

CYNGOR TREF PORTHMADOG



18.30 – 19.00 Presentation by Richard Shirres – Flood risk

There was a Powerpoint presentation on the critical situation of the town of Porthmadog in view of the dangers of flooding should the sea level rise on the scale predicted by the experts. Mr Shirres had already shared information leaflets with the Councillors and he further explained some of the details. He emphasized the need to respond to the threat as a whole community and plan to act very soon.

Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes September 10 2024

84.9.24 Present :- Councillors :- Aled Griffith (Chairman); Alwyn Gruffydd; Gwilym Jones; Carol Hayes; Karena Owens; Dr Melfyn Edwards; Llywelyn Rhys; Michael Roberts
Marian Roberts (Clerk)

Absent :- Cllr Trefor Jones

85.9.24 Apologies: Councillors :- Sandra Bodden Jones; John Gwynedd Roberts (Vice-Chairman)

86.9.24 Ratification of minutes of the Town Council :- Regular Meeting July 9 2024

Decision :- to accept and approve minutes of July 9 2024 Regular Meeting in motion presented by Cllr Carol Hayes, seconded by Cllr Michael Roberts.

Finance and Property Sub-Committee July 30 2024

Decision :- to accept and approve minutes of July 30 2024 Finance and Property Sub-Committee in motion presented by Cllr Carol Hayes, seconded by Cllr Michael Roberts.

Cllr Carol Hayes wished to record her thanks to the Clerk for her work in solving a problem with a shop owner in Bank Place. Following a letter from the Clerk on behalf of Cllr Hayes, the matter has been successfully resolved and Cllr Hayes was extremely grateful.

87.9.24 The Clerk's Report

There was an update on the following :-

- **Cae Bodawen's** new gate - G.L.Jones will provide a red gate and galvanized railings.
- **Bryn Coffa** handrails have been installed.
- Presentation of a donation to **Medi Harris** took place on 16.8.24 and was a successful evening.
- **Cae Pawb** – open day on 17.8.24 was a success and collected over £500 to share with good causes.
- It was noted that the Town Council still has to pay for One Voice Wales courses whether a Councillor attends or not.
- **National Grid** – Cae Bodawen – a site meeting was held on 28.8.24 and it was noted that the excavation work was due to start in September 2025 and finish by 2028. It was noted that the Clerk had received an email from Nat. Grid requesting a list and prices of new play equipment for Cae Bodawen by 26.9.24. It was suggested that a special meeting of the Property Sub-Committee should be held to discuss the matter in order to respond within the time limit.
- There was a meeting with Menter Bro Ffestiniog officers on 6.9.24 and Gwynedd Council's Community Officer, Haydn Jones, to discuss the way forward regarding the development of the Ganolfan as a business enterprise (**Menter Madog**). Haydn Jones will meet with the Ganolfan's committee members to discuss further.
- **The Oakeley Band** - have agreed to perform in the Park on Porthmadog's Christmas illumination night 29.11.24

• Celebrating the **Oman Festival** - the Town Council had been invited by the Porthmadog and Pwllheli Indian association to Porthmadog Football Club to participate in the celebrations of this festival. Councillors Carol Hayes, Trefor Jones and Alwyn Gruffydd attended.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending several meetings over the past few months - it has been a busy time.

88.9.24 Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest

89.9.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0560/44/LL (emailed 2.8.24)

Lleoliad / Location : Bargain Booze Ffordd Morfa Bychan, Morfa Bychan, Gwynedd, LL49 9UY
Bwriad / Proposal: Newid defnydd siop wag i ddefnydd pryd poeth i'w gario allan (Pysgod a Sglodion) dosbarth A3 a gosod system awyru cegin
Change of use of empty store for takeaway (Fish and Chips), class A3 and installation of kitchen ventilation system.

Decision :- to object to the planning application for the following reasons:-

- It is an overdevelopment
 - There are too many businesses in a small area
 - it is too close to another fish and chip shop
 - It would cause problems with parking / access to Lôn Gwydryn
 - It would cause more traffic in a confined space
 - It would create difficulty for local residents
 - Gwynedd Council's Environment Department objects
 - The Betsi Cadwaladr Health Authority opposes the creation of more shops selling ready meals for the benefit of the health of the community
- according to the proposal of Cllr Llywelyn Rhys, Cllr Gwilym Jones seconding.

(b) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0595/44/LL (emailed 8.8.24)

Lleoliad / Location: 7, The Oakeleys Cei Oakley, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9AJ
Bwriad / Proposal: Amnewid drysau patio pren presennol gyda drysau Upvc i gyd-fynd â'r rhai a gymeradwywyd yn flaenorol ar gyfer Fflat 10 yn The Oakleys o dan y cyfeirnod cais C22/0246/44/DT a gymeradwywyd ar 18 Mai 2022.

Replacement of existing timber patio doors with Upvc doors to match those previously approved for Flat 10 at The Oakleys under application reference C22/0246/44/DT which was approved on 18th May 2022.

