

CYNGOR TREF PORTHMADOG



Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes November 12 2024

154.11.24 Present:- Councillors:- Gwilym Jones, Aled Griffith (Chairman), Alwyn Gruffydd, Michael Roberts, Karena Owens, Glenda Murray, Carol Hayes, Dr Melfyn Edwards
Marian Roberts (Clerk)

155.11.24 Apologies:- Councillors:- John Gwynedd Roberts, Llywelyn Rhys, Trefor Jones

**156.11.24 Ratification of minutes of the Town Council :-
Regular Meeting October 8 2024**

Decision : to accept and approve minutes of Regular Meeting October 8 2024 in motion presented by Cllr Michael Roberts, seconded by Cllr Gwilym Jones.

Property Sub-Committee Extraordinary meeting October 18 2024

Decision : to accept and approve minutes of Property Sub-Committee Extraordinary meeting October 18 2024 in motion presented by Cllr, Gwilym Jones, seconded by Cllr Aled Griffith.

157.11.24 The Clerk's Report

There was an update on the following:-

Borth y Gest marsh - it was noted that the owner of the site had received an enforcement notice from Gwynedd Council to clear the site.

Insuring Howard Bowcott's artwork - it was noted that the costs of insuring 3 pieces of Howard Bowcott's artwork would be £23.74 in addition to the annual insurance premium.

The site of the new surgery - it was noted that there had been a meeting between Betsi Cadwaladr officers, Cllr Gwilym Jones, Cllr Nia Jeffreys, Cllr June Jones and Mabon ap Gwynfor to get an update on the situation. There will be no progress until a feasibility study is carried out before the end of March 2025.

Remembrance Sunday - the service went well. It was noted that a P.A sound system was needed. to ensure that the audience can hear the service. It was noted that it is the British Legion's responsibility to organise this and not the Town Council.

Christmas illuminations- posters were distributed advertising the evening and a leaflet was distributed for the Councilors for them to indicate their location and duty on the evening.

158.11.24 Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest.

159.11.24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0814/44/HY (emailed on 11.10.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Stead & Simpsons, 91 Stryd Fawr, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9EU

Bwriad / Proposal: Cais ôl-weithredol i gadw 3 arwydd (1 wedi goleuo)

Retrospective application to retain 3 signs (1 illuminated)

Decision :- no objection but the council expressed concern that so many food outlets / cafes are being established on Porthmadog High Street as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Dr Melfyn

Edwards seconding.

(b) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0767/44/AC (emailed on 11.10.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Ty Moelwyn, Porthmadog, LL49 9AB

Bwriad / Proposal: Amrywio amod 10 a atodir i gais cynllunio C18/0520/44/LL i alluogi cyflwyno Aseiad ar Ddesg a manylion cynllun lliniaru amgen sy'n cynnwys byrddau gwybodaeth. Variation of condition 10 attached to planning application C18/0520/44/LL to enable the submission of a Desk Based Assessment and details of an alternative mitigation scheme comprising of information boards.

Decision :- already decided and reported at the Property Sub-Committee meeting 18.10.24.

© Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0875/44/LL (emailed on 23.10.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Byw'n Iach Glaslyn, Porthmadog, LL49 9HX

Bwriad / Proposal: Ailddatblygu MUGAs presennol i greu cae synthetig 3G newydd gydag ardal wylwyr, ffensys perimedr 3m a system oleuadau llifogydd newydd.

Redevelopment of existing MUGAs to create a new 3G synthetic pitch with spectator area, 3m perimeter fencing and new floodlighting system

Decision :- no objection

(ch) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0876/44/LL (emailed on 23.10.24)

Lleoliad / Location: 25 Cefn London, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NN

Bwriad / Proposal: Maes parcio cyhoeddus arfaethedig ar gyfer 30 lle.

Proposed 30-space public car park.

Decision :- to oppose the application for the following reasons:-

- Difficult location to access
- A very narrow lane leading to it
- Bins of shops and businesses on the High Street restricting access
- Nearby residential houses
- Noise pollution / traffic emissions

on the motion of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Karena Owens seconding.

(d) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0832/44/TC (emailed on 25.10.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Malindi, 12 Heol Merswy, Borth Y Gest, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9UB

Bwriad / Proposal: Defnyddio eiddo fel defnydd cymysg ail gartref (C5) a llety gwyliau tymor byr (C6)

Use of property as second home (C5) and short-term holiday let (C6)

Decision :- no objection to mixed use second home (C5)

To oppose application for short term holiday accommodation (C6)

(dd) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C23/0916/05/LL (emailed on 30.10.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Chwarel Garth, Minffordd, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6HP

Bwriad / Proposal: Cais ar gyfer defnyddio tir i storio, trin ac ailgylchu gwastraff anadweithiol/ddim yn beryglus yn deillio o'r gwaith Darpariaeth Effaith Weledol Eryri / Application for the use of land for Storing and treating and recycling inert/non-hazardous waste arising from works related to the Eryri Visual Impact Provision (SVIP) Project

Decision :- no objection

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STAFF MATTERS

160.11.24 Approve the decisions of the Property Sub-Committee 18.10.24

Decision :- to receive the information and approve the decisions of the Property Sub-Committee 18.10.24 as proposed by Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, seconded by Cllr Michael Roberts.

161.11.24 Decide whether to sign Gwynedd Council's agreement to take responsibility for Howard Bowcott's artwork (see Correspondence 11)

Decision :- to proceed to arrange the insurance and the Chairman to sign the agreement with Gwynedd Council.

MATTERS ARISING :-

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd agreed to chair the meeting while discussing the proposals of the Chairman, Cllr Aled Griffith.

