

Minutes of Meeting 3/4/2025

Present: Cllr Dilys Evans, Moira Mai, Eifion Roberts, 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. Jacqueline Allen, Clare Mackintosh and Fiona Hopkins.

Public: No one present.

1. **The Mayor:** The Mayor, Cllr Dilys Evans, extended a welcome to the meeting and referred to her representing the Town Council at a meeting with Gwynedd Council on March 10th to discuss the Bala Placemaking Plan.
2. **Interest:** No interest declared.
3. **Minutes:** The accuracy of the minutes of the 6/3/25 meeting was confirmed.
4. **Clerk Matters / Matters Raising:**
 - i. Tomen y Bala: It was reported that the Rotary Club was continuing with their intention to install benches on the Tomen, and arrangements were also made to move the Town Council benches to the Tomen.
 - ii. Bala Placemaking Plan – a report was given from the meeting held on March 10th to discuss the plan, when information was shared about various projects and developments in the town, and when the possibility of organisations in the area working together on marketing and promotion schemes was discussed. It was noted that the forum was intended to meet two or three times a year.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Meeting with Police: It was reported that there was an intention to meet with the Police on Wednesday evening April 23rd. It was noted that the need for CCTV for the town could be discussed.
5. **Gwynedd Council:** There was a report from Cllr Dilwyn Morgan, who mentioned that he was in discussion about the condition of some of the pavements in the town. He also said that there was an opportunity for Bala to work towards 'dementia friendly' status

for the town. He congratulated the Hockey Club on their feat in the redevelopment of the town's astro field.

6. Sub-committees:

Assets subcommittee: Information has been received on the following that need attention:

- Flagpole near the Leisure Centre.
- Town billboards.
- The kiosk and the defib near Canolfan Bro Tegid.
- Benches near Siop DE, Siop Ria and Blaenddol.
- The women's public toilets in the Plase car park.
- Safety at the summit of Tomen y Bala.
- Uneven pavements near the Tom Ellis memorial.

Biodiversity Sub-Committee: It has been reported that the Town Council will be expected to prepare a Biodiversity Report as part of the council's Annual Report for 2024/2025.

Representatives on organisations:

Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn: An invitation was received to the Official Opening of Canolfan Bro Tegid, and it was agreed to select representatives at the May meeting of the Town Council.

Public Footpaths Agreement: There was an opportunity to adjust the specification of the maintenance agreement for the period 2025-2028, and it was agreed that footpath number 4 near the Leisure Centre does not need to be included.

7. **Planning Matters:** A planning application has been received to modify the works plans in the Llyn Tegid area. It was agreed to support the request.

A request was also received to change Trem Tudur to be a multi-occupation house. It was agreed to oppose this application on the grounds that it would put pressure on traffic and parking arrangements in this part of town, that the proposed use could create disruption to the neighbours, and that the development would affect the layout and density of the building.

8. **Finance Matters:**

- i. The most recent financial position was considered, which stated that the current account was £751.89, £26,939.71 in the savings account and £388.60 in the Mayor's Fund.
- ii. Payments for cleaning Bus Shelters, the Clerk's salary and income tax payment, and the Bala Football Club invoice for an advertisement near the pitch were approved.
- iii. Acknowledgements for the council's financial support were received from Cantref, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Llen y Llannau and Theatr Derek Williams.

- iv. It was agreed to donate £100 to the Bala Garden Show from the Town's Mayor's Fund.
- v. Information was received about a Full Audit Notice for 2024/2025.

9. Correspondence:

- i) Gwynedd Council: Information has been received that Heol y Berwyn will be closed for a period of 8 months due to safety reasons during essential building works.
- ii) Senedd Cymru Constituency Review: Final report identifying the new constituencies has been received.
- iii) One Voice Wales: A research report into the role of town and community councils has been received.

10. Town Councillors' local matters:

It was pointed out that cars were speeding on the Llyn Tegid foreshore, and that this needed to be brought to the attention of the police at the meeting on April 23rd. Attention was also drawn to the fact that trees had been cut down near Llwybr y Ddyfrdwy, and serious litter near the Natural Resources Wales office, and that this needed to be brought to the attention of Natural Resources Wales.

The meeting closed at 9pm and the next meeting will be on Thursday 1 May 2025.