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CYNGOR TREF PORTHMADOG



18.30 – 19.00

Presentation by Aled Davies and Sian Edith Jones, Head and Assistant Head of the Adults, Health and Well-being Department of Gwynedd Council

In addition to the two officers above came Dilwyn Morgan, a member of the Gwynedd Council cabinet, who is responsible for supporting older people, to present the current policy on care provision for older people. He explained that the Cricieth day centre has been closed for 6 years now and that things have changed significantly since then. The Government does not favour isolating people and more and more emphasis is placed on helping people to be independent for longer. Aled Davies said that the situation is the same for the county and is part of a wider programme which implements the Government's changes in 2014. He noted that the changes mean that people can live at home independently for as long as possible and that the service focuses on the needs of the individual rather than offering a "one size fits all" service. There are now community teams in every area that support vulnerable people and centralised day care is no longer appealing as more flexible care is needed and that care is tailored to the needs of the individual.

The Council is able to purchase an independent service in order to offer a greater choice of service. Services such as Clwb Cwmni were mentioned; Cwmni Ffeind; and Eryri Cydweithredol which offers transport to services in different locations. It was agreed that each community is different with different requirements and that it is important to strengthen the service that already exists. It was noted that local members of Gwynedd Council had been part of the discussions when deciding on these changes. We heard about the success of Capel y Traeth's Dinner Club; social lunch at Morfa Bychan; Taro Deg in Capel y Porth and a Warm Welcome in the Ganolfan. The 3 officers were not aware of this provision and they will be in contact soon to get more information from the Town Council in order to draw up a database or map of the provision that is offered in different areas.

Regular Town Council Meeting April 8 2025

MINUTES

302.4.25 In attendance:- Councillors:- Trefor Jones; Jeremy Davies; Aled Griffith (Chairman); Carol Hayes; Dr Melfyn Edwards; Gwilym Jones; Karena Owens; Alwyn Gruffydd; Michael Roberts Marian Roberts (Clerk); Elfyn Lewis (newly appointed Clerk)

Absent:- Cllrs. Llywelyn Rhys; Glenda Murray

303.4.25 Apologies:- No apologies received

304.4.25 Ratification of minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting March 11 2025

Decision :- to accept and approve minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting March 11 2025 in motion presented by Cllr Gwilym Jones, Cllr Jeremy Davies seconding.

305.4.25 The Clerk's Report

Repair of Bryn Coffa wall stones - it was noted that Alan G. Jones, very kindly, refused payment for doing the work.

Bodawen - Arwel Lewis Jones, who represents the Town Council as a Solicitor and Phil Williams, who represents the Town Council as a Land Agent, are in negotiations with National Grid to secure the best agreement for decent compensation for the loss of use of the Bodawen Playground for a few

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years before the Chairman signs the document. A compensation agreement for the play equipment is a matter to be discussed at a later date.

Harbwr 200 - fewer people at each meeting so decided to limit the activities to one day only and let the Sailing Club, Maritime Museum and Ffestiniog Railway organise their own celebrations.

Aldi bus shelter - the Clerk has received confirmation that a new bus shelter will be installed next to Aldi in the coming weeks.

Community cinema launch night - it was recorded that 3 of the Councillors and the Clerk wanted to attend the night on 12.4.25.

306.4.25 Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest.

307.4.25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0185/44/DT (emailed on 12.3.25)

Lleoliad / Location: Llwyn Helyg Ffordd Y Borth, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9BB

Bwriad / Proposal: Estyniad ochr unllawr

Single storey side extension

Decision :- no objection

(b) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0217/44/LL (emailed on 19.3.25)

Lleoliad / Location: Edrin, 21 Stryd Fawr, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9LR

Bwriad / Proposal: Newid defnydd prif gartef (C3) i leyt gwyliau tymor byr (C6)

Change of use from main home (C3) to short-term holiday let (C6)

Decision :- objection because of the following reasons:-

- it is contrary to Article 4
- it sets a precedent for similar applications
- there is no parking space for a number of guests

(c) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0228/44/DT (emailed on 26.3.25)

Lleoliad / Location: 15 Pencyflog, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9LA

Bwriad / Proposal: Estyniad llawr cyntaf cefn arfaethedig.

Proposed rear first floor extension.

