

Minutes of Meeting 2/1/2025

Present: Cllr Dilys Evans, Moira Mai, Eluned Jones, Huw Symonds, Sion McGuinness, Jacqueline Allen, Ken Edwards, Eric Williams, Dilwyn Morgan (Local Member for Gwynedd Council) and Huw Antur (*Clerc*).

Apologies: Apology accepted by Councillors Eifion Roberts, Fiona Hopkins, Clare Mackintosh and Rhys Evans.

Public: No one present.

1. **The Mayor:** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Mayor, Cllr Dilys Evans, and wished everyone a happy new year.

2. **Interest:** There was no expression of interest.

3. **Minutes:** Accuracy of meeting minutes confirmed 12/12/24.

4. **Clerk Issues / Issues arise:**

- i. Tomen y Bala: It has been reported that the clerk has had a conversation with the Bala Rotary Club about the proposed installation of benches on the Domen, and that the Rotary Club intends to send pictures of the benches before moving forward with the intention. It was agreed that it would be acceptable to place a bench on the path or at the top of the Domen. It was also agreed to enquire where the benches formerly placed on the Llyn Tegid footpath are.
- ii. Town Centre Art Scheme: It has been noted that there is no funding remaining to develop an alternative art scheme in the town.
- iii. Bus Shelter Cleaning: It has been reported that an arrangement is in place to clean two additional bus shelters between Cae Croes and the Leisure Centre, and it was noted that one glass panel needs to be installed on one shelter.
- iv. Welsh Communities Commission report: A response has been received from Gwynedd Council stating that they are supportive of the objectives of the report, and are ready to act when there is guidance on the matter from the Welsh Government.
- v. ICO membership: It has been confirmed that the council has re-affiliated with the Information Commissioner's Office.

5. **Gwynedd Council:** There were no matters to report.

6. **Bala – Yma o Hyd:** It has been noted that the activities have been completed, and that a financial report on the activities needs to be created by the next meeting.

7. Subcommittees:

Christmas Sub-Committee: It has been reported that there is widespread praise for the Christmas lights over the season, and that the trees look very beautiful along High Street.

Friendly Town Subcommittee: Cllr Eluned Jones said she would forward pictures to highlight the problem of the dangerous water channels on the town's pavements.

Representatives on organisations:

Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn: It has been reported that the legal documents (lease etc) for Canolfan Bro Tegid have been completed, and work on the building has commenced.

8. **Planning Issues:** There were no planning issues to consider.

9. Finance Matters:

- i. The latest financial position was taken into account, with £12,627.89 reported in the current account, £26,818.74 in the savings account and £181.50 in the Mayor's Fund. It was noted that £3,000 had been earmarked for the development of the Astro Field.
- ii. Payments were approved for the cleaning of Bus Shelters, the Clerk's salary and income tax payment, the Cyfnod invoice for the bus shelter maintenance advert, the Audit Cymru invoice for the audit of the 2023/2024 accounts and Bala 700 invoices.
- iii. It was agreed to consider requests for financial support from the town's organisations at the March council meeting, and it was noted that the organisations will be aware of this opportunity following the publication of council minutes in the Cyfnod and the council's website.

10. Correspondence:

- i) Neuadd Buddug: Information has been received from Gwynedd Council stating that Neuadd Buddug will be going on the open market early in the new year.
- ii) Bala and Penllyn Community Association: A letter has been received from the association expressing disappointment that the Town Council's financial contribution for 2024 was less than normal. Attention was drawn to the upgrades that need to be carried out on the Sports Pavilion, and also to all the community activities carried out by the association on a weekly basis. Council members were invited to attend one of the society's activities, and council representatives agreed to attend the society's Dinner Club on February 6th.

- iii) Review of Senedd Cymru Constituencies: A copy of a consultation on the creation of the new Gwynedd Maldwyn constituency has been received for the Welsh Parliament elections. We agreed to respond to the consultation and to express concern about the size of the proposed constituency and the significant cultural differences there are within different communities within the constituency.
- iv) Notice of temporary closure of part of Stryd y Fron (January 16-18): Information has been received that part of the road will be temporarily closed between Maes Treflyn and Maes Awelon in order to carry out vital works from Openreach.
- v) One Voice Cymru: A copy of the North Wales Development Officer job advert received from One Voice Cymru.

11. Town Councillors' local issues:

There were no issues to discuss.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm and the next meeting will be Thursday 6 February 2025.