

CYNGOR TREF PORTHMADOG



Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes October 8 2024

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

121.10.24 Apologies :- Cllr John Gwynedd Roberts

Before officially starting the meeting the Chairman wished to welcome the new member of the Town Council for Porthmadog West ward, Glenda Murray, to her first meeting.

122.10.24 Ratification of minutes of the Town Council :-

- **Regular Meeting September 10 2024**

Decision :- to accept and approve minutes of September 10 2024 Regular Meeting in motion presented by Cllr Gwilym Jones, seconded by Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards.

- **Finance and Property Sub-Committee Extraordinary meeting September 18 2024**

Decision :- to accept and approve minutes of Finance and Property Sub-Committee Extraordinary meeting September 18 2024 in motion presented by Cllr Gwilym Jones , seconded by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd.

123.10.24 The Clerk's Report

There was an update on the following:-

- **Llewyrch o'r llechi-** The Chairman, Cllr Gwilym Jones and the Clerk have been to Howard Bowcott's workshop on 25.9.24 to see the developments in the slate artwork. There will be a meeting again on 23.10.24 to see further progress.
- **Boston Lodge** - several of the councillors accepted an invitation to go and see the new developments at Boston Lodge on 23.9.24 and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
- **Christmas trees** – everything is organised by now.
- **Christmas illuminations** - the Clerk has arranged for Gwyn Vaughan Jones (Arthur from Rownd a Rownd) to present the evening.
- **Tremadog Christmas tree** - the electrician has condemned the current lights as dangerous. The Clerk therefore, with the consent of the councillors, has ordered new lights.
- **Remembrance Day 10.11.24** - the arrangements and order of the service have already been shared.

124.10.24 Declarations of interest.

1. Cllr Gwilym Jones – 125.10.24 planning application
2. Cllr Gwilym Jones – 145.10.24 co-option

125.10.24

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Gwilym Jones left the room before the discussion.

(a) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0620/44/LL (emailed on 11.9.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Clwb Golff Porthmadog Ffordd Morfa Bychan, Morfa Bychan, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9UU

Bwriad / Proposal: Gosod rhwyd i atal peli golff

Installing a net to stop golf balls

Decision :- no objection

Cllr Gwilym Jones returned to the room after the discussion.

(b) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0736/44/LL (emailed on 17.9.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Caffi Bwlch Y Moch, Bwlch Y Moch Cafe, Bwlch Y Moch Ffordd Prenteg, Tremadog, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9SN

Bwriad / Proposal: Bwriad ar gyfer gosod pedwar gorsaf gwefru cerbydau trydan cyflym ychwanegol ac offer ategol ynghyd â symud y piler bwydo presennol a'i ddisodli gan giosg wedi'i diweddaru i gartrefu offer mesur ar gyfer gwefrwyr ychwanegol ar y safle.

Proposal for the installation of four additional rapid electric vehicle charging stations and ancillary equipment along with removal of the existing feeder pillar to be replaced with updated kiosk to house metering equipment for additional chargers on site.

Decision :- no objection

© Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/0778/44/DT (emailed on 25.9.24)

Lleoliad / Location: 39 Y Ddôl, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9HY

Bwriad / Proposal: Dymchwel garej a chodi estyniad un llawr newydd sy'n cynnwys modurdy newydd, ystafell amlwrpas a chegin. Demolition of garage & erection of new single storey extension containing garage, utility and kitchen.

Decision :- no objection

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STAFF MATTERS

126.10.24 Approve the decisions of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee 18.9.24

Decision :- to receive the information and approve the decisions of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee 18.9.24 as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Gwilym Jones seconding.

127.10.24 Complete the Gwynedd Council Local Development Plan form (Correspondence 7A)

Decision :- A copy of this complex form was shown on the screen. It requires detail and expertise in the field to fill it in correctly. The Clerk will fill it in - to the best of her ability - on behalf of the councillors and ask them to check it before returning it to the Planning Department.