Decision :- No objection

(c) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0608/44/YA (emailed 14.8.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Fferm Pensyflog Pensyflog, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9PW
Bwriad / Proposal: Sied amaethyddol ar gyfer storio peiriannau ac offer
Agricultural shed to store machinery and implements

Decision :- No objection

(ch) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0560/44/LL (emailed 2.9.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Bargain Booze Ffordd Morfa Bychan, Morfa Bychan, Gwynedd, LL49 9UY
Bwriad / Proposal: Newid defnydd siop wag i ddefnydd pryd poeth i'w gario allan a siop goffi, dosbarth A3 a gosod system awyru cegin
Change of use of empty store for takeaway and coffee shop, class A3 and installation of kitchen ventilation system.

Decision :- to object to the planning application for the same reasons as in Application (a) above.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STAFF MATTERS

90.9.24 Approve the decisions of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee 30.7.24

The decisions of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee 30.7.24 were approved according to the proposal of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd.

91.9.24 Elect a representative on Ysgol y Gorlan's Board of Governors

It was noted that many of the Councillors had already been on the Governing board therefore

Decision :- to leave the matter until the October meeting.

The Clerk noted that the Head of Ysgol Eifion Wyn had been in touch asking for a representative on their Governing Board following the resignation of Cllr Llywelyn Rhys as the representative of the Town Council.

Decision:- Cllr Karena Owens agreed to represent the Town Council and the Clerk will inform the school of Cllr Owens' contact details.

Cllr Llywelyn Rhys raised a point of order stating his displeasure that the Clerk had refused to include 2 proposals from him on the agenda of tonight's meeting. The Clerk explained that she had responded to the request by stating her reasons for her decision.

Decision:- to amend the proposals and include them on the 8.10.24 agenda according to Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd's proposal.

MATTERS ARISING :-

92.9.24 Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd :- proposal that the Town Council responds as a body to Ken Skates' letter (Correspondence 7)

Decision:- the Clerk to fill in the questionnaire on behalf of the Town Council and declare satisfaction with the existing 20m.p.h. restriction. and that the speed limit from the Tremadog roundabout to Penmorfa needs to be reduced from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h.

93.9.24 Cllr Aled Griffith :- proposal that the Town Council arrange to buy, install and maintain a defibrillator in Y Ganolfan.

Decision:- discuss the matter jointly with Correspondence 1 (99.9.24).

94.9.24 Cllr Llywelyn Rhys - Proposal to make an application to Gwynedd Council to implement a contingency plan to open Lôn Gwydryn access when traffic to Black Rock beach becomes excessive.

Cllr Gwilym Jones listed some of the reasons why Gwynedd Council is not willing to use Lôn Gwydryn as follows:-

- The residents of Lôn Gwydryn are not satisfied
- Gwynedd Council wants to keep one emergency access to the beach
- Not enough staff
- Lôn Gwydryn entrance sand is too soft for cars to use
- One way system not working

We also heard about the general difficulties of using Treflys road, Morfa Bychan and the regular congestion in Bank Place.

Decision:- amend the proposal to "Propose asking Gwynedd Council to re-examine the Morfa Bychan beach, Treflys and Bank Place transport system at busy times of the year" according to the proposal of Cllr Llywelyn Rhys, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.

95.9.24 Cllr Carol Hayes :- proposal that the Town Council adopts a policy safeguarding local Welsh place names.

Decision:- to act on the proposal and in addition to write to the Welsh Government appealing to them to legislate that Planning Permission is required to change the name of a house according to the proposal of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.

96.9.24 Cllr Gwilym Jones :- proposal to support Friends of Borth y Gest's plan to install bookshelves in the bus stop.

Decision:- to act on the proposal and note that it was a request from 2 residents of Borth y Gest and not a request from the Friends of Borth y Gest

97.9.24 Matters to be brought before the Chairman either for information or to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Agenda closing date for October 8 2024 = September 30 2024, (Standing Orders 9 (b) "at least ten days before the Council meeting".)

- **Elect a representative on Ysgol y Gorlan's Governing Board**
- **Cllr Llywelyn Rhys :-** motion to declare dissatisfaction with the current location of the dragon.
- **Cllr Llywelyn Rhys:-** proposal to make an application to the Ganolfan committee for Town Council members to park for free while attending Town Council meetings.
- **Cllr Aled Griffith :-** motion to take action to celebrate the bicentenary of the construction of the harbour.
- **Cllr Aled Griffith:-** motion to increase the frequency of meetings of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee.

98.9.24 Correspondence: Waiting List for a Reply (copy attached).

Decision:- to accept the information and the clerk will edit as necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE :

