

Minutes of Meeting 4/6/2026

Present: Cllr Rhys Evans, Dilys Evans, Eifion Roberts, Eluned Jones, Sion McGuinness, Ceri Evans, Ken Edwards, Tomos Ffrancon, Haydn Roberts, Dilwyn Morgan (Gwynedd Council Local Member) and Huw Antur (*Clerk*).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Moira Mai, Jacqueline Allen and Huw Symonds.

Public: Nobody present.

1. **The Mayor:** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Mayor, Cllr Rhys Evans. He thanked for the honour of being the town's mayor, and vowed to be a voice for the town's residents and to do his best for them. He welcomed Ceri Dolben Evans to her first council meeting, and wished Cllr Moira Mai well. He also referred to the recent success of the Bala women's rugby team.
2. **Interest:** No interest declared.
3. **Minutes:** The accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of 7/5/26 was confirmed.
4. **Clerk's Issues / Matters arising from:**
 - i. Gwynedd Ni Scheme: It was reported that the installation of the flower boxes and flower planting on the High Street had been completed, and that it had made a big difference to the overall image of the town. In her absence, Cllr Jacqui Allen was thanked for all her work in this regard.
 - ii. Bala Artwork: It has been reported that the application for funding to carry out the relocation of the artwork is ready to be submitted. It was agreed not to take into account other art items from the Canolfan Cywain site.
 - iii. Bala and Penllyn Regeneration Forum: Minutes of the meeting were received from the forum held on April 29th.
 - iv. CCTV: Information has been received from Barmouth Town Council about their CCTV system. It was noted that the system was very costly to install and maintain, but it was agreed to support any intention by the Police or Gwynedd Council to install a system in the town.
 - v. Bala Tomen Bench: Bala Rotary Club gave an update on their intention to install a bench on the Tomen in memory of the late Arthur Evans.
 - vi. Bus Shelter Graffiti: The graffiti was reported to have been cleaned up.

5. **Gwynedd Council:** A report was received from Cllr Dilwyn Morgan. He congratulated the council on all their work in decorating the town with the bike racks, flower boxes and the flag on the Green. He said he would arrange for the Ardal Ni Team to come and assist with the weeding work in the town, this to include Ffynnon Beuno area. He said Openreach has been relaying the pavements near the White Lion. There was a discussion on the unruly parking near Llyn Tegid, and he said that a meeting had been scheduled for June 11th with Gwynedd Council to discuss the problem of campervans parking overnight.

6. Sub-committees:

Asset Sub-Committee: There was a discussion on the condition of benches in the Llyn Tegid area, but it was noted that these particular benches were not owned by the Town Council. It was noted that flags needed to be placed on Tomen y Bala and near Penllyn Healthy Living Leisure Centre.

Friendly Town Sub Committee: No report received.

Biodiversity Sub-Committee: It was noted that the installation of the flower boxes and the planting of flowers had been completed, and Cllr Jacqui Allen was thanked for leading on this work.

Finance Sub-Committee: It was noted that the sub-committee had met prior to the plenary meeting of the council with recommendations in Agenda Item 8.

Sustainable Tourism Group: It was reported that the group had been re-established, and that they were trying to release funding to work on the town's promotional website.

Representatives on organisations:

Bala Business Group: It was noted that their annual meeting will be held on June 23rd.

Cwmni Pum Plwyf Penllyn: It has been reported that the company has been successful with a lottery bid to fund a Community Marketing Officer for organisations in the area.

7. **Planning Issues:**

There were no planning issues to discuss.

8. **Finance Matters:**

- i. The most recent financial position was considered, with £23,824 in the current account, £27,460 in the savings account and £342 in the Mayor's Fund at the end of May.
- ii. Payments for cleaning Bus Shelters, Clerk's salary, One Voice Wales invoices for a training session and a Hill & Roberts invoice for the council's PAYE processing were approved.
- iii. The receipt of the council's VAT refund for 2025/2026 was noted.
- iv. The council's final accounts for 2025/2026 were submitted and agreed for adoption.
- v. The receipt of the council's Internal Auditor's Report was noted, and its recommendation that online payments should be dual authorised was

addressed. It was agreed to make enquiries with HSBC in this regard. The mayor and Clerk were authorised to sign the council's Annual Form for 2025/2026 and forward the information to Audit Wales.

- vi. It was agreed to transfer £10,000 to the savings account and £400 to the Mayor's Fund.
- vii. An application for financial support was received from Bala Youth Football Club. The Mayor was asked to consider making a contribution from the Mayor's Fund for the time being, and to ask the club for a further application before the end of the current financial year.

9. Correspondence:

- i) Gwynedd Council: A report was given from a meeting held on June 2nd to consider the Gwynedd Youth Work Strategy.
- ii) One Voice Wales: Information was received about their Training Programme over the summer and about their Annual Conference.
- iii) Weeds: Comments have been received about the weeds that can be seen in different parts of the town. It was agreed to respond by saying that council members had been weeding and planting flowers, and that there was a plan to get further support from the Ardal Ni Tidying Team.
- iv) Parking and campervans: Comments have been received about erratic parking and campervans waiting overnight – see Cllr Dilwyn Morgan's comments above.
- v) Stryd y Fron: Notice has been received that Stryd y Fron will be temporarily closed on June 17th for essential works.
- vi) Visitor Levy: Consultation has been received from Gwynedd Council on the proposal to implement a Visitor Levy. It was agreed to be considered at the July meeting of the council.

10. Town Councillors' local affairs: There were no further issues to discuss.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2 July 2026.