128.10.24 Elect a representative on Ysgol y Gorlan's Governing Board

Decision :- to postpone the decision until another member has been co-opted to represent Tremadog ward as proposed by Cllr Gwilym Jones, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.

MATTERS ARISING :-

129.10.24 Cllr Llywelyn Rhys :- motion to declare dissatisfaction with the current location of the dragon.

Decision :- to act on the proposal as well as the amendment, according to the proposal of Cllr Gwilym Jones, to ask the Y.G.C. for their reasons for not placing it in the original location, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding.

130.10.24 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.

Decision :- to act on the proposal, Cllr Carol Hayes seconding.

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.

131.10.24 Cllr Aled Griffith :- proposal to make plans to celebrate the bicentenary of the construction of the harbour.

The idea of holding a weekend of activities to celebrate the bicentenary of the construction of the harbour was discussed, replicating some of the ideas of the Cob 200 event in 2011, creating an event that would appeal to the residents of Porthmadog.

Decision :- to ask the Maritime Museum; the Harbourmaster; local historians; local schools if they have plans to celebrate the occasion and wait for their response before proceeding to invite members of these organisations to create a committee with some members of the Town Council in order to organise the celebration, according to the proposal of Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Llywelyn Rhys seconding.

132.10.24 Cllr Aled Griffith:- proposal to increase the frequency of meetings of the Finance and Property Sub-Committee

Decision :- to leave the matter on the table for discussion at the Annual General Meeting in May 2025.

The Chairman, Aled Griffith returned to chair the meeting.

133.10.24 Cllr Carol Hayes :- Proposal that the Agenda includes a "Report" by councillors about events / committees they have attended as representatives of Porthmadog Town Council.

Decision :- The proposal was changed to " give a Report at the Annual General Meeting by councillors about events / committees they have attended " at the end of their period representing the Town Council according to the proposal of Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Llywelyn Rhys seconding.

134.10.24 Cllr Gwilym Jones:- Proposal that the Town Council adopt a Policy specifically for financial applications in order to protect the Council and make it clearer to applicants what the expectations are in terms of the details of their application and the confirmation that the Council ensures that the money has been used to meet the requirements of the application.

Decision :- to leave the matter on the table to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting in May 2025 according to the proposal of Cllr Llywelyn Rhys, Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards seconding.

135.10.24 Cllr Carol Hayes :- Proposal to come to a decision about all the flags above Porthmadog shops. They are now in a very poor condition.

Decision :- to act on the proposal as well as Cllr Michael Roberts' amendment to investigate the prices of weighted flags and Cllr Glenda Murray's amendment to ask Snowdonia Press to design a flag to celebrate the bicentenary of the construction of the Harbour.

136.10.24 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".)

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

Decision :- to receive the information and resend the emails of 7.8.24 to Euryr Williams C.G. and delete everything that has received a response.

CORRESPONDENCE :

138.10.24	SANDRA BODDEN JONES	Letter of resignation Decision :- to accept the information and the Clerk to send her a letter of thanks for her contribution inviting her to consider re-joining the Town Council in the future according to the proposal of Cllr Llywelyn Rhys.
139.10.24	ANGHARAD AB IORWERTH HUW M. OWEN	Breuddwydion Bro Decision :- to accept the information and pass the matter on to the Property Sub-Committee as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Llywelyn Rhys seconding.
140.10.24	SIAN PARRY	Perthyn – safeguarding the Welsh language Decision :- to receive the information
141.10.24	IWAN AP TREFOR C.G.	Response to 92.9.24 Ken Skates – 20 m.p.h Decision :- to receive the information
142.10.24	IWAN AP TREFOR C.G.	Response to 94.9.24 Morfa Bychan traffic jams Decision :- to receive the information
143.10.24	Y GANOLFAN	Accept the offer of a Defibrillator and cabinet Decision :- to receive the information and the Clerk to proceed to order a defibrillator and a cabinet and inform the Ganolfan of the decision to place it on the outer wall of the Ganolfan
144.10.24	LINDA LEE C.G.	Local Development Plan Application form Map of present development boundaries See minutes 127.10.24 It was noted that there was no key on the map to explain the locations and that only one map was included. Decision :- the Clerk to ask for a map for Tremadog, Morfa Bychan and Borth y Gest before proceeding to fill in the form.
145.10.24	GWILYM JONES	Resignation as member for Ynys Galch and application to be co-opted as member for Morfa Bychan Decision :- to accept the resignation of Cllr Gwilym Jones as member for Ynys Galch. Cllr Gwilym Jones left the room while there was a discussion regarding his application to be co-opted as member for Morfa Bychan. Cllr Llywelyn Rhys suggested that the process of co-option should be postponed until the November meeting even though the Clerk had ensured that the process of giving a Notice of Vacant Seat and a Notice of Co-option had been carried out according to the procedure of the Gwynedd Electoral Service. He wished to record his vote against the decision. Decision :- to co-opt Cllr Gwilym Jones as member for Morfa Bychan according to the proposal of Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding. Cllr Gwilym Jones returned to the meeting.
146.10.24	CWMNI DA	Thanks for filming Garddio a Mwy Decision :- to receive the information