Decision :- no objection

(ch) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0117/44/DT (emailed on 28.3.25)

Lleoliad / Location: Godre'r Graig, 1, Rhesdai Glanmorfa Ffordd Caernarfon, Tremadog, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9RW

Bwriad / Proposal: Dymchwel estyniad presennol ac adeiladu estyniad deulawr ar gyfer ystafell fwyta a chegin ac ystafell wely. Demolish present extension and rebuild a two storey extension for kitchen diner and bedroom.

Decision :- no objection

(d) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0239/44/LL (emailed on 31.3.25)

Lleoliad / Location: Greenacres Caravan Park Main Road, Morfa Bychan, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9YF

Bwriad / Proposal: Newid defnydd tir i ardal storio carafanau gan gynnwys gwaith peiranyddol, seilwaith a tirlunio cysylltiedig

Change of use of land to caravan storage area including associated engineering, infrastructure and landscaping works

Decision :- objection because of the following reasons:-

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- it is an overdevelopment
- it disturbs neighbouring houses
- it creates noise pollution
- it creates dangerous fuel pollution from the lorries
- it creates access and traffic problems

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STAFF MATTERS

308.4.25 Update on the appointment of a new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The Prospective Clerk was welcomed to the meeting and congratulated on his recent appointment as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer of the Town Council. He will start in the post on June 1st 2025.

309.4.25 Complete the 2025-2026 Remuneration Table

Decision as follows:-

	Decision April 2025	Proposing / Seconding
Councillor allowance £156	£156 for every member – no Income Tax	Compulsory
	£52 for office consumables	Compulsory
£500 for members of sub-committees	No payment	Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards Cllr. Alwyn Gruffydd
£500 for 5 members to acknowledge specific responsibilities	No payment	Cllr. Alwyn Gruffydd Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards
	* attendance allowance £30	Cllr. Alwyn Gruffydd Cllr. Carol Hayes
Travel expenses up to 10 miles	Travel expenses up to 10 miles	Compulsory
Travel expenses over 10 miles	Travel expenses over 10 miles	Compulsory
Substinence	Substinence	Compulsory
London overnight	London overnight	Compulsory
Elsewhere	Elsewhere	Compulsory
With family / friend	With family / friend	Compulsory
Compensation for financial loss due to attendance	Compensation for financial loss due to attendance	Compulsory
Costs of Care or Personal Assistance	Costs of Care or Personal Assistance	Compulsory
Chairman payment - up to £1,500	Chairman payment - up to £1,500 – less £300 Income Tax	Cllr. Carol Hayes Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards
Vice-Chairman payment – up to £500	No payment	Cllr. Alwyn Gruffydd Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards

*An Attendance Allowance of £30 is new for 2025-2026. The Clerk will prepare a relevant policy by

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the annual meeting in May.

MATTERS ARISING :-

310.4.25 Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd :- Proposal to contact Gwynedd Council and Betsi Cadwaladr Health Authority to ask them to clear the growth between Ysbyty Alltwen and the main road due to fire risk.

Decision:- to act on the proposal , Cllr Gwilym Jones seconding.

311.4.25 Cllr Michael Roberts :- proposal to apply to Gwynedd Council to allow dogs in part of the Park.

Decision :- motion was not passed as it was not seconded.

312.4.25 Cllr Michael Roberts :- proposal to ask the owner of Capel y Garth to protect the site

Decision :- to act on the proposal , Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd seconding

The Vice-Chair took the chair while there was a discussion regarding the Chair's proposals, Cllr Aled Griffith.

313.4.25 Cllr Aled Griffith :- motion to ask Natural Resources Wales :-

Is there a plan to clear the gates on the ditches near Cob Crwn following the Winter storms? (see picture of a tree obstructing the first and third gates)

What are the plans for the land behind Premier Inn and is it possible to make a natural screen of wildflowers etc. around the site?

Decision :- to act on the proposal , Cllr Jeremy Davies seconding

314.4.25 Cllr Aled Griffith :- proposal to contact Gwynedd Council to see what the plan is to bring the number of bus places that visit Porthmadog back to the number before the Gwynedd electric bus yard plan. There were 8 spaces before a new parking area for electric overnight buses. 3 now, with 1 permanent bus in case one of the electric buses breaks down, so only 2 places for visiting buses. Other buses use car parks or park in the Industrial estate.

