

CYNGOR TREF PORTHMADOG



Regular Town Council Meeting March 11 2025

MINUTES

266.3.25 In attendance:- Councillors:- Gwilym Jones; Jeremy Davies; Trefor Jones; Dr Melfyn Edwards; Alwyn Gruffydd; Karena Owens; Carol Hayes; Glenda Murray; Llywelyn Rhys Marian Roberts (Clerk)

Absent:- Cyng Aled Griffith (Chairman)

In the Chairman's absence the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Gwilym Jones.

267.3.25 Apologies:- Cllr Michael Roberts

268.3.25 Ratification of minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting February 11 2025

Decision :- to accept and approve minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting February 11 2025 in motion presented by Cllr Glenda Murray, Cllr Karena Owens seconding.

269.3.25 The Clerk's Report

Harbwr 200 first meeting held on 5.3.25 - more than 30 present - next meeting on 19.3.25

Benches it was recorded that **only one bench** - the Glenda Burke memorial bench - **belongs to the Town Council**. The rest of the benches are under the care of Gwynedd Council.

Language policy it was recorded that the Clerk had sent an email to the members explaining that decision 250.2.25 was not legal and that the 2024 Language Policy was therefore still in force. She had also explained to them how to act correctly if they wanted to change it at the Annual General Meeting in May.

Contributions The Clerk had received acceptance slips or a letter of thanks from 12 out of the 14 organisations that had received a contribution.

270.3.25 Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest.

271.3.25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0054/44/LL (emailed on 12.2.25)

Lleoliad / Location: 39 Stryd Fawr, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9LR

Bwriad / Proposal: Newid defnydd o delicatessen (A1) i fwyty (A3).

Decision :- No objection

(b) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0133/44/LL (emailed on 26.2.25)

Lleoliad / Location: 47 Cefn Y Gader, Morfa Bychan, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9YS

Bwriad / Proposal: Newid defnydd materol o ail gartref (C5) i ddefnydd cymysg o ail gartref (C5) a llety gwyliau tymor byr (C6) Material change of use from second home (C5) to mixed use of second home (C5) and short-term holiday let (C6)

Decision :- Objection because :-

- that it changed from C5 to C6
- that it disrupts residents and the local neighbourhood
- that it is contrary to Gwynedd Council's policy on Article 4

(c) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C25/0155/44/DT (emailed on 3.3.25)

Lleoliad / Location: Manora, 25 Gatws Morfa, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9PF

Bwriad / Proposal: Dymchwel modurdy ac adeiladu estyniad deulawr i'r annedd (ail gyflwyniad o gais C04D/0454/44/LL sydd wedi rhedeg allan) Demolition of garage and construction of 2 storey extension to dwelling (resubmission of expired application C04D/0454/44/LL)

Decision :- No objection

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STAFF MATTERS

272.3.25 Decide on grass cutting 3 year service agreement

Decision :- as is the norm, the Clerk has advertised in Yr Wylan and Y Ffynnon but only one quote has been received - from Gwynedd Council.

Decision :- to accept the 3 year service agreement quotation from Gwynedd Council and the Clerk to confirm the agreement as proposed by Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, Cllr Glenda Murray seconding.

273.3.25 Decide on a Christmas lights provider 3 year agreement

Decision :- to accept the 3 year agreement quotation from R.J.Electrics and the Clerk to confirm R.J.Electrics' 3 year contract as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Llywelyn Rhys seconding. Also the Clerk to make enquiries regarding placing small Christmas trees above each shop and for further discussion in the Finance Committee on 29.4.25 according to the proposal of Cllr Glenda Murray, Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding.

MATTERS ARISING :-

Cllr Carol Hayes took the opportunity to officially welcome Cllr Jeremy Davies to his first meeting as a member for the Gest ward.

274.3.25 Cllr Carol Hayes :- proposal that the Town Council pay to renew Ann Bullen's memorial bench.

Decision :- to act on the proposal, Cllr Llywelyn Rhys seconding.

275.3.25 Cllr Trefor Jones :- proposal to ask Gwynedd Council to install charging points for electric cars on the Llyn Bach car park.

Decision :- to act on the proposal and to ask Gwynedd Council what its strategy is for installing charging points on private houses on the street, Cllr Jeremy Davies seconding

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

Decision :- matter left on the table until 8.4.25

277.3.25 Cllr Michael Roberts :- proposal to ask the owner of Capel y Garth to protect the site (see attached photos)

Decision :- matter left on the table until 8.4.25

278.3.25 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 wild

flowers etc. around the site?

Decision :- matter left on the table until 8.4.25

279.3.25 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 April 8 2025 = March 29 2025, (Standing Orders 9 (b) "at least ten days before the Council meeting".)

• **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.

• **Cllr Michael Roberts** :- proposal to apply to Gwynedd Council to allow dogs in a section of the Park.

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

• **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 photo 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?

