

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dolgellau Town Council Committee held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ywain Myfyr (Mayor)
Councillor Bob Gunton (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Jo Checkley, Sion Edwards, Peter Jones,
Ray Peters, Heilyn Williams
Mr Rhys Williams – Clerk

C.11.2025-2026 PUBLIC SESSION

Nothing to report.

C.12.2025-2026 APOLOGIS

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Branwen Rhys Dafydd, Jessica John, Dyfrig Siencyn and Llinos Rowlands.

C.13.2025-2026 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST ARISING FROM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MEETING

No declarations received.

C.14.2025-2026 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 1, 2025

The above minutes were accepted and confirmed.

C.15.2025-2026 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1.1 MATTERS RAISED FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Ffynnon Fair wood

Presented: The Clerk has corresponded with the Council's insurance company about this case, regarding the possibility of making a claim for compensation. The case does not qualify. Site meeting held with the contractor, RW Britland. He's not able to carry out the main work but can cut back the trees over the summer.

Resolved: Accept the information.

2. Permanent Memorial – Penmaen Lake

Presented: Verbal feedback via the Clerk from Councillor Nia Evans reporting the need to tender for the work of setting up the memorial.

Resolved: Accept the information with thanks.

3. Parking problems between the HSBC bank and the Hospice shop in the Square

Presented: No progress on this issue at the moment.

Accept the information. Keep on the agenda.

4. Community Involvement Programme

Presented: Update on several action points from the October 2023 Council meeting, being:

i) Arrange an inquiry to establish a dedicated Exhibition Board for the Council:

Presented: Quote accepted and confirmed at the February 2025 meeting of the Council. Pre-planning application (if needed) has

now been presented to the attention of the National Park. The Clerk to contact the Park to confirm it is not a listed building. Accept the information. Keep on the agenda.

Further matters raised:

- ii) **Skae Park**
Nothing to report at the moment.
Resolved: Accept the information.
- iii) **Public seats – review**
Presented: Report from the Mayor recommending sites for the five new seats.
Resolved: Accept the plan and move ahead with this work. There will be additional costs for the safe set up of the benches through the work of RW Britland. **Also agreed** to finance minor re-painting work for some other benches around the town.
- iv) **Public Entertainment Licence for the Square**
Presented: No progress at the moment.
Resolved: Accept the information.
- v) **Vehicle on the “Lawnt”**
No further report to hand. Further meetings to follow.
Resolved: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn to keep an eye on this.
- vi) **Dolgellau town centre regeneration scheme**
Presented: Confirmed further discussions/meetings to follow, including the possibility of financing a development officer to co-ordinate events at the Free Library (especially ‘Lle yn y dref’).
Resolved: Accept the information with thanks and invite relevant officer of Gwynedd Council to the June meeting of the Council to discuss next steps and possible sources for grants.
- vii) **2025 Christmas Lights**
Presented: Report from Councillor Bob Gunton on further ideas for 2025 including changes around the bottom pavement below Tŷ Siamas, there are further developments on this at the moment. Discussions are continuing with Gwynedd Council.
Resolved: Accept the information with thanks.

C.16.2025-2026 FINANCIAL SITUATION

Received and confirmed the financial situation from the Clerk.

C.17.2025-2026 SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Reports from Town Council members

- i) **Councillor Ywain Myfyr – Adroddiad Ysgrifenedig i ddilyn .**
- ii) **Councillor Ray Peters** – observed that the Pen y Banc public seat has disappeared.
Resolved: Follow the matter up via the Council’s programme for updating public seats.
- v) **Councillor John Cadwaladr** – work with ‘Lle yn y Dref’ scheme. Meeting of the Trustees of Dr Daniel Williams. Meeting of the town centre regeneration project.

- vi) **Councillor Sion Edwards** – further successful events and competitions have taken place recently at Coleg Meirion/Dwyfor.
- vii) **Councillor Peter Jones** – feedback that St Mary's Church will be arranging an event to celebrate 80 years since 'VE Day' in Europe.
Resolved: Contribute £100 towards this event.
- viii) **Councillor Nia Evans** – observation note on the untidy state of the footpath at the rear of the Spar shop and the continuing work with Lle yn y Dref.
- ix) **Councillor Llinos Rowlands** – received complaints regarding missed rubbish collections in the town.
Resolved: Contact Gwynedd Council on this matter.
- x) **Councillor Bob Gunton** – note for everyone of the need to use traditional phone boxes to protect them.

C.18.2025-2026 REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report.

C.20.2025-2026 PLANNING MATTERS

Nothing to report.