99.9.24	FRIENDS OF BORTH Y GEST	Request for the Town Council to purchase, install and maintain defibrillator on outer wall of Borth y Gest toilets. Decision:- support the request of the Friends of Borth y Gest and the Clerk to consult with the committee members of Y Ganolfan regarding the matter of 93.9.24 above
100.9.24	GWYNEDD COUNCIL	Local Development Plan Decision:- Receive the information and the Clerk to respond on behalf of the Town Council to note:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the planning boundary needs to be extended to include higher land in the Porthmadog area which would be suitable for development for the construction of residential houses according to the proposal of Cllr Llywelyn Rhys, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding. The Garth area; lands above Awel y Grug; land next to Alltwen Hospital; land between Porthmadog and Borth y Gest and Morfa Bychan were earmarked as possible locations. It was also noted that Porthmadog's house building quota went to Penrhyndeudraeth and Cricieth in the past because the planning boundary was too limited. and the ammendment :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Town Council supports the Botwnnog Community Council's stance to ensure housing for Welsh speakers on the motion of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.
101.9.24	RICHARD WILLIAMS	Benches on the Cob cycling path. Decision:- Receive the information and write back to tell Mr Williams to refer the matter to the attention of Gwynedd Council as they are the owner of the Cob.
102.9.24	RICHARD	Response to 53.6.24 accepting invitation to present his findings

	SHIRRES	to the Town Council on 10.9.24 Decision:- Receive the information
103.9.24	GWYNEDD COUNCIL	Response to 77.7.24 Crêpes in Pencei Decision:- Receive the information
104.9.24	DAMIAN WILLIAMS	Tractor run for charity 15.12.24 Decision:- Receive the information and write back to thank him for the information and for including Porthmadog in the route and to ask for any posters to publicise the event.
105.9.24	KEN SKATES	20 m.p.h. 76.7.24 Already discussed in 92.9.24
106.9.24	ONE VOICE WALES	Response to 70.7.24 – Contributions Decision:- Receive the information and include the matter in the October agenda.
107.9.24	GWYNEDD COUNCIL	Consultation on single transferable vote system Decision:- Receive the information
108.9.24	BRYN PRITCHARD JONES C.G.	Response to 71.7.24 gate down to the harbour Decision:- Receive the information and write back to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thank him for such a comprehensive answer • thank him for planning a meeting with the Yacht Club officials • ask him to acknowledge that the stairs are public property • ask him to act to change the sign on the gate from "private access" to "public access" and remove M.Y.C from the gate as the stairs are public property and not the property of the Yacht Club • forward to him a copy of Cadw's response to the matter according to the proposal of Cllr Llywelyn Rhys, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd seconding. <p>Cllr Llywelyn Rhys left the meeting</p>
109.9.24	TRANSPORT WALES	Response to i 79.7.24 T2 Decision:- Receive the information and send an invitation once more for them to come to the Council meeting or to come to meet the Councillors' on site in Tremadog.
110.9.24	FFION JOHNSTONE – BETSI CADWALADR	Response to 73.7.24 supporting building of new surgery on Coliseum site. Decision:- Receive the information
111.9.24	PCSOs	Response to invitation to 8.10.24 meeting Decision:- Receive the information
112.9.24	CADW	Response to 71.7.24 gate down to the harbour Decision:- Receive the information
113.9.24	FFION GWYN	Response to E3.7.24 Madocks' information board Decision:- Receive the information and pass the matter on to the Finance and Property Sub-Committee.
114.9.24	GARETH JONES C.G.	Response to 72.7.24 Camper vans Decision:- Receive the information
115.9.24	GWYNEDD COUNCIL	Notification of Article 4 direction Decision:- Receive the information
116.9.24	G.L.JONES	Report of annual inspection of Cae Bodawen play equipment

		Decision:- Receive the information
117.9.24	GLASFRYN	No Christmas trees Decision:- Receive the information and the Clerk will act to resolve the problem soon.
118.9.24	GLENDA MURRAY	Letter of Application to be co-opted as Town Councillor Decision:- to receive the information and gladly co-opt Glenda Murray as Town Councillor for the Western Ward. The Clerk will contact her to inform her.

119.9.24 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Payments made in August :-

1	Clerk	Landline and Internet July 2024	£ 63.37
2	Clerk	Wages July 2024	£1,536.86
3	H.M.R.C.	Income Tax July 2024	£386.46
4	GDPR	Data Protection 2024-2025	£40.00
5	Criccieth Cleaning	Cleaning bus stops	£201.60
6	Bill Swann	Medi Harris gift	£350.00
7	Alan G. Jones	Handrail on Bryn Coffa	£1140.00

Receipts :

H.S.B.C.	Interest June July 2024	£55.58
H.S.B.C.	Interest July August 2024	£57.53
GWYNEDD COUNCIL	Precept 2 nd payment	£33,481.05

The following payments were authorised on the motion of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding:-

1	Clerk	Landline and Internet August 2024	£75.06
2	Clerk	Wages August 2024	£1,536.86
3	H.M.R.C.	Income Tax August 2024	£386.46
4	Xerox Finance	Photocopier hire 1.10.24 to 31.12.24	£104.40
5	One Voice Wales	The Councillor Module 2 training Cllr Karena Owens and Cllr Trefor Jones 13.8.24	£80.00
6	G.L.JONES	Annual inspection of Bodawen play equipment	£337.20
7	ARENA GROUP LTD	Photocopying up to 15.8.24	£3.28
8	Clerk	Repayment for new pads for Morfa Bychan Defibrillator	£66.00
9	GWYNEDD COUNCIL	Internal Audit 2023-24	£444.00

(A copy of each cheque is available for inspection for audit / financial rules)

The meeting ended at 21.00

Marian Roberts
(Clerk)

14.9.24

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