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

Decision :- to receive the information

CORRESPONDENCE :

281.3.25	GETHIN VAUGHAN JONES C.G.	Response to request to finish the process of proving the ownership of Cae Pawb following an enquiry from Nat. Grid Decision :- to receive the information
282.3.25	DEWI WYN OWEN C.G	Response to E3.1.25 Peniel footpath Decision :- to receive the information
283.3.25	DEWI WYN OWEN C.G.	Response to E3.1.25 request to improve Penmount footpath Decision :- to receive the information
284.3.25	GERAINT OWEN C.G.	Response to 254.2.25 delays in replies from Gwynedd Council officers Decision :- to receive the information and Cllr Carol Hayes to record that she is pleased to have someone to contact when it is necessary to complain about a slow response from Cyngor Gwynedd.
285.3.25	ALED DAVIES C.G.	2 Response to 33.1.25 invitation to March Committee meeting Decision :- to receive the information and to invite him to a meeting on 8.4.25 as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding.
286.3.25	STEFFAN JONES C.G.	Response to 129.10.24 complaint about location of the dragon on Pencei and reasons for its relocation Decision :- to receive the information
287.3.25	NEUADD GOFFA TREMADOG	Letter of thanks for contribution Decision :- to receive the information
288.3.25	SIMON PARKER	Response to 261.2.25 School of dentistry in Bangor Decision :- to receive the information
289.3.25	JOHN PHILIP PRITCHARD C.G.	Response to 162.11.24 enquiry about planning rules for change of use.

		Decision :- to receive the information
290.3.25	RHIAN WYN WILLIAMS C.G.	Response to 195.12.24 request for 2 new bus shelters Decision :- to receive the information
291.3.25	HELEDD EVANS	Response to 255.2.25 recommendations of the Welsh Communities Commission Decision :- to receive the information
292.3.25	DEWI WYN OWEN C.G.	Response to 251.2.25 request for dog bins and signs on Peniel footpath Decision :- to receive the information and monitor the situation over the summer.
293.3.25	DAFYDD CHARLES WILIAMS C.G.	Response to 200.12.24 cycle stations Decision :- to receive the information and accept the offer to place cycle stations at both ends of the Cob cycle path as proposed by Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, Cllr Jeremy Davies seconding.
294.3.25	PUBLIC FOOTPATHS DEPT C.G.	Grass cutting estimate 2024 – 2027 Matter discussed and resolved in 272.3.25.
295.3.25	SIAN PARRI	Gwynedd Council's House letting policy Decision :- to receive the information and declare support by letter as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding.
296.3.25	PLANNING DEPT. C.G.	Supplementary Planning Guidance – link emailed on 24.2.25 Decision :- to receive the information
297.3.25	Y GANOLFAN	Letter of thanks for contribution Decision :- to receive the information
298.3.25	FRIENDS OF BORTH Y GEST	Letter of thanks for contribution Decision :- to receive the information
299.3.25	HAYDN JONES	Celebrating 50 years of Y Ganolfan Decision :- to receive the information
300.3.25	FESTIVE LIGHTING	Christmas lights Matter discussed and resolved in 273.3.25.

301.3.25 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Receipts :

H.S.B.C.	Interest January February 2025	£53.62
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Payments :-

Councillors' Remuneration 2024-2025 as decided on April 9 2024 (Allowance £156 and extra costs £52 pro rata)

Cllr. Gwilym Jones	£208.00
Cllr. Dr Melfyn Edwards	£208.00
Cllr. Michael Roberts	£208.00
Cllr. Llywelyn Rhys	£208.00
Cllr. Alwyn Gruffydd	£208.00
Cllr. Trefor Jones	£156.00

Cllr. Karena Owens	£156.00
Cllr. Glenda Murray	£104.00

**Payment 13 was added to the original Agenda and the following payments were authorised in motion proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards
Seconding:-**

1	Clerk	Landline and Internet February 2025	£66.88
2	Clerk	Wages February 2025	£1,597.44
3	H.M.R.C.	Income Tax February 2025	£ 399.36
4	G.L.JONES	New gate and railings on Bodawen playing field	£3,930.00
5	XEROX	Photocopier rental 1.4.25 to 30.6.25 and insurance	£164.40
6	Safleswyddi.com	Clerk's post advertisement	£156.00
7	HUWS GRAY	New chain and padlock for Bodawen gate Card payment 27.2.25	£32.67
8	CYNGOR GWYNEDD	Grass cutting contract 2024	£8,294.52
9	CYNGOR GWYNEDD	Erecting and dismantling Christmas trees 2024	£2,380.50
10	ARENA GROUP	Photocopies up to 15.2.25	£6.91
11	MART DESIGN AND PRINT	Madocks information board	£309.60
12	ONE VOICE WALES	Membership fee 2025-2026	£1,003.00

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

The meeting ended at 20.40.

Marian Roberts

14.3.25