Decision :- to act on the proposal , Cllr Jeremy Davies seconding

The Chairman returned to the Chair.

315.4.25 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 May 13 2025 = May 3 2025, (Standing Orders 9 (b) "at least ten days before the Council meeting".)

• **Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards** - proposal to ask the Planning Department about an update on the Borth y Gest marsh.

• **Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards** – proposal to ask Gwynedd Council for an update on the location of the proposed 3G playground

• **Cllr Michael Roberts** - proposal to ask Gwynedd Council about the situation of the payment machines in the car parks of Borth y Gest and Heol y Parc.

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

Decision :- to receive the information and resend the correspondence to Hywyn Williams as proposed by Cllr Carol Hayes.

CORRESPONDENCE :

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317.4.25	ALED DAVIES C.G.	Response to 285.3.25 accepting invitation Decision :- to receive the information
318.4.25	CYFOETH NAT. CYMRU	'Japanese Knotweed' in Cae Pawb Decision :- to leave the matter on the table until confirmation has come regarding the transfer of ownership of Cae Pawb.
319.4.25	GLYN WILLIAMS	Offer of a new photocopier contract The Clerk explained that the costs of hiring a photocopying machine cost £477.60 in 24-25 and the photocopying itself was £24.02. This means that the Town Council would have spent well over £2,000 on photocopying costs over the 5 year period of the agreement. She suggested that it would be a better use of money to buy a new photocopier when the agreement ends in 2027 rather than continuing with the agreement. Decision :- The Clerk to explain the above to Glyn Williams and to bring the agreement to an end before February 2027.
320.4.25	GARETH GRIFFITHS	Response to 273.3.25 Christmas contract Decision :- to receive the information
321.4.25	IWAN AP TREFOR C.G.	Response to 275.3.25 charging points on Llyn Bach car park Decision :- to receive the information
322.4.25	BETHAN PRICE	Update from Hwb Iechyd Eifionydd Patients' Group It was heard that patients were still having trouble contacting the surgery - especially in an emergency situation. It was agreed that the hub does not fulfill its original duty and that there has been no improvement in the service since its establishment. It was also agreed that members of the hub are not accountable to anyone and that at least one Community Councillor should be a member of the hub so that concerns can be passed on through him or her. Decision :- to write back to strongly state the Town Council's dissatisfaction with the access service and to pass on the above information as proposed by Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, Cllr Gwilym Jones seconding.
323.4.25	ANDREW GREGSON	Parking restrictions Decision :- to receive the information
324.4.25	ONE VOICE WALES	Remuneration panel for Wales Decision :- to receive the information

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325.4.25	CRICIETH CLEANING	Bus shelter cleaning Decision :- to receive the information and confirm the details of the cleaning agreement.
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326.4.25 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- Approval of Annual Return and Audit 2022-2023

Decision :- to accept and approve Annual Return and Audit 2022-2023 in motion proposed by Cllr. Gwilym Jones, Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding.

- Approval of Annual Return and Audit 2023-2024

Decision :- to accept and approve Annual Return and Audit 2023-2024 in motion proposed by Cllr. Gwilym Jones, Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding.

Receipts :

H.S.B.C.	Interest February March 2025	£56.20
CYNGOR GWYNEDD	Grass cutting refund 2024	£1,064.50

Payments :-

Payments 9 and 10 were added to the original agenda and the following payments were authorised in a proposal by Cllr. Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding:-

1	Clerk	Landline and Internet March 2025	£ 67.23
2	Clerk	Wages March 2025	£1,597.44
3	H.M.R.C.	Income Tax March 2025	£ 399.36
4	S.L.C.C.	Membership fee 2025-2026	£300.00
5	CYNGOR GWYNEDD	Cae Pawb pest control	£330.00
6	Y GANOLFAN	Youth Club 16.1.25 i 27.3.25	£412.50
7	GEIRIAU GWYN	Translation service	£288.0
8	CYMRU 1 LTD	Website services 2025-2026	£546.00
9	POST OFFICE	16 x 2 nd class stamps Card payment 1.4.25	£13.60
10	YR WYLAN	4 x adverts (grass cutting and Clerk's post)	£80.00

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

The meeting ended at 20.25

Marian Roberts

(Clerk)

11.4.25