

CYNGOR TREF PORTHMADOG



Regular Town Council Meeting January 14 2025

MINUTES

217.1.25 In attendance:- Councillors:- Aled Griffith (Chairman); Gwilym Jones; Carol Hayes; Karena Owens; Alwyn Gruffydd; Michael Roberts; Glenda Murray
Marian Roberts (Clerk)

Absent :- Councillors :- Trefor Jones; Llywelyn Rhys

218.1.25 Apologies:- Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards

219.1.25 Ratification of minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting December 10 2024

Decision :- to accept and approve minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting December 10 2024 in motion presented by Cllr Gwilym Jones, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding.

220.1.25 The Clerk's Report

Storm Darragh - the ridge tiles of the Borth y Gest toilets have come down in the storm - the Clerk has arranged for them to be repaired.

Welsh Flags – a supply of 100 flags have arrived ready to be installed by March 1st.

Harbour 200 - the Clerk has sent advance warning to the Wylan about a public meeting in February.

Premier Inn - it was heard that the manager of Premier Inn Porthmadog was not aware of any plans to place information boards in front of the building. Premier Inn's central office is responsible for this.

Crazy Golf - the Clerk attended the Teams meeting with Tony Jones (Wavehill); Steve Edwards (YGC); Hannah Joyce C.G. to assess the success of Golff Giamocs. It was heard that it was profitable and perhaps considering opening it for a longer period this year.

Madocks information board - Cllr Carol Hayes was thanked for her work collating information about Madocks to share with Ffion Gwyn. For further discussion at the Finance and Property committee meeting on 28.1.25.

One Voice Wales survey - this was shared earlier today. The Clerk has already filled in the questionnaire.

The Chairman added his congratulations to **Ysgol y Gorlan** for winning the S4C Christmas Carol competition with a carol composed by Rhys and Anest Glyn. He also thanked Damian Williams for including Porthmadog in the **Tractors Tour** on 15.12.24. The trip managed to raise almost £6,000 towards the DPJ fund and the Air Ambulance. It was decided to send a word to congratulate them all.

221.1.25 Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest.

222.1.25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C24/1062/44/DT (ebstio 16.12.24)

Lleoliad / Location: Pennant, 10 Stryd Ralph, Borth Y Gest, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9UA

Bwriad / Proposal: Renovation of a mid-terrace 4 bedroom dwelling to create a rear two-story extension and loft conversion that creates an open-plan kitchen and ground floor bedroom, first-floor living room with balcony, and primary bedroom with en-suite walk-in wardrobe and balcony in loft conversion.

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

- It is an overdevelopment
- It sets a precedent for similar applications
- It changes the character of the house and the area
- It would be visible from the other end of the bay
- It looks out over neighbouring properties
- It would cause noise pollution
- The additional cars of visitors staying there would cause parking problems for local residents

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STAFF MATTERS

223.1.25 Election of a Vice-Chairman following the resignation of Cllr John Gwynedd Roberts

Decision :- to ask Cllr Dr Melfyn Edwards to take up the position as proposed by Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd seconding.

224.1.25 Decide on a strategy to attract new councillors

Decision :- It was agreed that the situation is serious as only 10 out of 16 seats have been filled.

225.1.25 Decide on a date to hold a public meeting to start organising the harbour's bicentenary celebration

It was heard that there are several reasons to celebrate in 2025: - the Steam Train is 200 years old; the Harbour is 200 years old; Portmeirion is 100 years old and the Ffestiniog Railway is 70 years old. Advance notice of a public meeting has already been sent to be published in Yr Wylan in January and it is intended to give the date, location and time in the February issue. Wednesday evening, March 5th has been earmarked as a possible date.

Decision :- the Clerk to consult with Y Ganolfan to arrange a definite date.

MATTERS ARISING :-

In the absence of a Vice-Chairman, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd agreed to chair the meeting while the Chairman's proposal was discussed.

226.1.25 Cllr Aled Griffith :- proposal to ask Gwynedd Council to place bollards in front of the Spar / Greggs shop to prevent people from parking on the pavement.