162.11.24 Cllr Aled Griffith :- proposal to ask Gwynedd Council's Planning Department if the owner has the right to change a restaurant to a pub and change the style of the signs which are in English only.

One local business was discussed which has recently changed from being a restaurant to being some kind of night club / cocktail bar. It was heard that complaints had been received regarding the additional noise which disturbs nearby residents; and that people gather outside late at night.

Decision :- to act on the proposal and to ask for clarification on the rules regarding licensing and opening hours for such establishments, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.

163.11.24 Cllr Aled Griffith :- proposal to include all members of the Town Council on the Finance and Property Sub-Committee.

Decision :- to act on the proposal, Cllr Glenda Murray seconding.

The Chairman, Cllr Aled Griffith returned to chair the meeting.

164.11.24 Cllr Carol Hayes :- Contact the relevant department in Gwynedd Council to ask them to cut the trees in the park as soon as possible after R.J.Electrics have removed the Christmas lights on 6.1.25.

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

165.11.24 Cllr Carol Hayes :- Proposal to take down all the flags before Christmas (apart from the new flags that have recently been installed by Portmeirion).

Decision :- to act on the proposal, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding.

166.11.24 Cllr Karena Owens :- Proposal that Porthmadog Town Council write to Eryri National Park asking them to delay the decision to sell Plas Tan y Bwlch in order to ensure sufficient time for the community to consider the possibilities for the building/location.

Decision :- to act on the proposal, Cllr Glenda Murray seconding.

167.11.24 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 December 10 2024 = November 30 2024, (Standing Orders 9 (b) "at least ten days before the Council meeting".)

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

• **Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd :-** proposal to hold a public meeting to get people together to organize the celebration of the harbour's bicentenary.

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

Decision :- to resend correspondence regarding the 200th anniversary of the harbour to the

Harbourmaster; the Maritime Museum; Ysgol Eifion Wyn; and Ysgol y Corlan and a copy of it to Ffestiniog Railway.

CORRESPONDENCE :

169.11.24	NIA HELEDD REES C.G.	Appeal for Town Council to pay for Youth Club's Christmas lantern workshop Decision :- to agree to pay according to the proposal of Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.
170.11.24	LOWRI HAF EVANS C.G.	Cambrian Coast Railway Liaison meeting Decision :- to receive the information and the Clerk to fill in the form on behalf of the Town Council to note the request for better use of the Welsh language on their service as proposed by Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.
171.11.24	HANNAH JOYCE C.G. 14.10.24 / 24.10.24 / 8.11.24 /11.11.24	Engraved slates on Porthmadog pavements Decision :- to receive the information and agree to proceed with the work.
172.11.24	YSGOL EIFIONYDD	Response to 131.10.24 harbour's bicentenary celebrations Decision :- to receive the information
173.11.24	YSGOL BORTH Y GEST	Response to 131.10.24 harbour's bicentenary celebrations Decision :- to receive the information
174.11.24	REBECCA EVANS A.S.	Response to 95.9.24 changing house names Decision :- to receive the information
175.11.24	HANNAH JOYCE C.G	Porthmadog signage plan Decision :- to receive the information and agree to proceed with the work.
176.11.24	COMISIYNYDD POBL HŶN	Response to 148.10.24 T2 avoiding Tremadog Decision :- to receive the information
177.11.24	HAYDN JONES C.G.	Breuddwydion Bro Decision :- to receive the information
178.11.24	CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANYSTUMDWY	Proposal to support the Commission for Welsh Communities' report Decision :- to receive the information and support the application as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.

179.11.24	CLEAR COUNCILS UK	Insuring Howard Bowcott's art installations Decision :- to receive the information and agree to pay the increase in the annual premium.
180.11.24	ONE VOICE WALES	Pay agreement 2024-2025 Pay scales 2024-2025 Decision :- to receive the information
181.11.24	DEWI WYN OWEN C.G.	Response to E8.7.24 Peniel footpath Decision :- to receive the information
182.11.24	IWAN EMLYN DAVIES C.G.	Empty properties back into use Decision :- to receive the information and send a list of all the shops that have changed hands/ purpose recently.
183.11.24	WELSH GOVERNMENT	Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2025-26 Decision :- to receive the information

184.11.24 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Receipts :

H.S.B.C.	Interest September October 2024	£55.86
CYNGOR GWYNEDD	Car parks income 4/24 to 9/24	£11,447.58

The following payments were authorised in a motion proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd , Cllr Carol Hayes seconding :-

1	Clerk	Landline and Internet October 2024	£67.23
2	Clerk	*Wages October 2024 Including back-pay £440.88 from 1.4.24	£1,996.80
3	H.M.R.C.	Income Tax October 2024	£487.54

4	Clerk	Repayment for 20 x 2 nd class stamps	£17.00
5	Clerk	Repayment for Turnock Christmas lights	£164.40
6	CircoArts	Youth Club Christmas lantern workshop	£250.00
7	Defib Store Ltd	Defibrillator and cabinet for Y Ganolfan	£1,537.44
8	Ashley Hughes Cyf	Desk diary 2025	£7.19
9	Phil Price	Resolving issues on Laptop	£120.00
10	Clerk	Repayment for 20 x Bear Print Christmas posters	£18.80

*New Pay grade since 1.4.24 = £19.20 per hour x 24 x 52 / 12 = £1996.80 (before Income Tax)

£1996.80 - £1,923.32 (previous payment) = £73.48

£ 73.48 extra every month from April to September = £440.88

So October payment = £1996.80 + £440.88 = £2437.68 – Income Tax @20% = £487.54 = £1,950.14

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

The meeting ended at 20.35

Marian Roberts
(Clerk)

14.11.24