

## Minutes of Meeting 1/5/2025

**Present:** Cllr Dilys Evans, Moira Mai, Eifion Roberts, Jacqueline Allen, Ken Edwards, Rhys Evans, Huw Symonds, Eric Williams, Eluned Jones, Dilwyn Morgan (Local Member of Gwynedd Council) and Huw Antur (*Clerk*).

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Sion McGuinness, Clare Mackintosh and Fiona Hopkins.

**Public:** No one present.

1. **The Mayor:** The Mayor, Cllr Dilys Evans, extended a welcome to the meeting and congratulated everyone from the area who took part in the London Marathon recently.
2. **Interest:** No interest declared.
3. **Minutes:** The accuracy of the minutes of the 3/4/25 meeting was confirmed.
4. **Clerk Matters / Matters Raising:**
  - i. Meeting with the Police: A report of a meeting with the Police was given on Wednesday evening April 23rd. It was noted that the need for CCTV for the town, and overdriving near Llyn Tegid had been discussed, and that it was also the intention of the police to check vehicles entering the town. It was noted that the police were appealing for local information to assist them with their work.
  - ii. Bus Shelter near Cae Croes: It was reported that no response had been received from Gwynedd Council regarding the missing glass panel of one of the shelters.
  - iii. Bangor School of Dentistry: received a letter from Sian Gwenllian MS thanking the council for its support of her campaign to establish a School of Dentistry at Bangor.
5. **Gwynedd Council:** There was a report from Cllr Dilwyn Morgan, who said that the Ardal Ni Tidying Team would be coming to the town at the end of the month, and would discuss the need to paint the town's signs and billboards. He also said he had applied for a review of the town's pavement safety. He also said that Neuadd Buddug has been sold. He said that there were plans to develop housing on the Ysgol Bro Tegid site.

## 6. Sub-committees:

**Assets sub-committee:** It was reported that benches were located on Tomen y Bala, and that arrangements were in place to place a Red Dragon flag on the Domen and near Penllyn Leisure Centre.

**Christmas Sub-Committee:** Agreed to investigate the costs of providing Christmas lights.

**Finance sub-committee:** It was noted that a meeting of the sub-committee was required in June.

**Biodiversity subcommittee:** It was agreed that a price for flower boxes was required, and that there was an arrangement to fill the flower troughs as last year. It has been reported that Wales Wildlife Trust is organising a Swift Awareness Night on June 16th.

## Representatives on organisations:

**Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn:** An invitation was received to the Official Opening of Canolfan Bro Tegid, and Cllr Dilys Evans, Moira Mai, Eifion Roberts, Ken Edwards, Eluned Jones, Huw Symonds, Rhys Evans and Jacqui Allen agreed to represent the council at the event.

**One Voice Wales:** Dilys Evans said he will not be able to attend the next meeting on May 14th.

It was noted that there had been no meeting of Bala and Penllyn Community Association or the Bala Shop Group recently.

7. **Planning Matters:** A planning application has been received to install a nature information board in the Llyn Tegid area. It was agreed to support the application. A letter was also received from the owner of Trem Tudur expressing disappointment that the council had opposed the planning application to convert the house into a multi-occupation house. It was agreed that the council could not change its position on the application.

## 8. Finance Matters:

- i. The most recent financial position was considered, which stated that the current account was £13,936, £26,979 in the business account and £383 in the Mayor's Fund.
- ii. The receipt of 50% of the 2025/2026 budget was noted by Gwynedd Council.
- iii. Payments for cleaning Bus Shelters, the Clerk's salary payment, and a Gwynedd Council invoice for the nominal amount of £1 for the Tomen y Bala lease were approved.
- iv. Acknowledgements for the council's financial support were received from Wales Air Ambulance, Bala Badminton Club and Eglwys Unedig Tegid a Llanfor.
- v. It was agreed to contribute £200 towards Heol y Castell Play Park from the council's central fund, and £50 to Nightingale House Hospice from the Town Mayor's Fund.
- vi. It was noted that draft accounts have been prepared for 2024/2025, ready for submission to Audit Wales.

## **9. Correspondence:**

- i) Gwynedd Council: Information has been received that Stryd y Fron will be closed for a period due to essential works. It was noted that the Ardal Ni Tidy Team will be in Bala at the end of May.
- ii) Snowdonia National Park Community Forum: It was noted that there will be a meeting of the forum on May 8th, and the clerk has been asked to represent the council.
- iii) One Voice Wales: Information received about the 2025 Annual Meeting, Information Bulletin and Training Programme.
- iv) Welsh Water: An invitation was received to a meeting on May 13th to discuss the work on Llyn Celyn, and Dilys Evans said he would represent the council at the meeting.
- v) Canoe Fishing Competition: A letter was received opposing a competition on Llyn Tegid in September. It was agreed to discuss the matter with the Lake Warden.

## **10. Town Councillors' local affairs:**

There were no additional issues to add.

The meeting closed at 9pm and the next meeting will be Thursday 5 June 2025.