Decision :- to act upon the proposal extending the area from the Paganuzzi shop to Salem Chapel, Cllr Michael Roberts seconding.

The Chairman returned to the Chair to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

227.1.25 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 February 11 2025 = February 1 2025, (Standing Orders 9 (b) "at least ten days before the Council meeting".)

• **Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd :-** motion to revise the Language Policy.

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

Decision :- to receive the information and the Clerk to delete and resend correspondence where appropriate.

CORRESPONDENCE :

229.1.25	ENVIRONMENT	Update on Enforcement Notice served on Hafodydd,
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	DEPATRMENT C.G.	Borth y Gest Decision :- to receive the information and write to the Planning and Environment Decisions Casework Manager for Wales, Welsh Government to support Gwynedd Council's position as proposed by Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd.
230.1.25	MABON AP GWYNFOR	Transport for Wales response T2 Tremadog Decision :- to discuss correspondence item 236.1.25 jointly; to receive the information; and to praise Mabon ap Gwynfor's response.
231.1.25	PATRICIA L. WARD	Response to 168.11.24 harbour bicentenary Decision :- to receive the information and invite her to the public meeting noting that a translation service will be available at the meeting.
232.1.25	FRIENDS OF BORTH Y GEST	Letter of thanks for defibrillator Decision :- to receive the information.
233.1.25	ALED DAVIES C.G.	Response to 214.12.24 day care centre for the elderly Decision :- to receive the information and thank him for offering to come and meet with the Town Council and invite him to the full meeting in March.
234.1.25	LINDSEY ELLIS C.G. DAFYDD EINION JONES C.G.	Response to 196.12.24 Wellbeing Coordinator post Decision :- to receive the information and respond to confirm that the Clerk and Cllr Glenda Murray will represent the Town Council on the steering group.
235.1.25	JEREMY DAVIES	10 Ralph Street, Borth y Gest Planning application Decision :- to receive the information; thanking Mr Davies for his comments and reporting to him that the Town Council had objected to the Planning Application.
236.1.25	MABON AP GWYNFOR KEN SKATES	T2 Tremadog See minutes 230.1.25 above.
237.1.25	MARIAN ROBERTS	Retirement Clerk Job description 2025 The Clerk left the room while there was a discussion and returned to record the decision to accept the resignation; to co-opt Cllr Karena Owens on the Staffing Committee; to hold a meeting of the Staffing Committee after the Finance and Property Committee on 28.1.25
238.1.25	BETHAN PRICE	Update from Hwb Iechyd Eifionydd's Patient Group Decision :- to receive the information and write back to ask :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who has told her that the Model Dairy land has been earmarked for a new surgery? • Who has given permission to use this site?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened to the idea of using the Coliseum site for a new surgery? on the motion of Cllr Carol Hayes, Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd seconding.
239.1.25	R.J.ELECTRICS	Response to complaint about the Christmas lights Decision :- to receive the information; reply to the email stating that we are waiting for a report on the Christmas lights and to note that the Town Council will consider their needs for Christmas lights in the future and put the matter on the agenda of the Finance and Property Committee 28.1.25 .

240.1.25 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Receipts :

H.S.B.C.	Interest November December 2024	£54.30
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• It was decided to suspend payment number 5 R.J.Electrics until we receive a report on the faulty Christmas lights.

• The following payments were authorised on the motion of Cllr Alwyn Gruffydd, Cllr Glenda Murray seconding:-

1	Clerk	Landline and Internet December 2024	£ 66.88
2	Clerk	Wages December 2024	£1,597.44
3	H.M.R.C.	Income Tax December 2024	£ 399.36
4	One Voice Wales	The Councillor training module 2 Cllr Glenda Murray 9.12.24	£40.00
5	R.J.Electrics	Repair to Christmas lights after storm Darragh	£415.80
6	Y GANOLFAN	12 x Youth Club sessions 12.9.24 i 19.12.24	£450.00
7	The Flag Shop	100 x nylon Welsh flags	£1,395.00
8	YR WYLAN	Grant Application advert and Grass cutting tender advert	£40.00

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

The meeting ended at 20.45

Marian Roberts

(Clerk)

17.1.25