd Ni' Future Grant Applications

Presented: Discussion relating to the Council's priorities for future grant applications.

Resolved: To prioritise improvement works relating to Coed Ffynnon Fair.

C.15.2026-2027

REPORTS / FINANCIAL MATTERS

Presented: Financial Report for Month 1, 2026 (April 2026).

Resolved: Received and confirmed the financial situation, The Accounts for 2025-2026 will be managed through the Council's new accounting System (Scribe). Budget monitoring to be reviewed on a quarterly basis for 2026-2027.

The following applications for financial assistance were approved:
Dolgellau Carnival £500
Ras y Gader 2026 £500

C.16.2026-2027

SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Pre Presented Written Reports from Town Council members

Mayor's Report – April 2026

Mayor Report April 2026

I have measured across the top of the square and down past the Torrent so that I can cost new Christmas lights for the coming Christmas. Have asked R J Electrics for a price for 20 sets of lights and replacements for storm damage, Christmas tree lights We will also need to replace some of the coloured Christmas tree lights that got damaged in the winter storms that always seem to appear when the lights go up Street cleaning has maintained its efforts at cleaning the graffiti that appeared around town, and I would like the Town Council to send a Letter of thanks for their efforts Spent time preparing a draft of what we as a council have been up to over the last year for this year's audit. Updated the Training Plan on the website to comply with last year's audit shortfall regarding the training Program. Consulted

with Rhys regarding the trees on the Marian and NRW comments about who put them there.

Nia's Report - Deputy Mayor - April 2026

- Lle'n y Dre continues to offer an additional session on Monday mornings 9 – 10.30am. It would be great if you could help promote this service.– call in if you can!
- Llyn Penmaen–. Arrangements are continuing, Huw Dylan Owen has composed a poem for the event, the work of checking the wording of the memorial has been sent to Hefin Underwood, discussions with the Park regarding tidying the site are ongoing, and conversations with Gaynor Davies, who coordinates Pont Llyn Penmaen, are continuing.
- I attended a meeting of the Dolgellau Partnership.
- I spoke on behalf of the town council on Radio Cymru and BBC Wales regarding the filming which took place.

C.18.2026-2027 REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn

Gwynedd Council's AGM has occurred this Month
Discussions are on going in relation to implementing a visitor / tourist
At a local level, consideration is being given to extending double yellow
Parking lines particularly along the area of cader road

C.17.2025-2026 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Campaign to Protect welsh place names and welsh language house names
Resolved: To support the campaign
2. Cymdeithas Tai Cynefin - An enquiry if the Town Council would be interested in co working to provide benches for their sheltered housing complex.
Resolved: To engage further discussion during the next financial year or to offer the supply of one bench sooner than next year.

C.19.2026-2027 PLANNING MATTERS

Application Number: NP5/57/1102C Demolish buildings and create a yard and netball court Ysgol Bro Idris, Dolgellau. LL40 2YW Grid
Reference: 273132 317669

Resolved: To support the application