147.10.24	BRYN PRITCHARD JONES C.G	Response to 94.9.24 Morfa Bychan traffic jams Decision :- to receive the information
148.10.24	TRANSPORT FOR WALES	Response to 109.9.24 T2 bypassing Tremadog Decision :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to receive the information and send a copy of the correspondence to the attention of Mabon ap Gwynfor and the Older People's Commissioner • ask for the name of the person who has responded in order to show accountability according to the proposal of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Llywelyn Rhys seconding.
149.10.24	TIM TACLUSO	Response to 101.9.24 benches on the Cob Decision :- to receive the information and consult with Dewi Wyn Owen, Senior Rights of Way Officer, before taking further action, according to the proposal of Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards.
150.10.24	FFION GWYN	Madocks information board Draft 2 of Ffion Gwyn's design was shown on the screen and it was agreed that the work contained too much text and was not very easy to read. It was agreed that it needed to be more visual and attractive to the eye in order to draw the reader's attention and that the current form was too traditional. Decision :- the councillors to send their comments/suggestions to the Clerk and the Clerk to arrange a meeting with Ffion Gwyn in order to discuss further.
151.10.24	BLEDDYN RHYS MEL AB OWAIN	How to record Medi Harris gift in financial declaration Decision :- to receive the information and the Chairman to compensate the Town Council for the £350 out of the Chairman's Allowance.
152.10.24	HANNAH JOYCE	Latest art / development plans for Porthmadog Dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the plan to place slates on the town's pavements recording the names of places to which slates were exported because:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there had not been a full consultation with the members of the Town Council • that some of the nautical miles are incorrect • the work was out of context • they would be better located in Pencei. There were several other suggestions on how to present this information in visual form. Decision :- to respond to the email to show appreciation for the plan and ask for an opportunity to meet with Hannah Joyce in order to present the Town Council's ideas so that the Town Council is allowed to give appropriate input to the plan as proposed by Cllr Llywelyn Rhys, Cllr Glenda Murray seconding.

153.10.24 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Receipts :

H.S.B.C.	Interest August September 2024	£57.62
Fisher German	National Grid survey of Bodawen field	£600.00

The following payments were authorised in motion presented by Cllr Llywelyn Rhys, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd seconding:-

1	Clerk	Landline and Internet September 2024	£68.28
2	Clerk	Wages September 2024	£1,536.86
3	H.M.R.C.	Income Tax September 2024	£386.46
4	Defib Store Ltd	Spare pads	£108.00
5	Defib Store Ltd	Defib and cabinet for Borth y Gest	£1,537.44
6	Major Owen	Service and repairs to Cae Pawb strimmer	£237.42
7	Turnock	New Christmas lights for Tremadog tree	£761.61
8	Ashley Hughes Cyf.	Yellow copier paper	£14.39
9	*Gardencraft	Replenishing flower tubs	£420.00

*payment added to agenda.

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

The meeting came to an end at 21.15

Marian Roberts

(Clerk)

11.10.24