

Minutes of Meeting 7/5/2026

Present: Cllr Dilys Evans, Eifion Roberts, Huw Symonds, Eluned Jones, Ken Edwards, Tomos Ffrancon, Haydn Roberts and Huw Antur (*Clerk*).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Moira Mai, Jacqueline Allen, Rhys Evans, Sion McGuinness, Ceri Evans and Dilwyn Morgan (Gwynedd Council Local Member).

Public: Nobody present.

1. **The Mayor:** In the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor everyone was welcomed to the meeting by Cllr Dilys Evans.
2. **Interest:** No interest declared.
3. **Minutes:** The accuracy of the minutes of the 2/4/26 meeting was confirmed.
4. **Clerk's Issues / Matters arising from:**
 - i. Gwynedd Ni Scheme: It was reported that the flagpole and the Red Dragon flag had been installed on the Green, bicycle racks had been installed on the High Street, and that flower boxes for the High Street had arrived, with arrangements in place for planting flowers and plants etc.
 - ii. Bala Artwork: It has been reported that prices have been received for the creation of a concrete foundation for the artwork near the Leisure Centre. It was agreed to use the prices of Ynyr Jones together with the price of Angharad Jones for the relocation and repainting of the artwork as the basis of a financial application to the Gwynedd Councils Support Fund.
 - iii. Town pavements: A report was given from a meeting with Welsh Government officials on April 15th when the general condition of the town's pavements was discussed. It was agreed to keep in touch to emphasise the need for improvements to the pavements.
 - iv. Bala and Penllyn Regeneration Forum: A report was given from a meeting of the forum held on April 29th, during which the town's organisations had the opportunity to share information about their services and developments, and an update on community grants was provided by Gwynedd Council officials.
 - v. Police Meeting: An account was given of a meeting of Bala and Penllyn local councillors with the Police on April 30th, when the Police presented their priorities of anti-social behaviour, illegal drugs and speeding in the town. The parking problems near Llyn Tegid on busy summer weekends were also

discussed, as well as the need for CCTV into the town to facilitate the work of the Police. It was agreed to do further research into this issue.

- vi. There was further discussion on the Snowdonia National Park Local Development Plan, and it was agreed to discuss a single site in the town for inclusion within the town's housing development boundary.

5. **Gwynedd Council:** Cllr Dilwyn Morgan was not present.

6. Sub-committees:

Assets Sub-Committee: It has been reported that the Bike Racks are looking good on the High Street. It was agreed to place flags on the Tomen and near the Leisure Centre as usual, and it was agreed to question the Rotary Club about progress on their intention to install benches on the Tip. Graffiti was identified on a bus shelter near Stryd y Fron, and it was decided to apply for it to be cleaned up as part of the shelters' monthly clean-up. It was reported that there were plans to re-install the Mary Jones information board on the High Street.

Friendly Town Sub Committee: It has been reported that improvements to the town's pavements will be key to achieving Bala Friendly Town status.

Biodiversity Sub-Committee: Cllr Jacquie Allen received a written report setting out her intention to plant flowers in the new flower boxes.

Finance Sub-Committee: It was noted that a meeting of the Finance Committee will be required once the Council's draft accounts for 2025/2026 have been prepared.

Representatives on organisations:

Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn: It has been reported that the company is looking into development options for Neuadd Buddug.

7. **Planning Issues:**

There were no planning issues to discuss.

8. **Finance Matters:**

- i. The most recent financial position was considered, with £16,973 in the current account, £27,431 in the savings account and £742 in the Mayor's Fund at the end of April.
- ii. Thanks were received for financial contribution from Bala and Penllyn Community Association.
- iii. Payments for the cleaning of Bus Shelters, the Clerk's salary, Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn invoices for an advertisement in the Cyfnod, the council's annual insurance invoice, the Tomen y Bala rent invoice and Awen Meirion's invoice for flags were approved for the council.
- iv. Acceptance of 50% of the council's annual precept was noted.
- v. The council's draft accounts for 2025/2026 have been submitted.

- vi. Gwynedd Council's receipt of parking income for 2025/2026, and Gwynedd Council's contribution for maintaining Tomen y Bala for 2025/2026 were noted.
- vii. It was reported that the council's VAT claim for 2025/2026 had been submitted.

9. Correspondence:

- i) Gwynedd Council: Information was received about the Gwynedd Events Development Fund, and it was noted that the information had been forwarded to local event organisers.
- ii) Gwynedd Council: Information has been received from the council's Highways Department work programme, namely the installation of a gate near Pont y Bala.
- iii) Gwynedd Consultancy: An update has been received on the work on the High Street trees.
- iv) Snowdonia National Park: Information was received about the Park's Community Funds, and it was noted that one fund prioritises areas within the Park that are under heavy pressure from visitors during the summer.
- v) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Cyfle i Bawb Fund: Information was received about the fund which supports families from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend the Urdd Summer Camps.
- vi) Heol Tegid Car Park: A visitor was alerted to a hole in the car park, and it was agreed to send the comments to the owners.

10. Local issues of the Town Councillors: The general need for children's play facilities in the town was discussed.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4 June 2026.