

Minutes of Meeting 2/10/2025

Present: Cllr Dilys Evans, Eifion Roberts, Rhys Evans, Huw Symonds, Fiona Hopkins, Dilwyn Morgan (Gwynedd Council Local Member) and Huw Antur (*Clerk*).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Moira Mai, Ken Edwards, Eluned Jones, Jacqueline Allen and Sion McGuinness.

Public: Nobody present.

1. **The Mayor:** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting by the Mayor, Cllr Dilys Evans, and council members expressed their condolences to Eluned Jones in her recent bereavement of a sister-in-law. Fiona Hopkins and Dilwyn Morgan were also congratulated on taking part in the Triathlon recently. Cllr Rhys Evans was thanked for giving a word of welcome on behalf of the Town Council at the Estonia Choir concert at Christ Church.
2. **Interest:** Cllr Eifion Roberts declared an interest in the planning application for Ysgol Godre'r Berwyn.
3. **Minutes:** The accuracy of the minutes of the 4/9/25 meeting was confirmed.
4. **Clerk's Issues / Matters arising from:**
 - i. Resignation of Cllr Eric Williams: It was agreed to make arrangements to fill the vacant seat by advertising the opportunity to call an election.
 - ii. Gwynedd Youth Service: A message was received from the local youth officer enquiring about suitable work for a group of local youths. It was suggested that they could be asked to carry out maintenance work on Ffynnon Beuno and on the town's flower boxes.
 - iii. Gwynedd Ni Grant: A report was given on the installation of additional bike racks and flower boxes for the town, and it was noted that there had been conversations with Gwynedd Council officers and that meetings had been arranged with Coop and NMWTRA officials.
 - iv. Parking arrangements near Llyn Tegid: A message has been received from the Snowdonia National Park requesting to attend the Town Council meeting in November. It was agreed to accept their offer.
 - v. Bala Signage Workshop: A report was given by Cllr Fiona Hopkins where it was noted that consultants were working on a scheme to introduce new signs to Bala.

- vi. Bala Artwork: It has been reported that positive conversations have been had with a view to bringing public art to the town.
 - vii. Mary Jones Tour Information Board: It has been reported that the Bible Society is working on a plan to refurbish the information board on the High Street.
 - viii. Bala Triathlon: The event was reported on by the Triathlon organisers, along with an opportunity to provide feedback on the event. It was agreed that the Triathlon brings benefits to the town, but that every effort should be made to reduce the closure of the A494.
5. **Gwynedd Council:** A report was received from Cllr Dilwyn Morgan, who said that he was working with Gwynedd Council officers on the intention of reintroducing double yellow lines in some areas of the town. There was a discussion on the parking problems at busy times near the Rugby Club, and the need to prevent vehicles from parking on both sides of the road.
6. **Sub-committees:**
- Friendly Town, Resources and Christmas sub-committee:** It was reported that arrangements were underway to order extra Christmas lights.
 - Finance sub-committee:** It was agreed that the Finance Sub-committee would meet at 6.15pm on November 6th to consider the council's accounts for the first 6 months of the financial year.
 - Placemaking Plan sub-committee:** It was reported that the work of the Gwynedd Ni scheme is progressing.
 - Biodiversity Sub-Committee:** It was noted that information had been received about the One Voice Cymru Biodiversity Team – the clerk to forward the information to Cllr Fiona Hopkins.
 - Sustainable Tourism Sub-Committee:** It has been reported that the Bala Tourism Group is being re-established, this as an independent group of the Town Council.
- Representatives on organisations:**
- Bala Business Group:** Cllr Rhys Evans reported on the group's work, this including Bala Late Night Shopping arrangements.
 - Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn:** It was reported that further work on Canolfan Bro Tegid is about to begin, and that the company has been successful with a further application for funding to submit a Community Transport Plan for Bala.
7. **Planning Matters:** A planning application was received to create a storage area, extend an existing fence, form a hard floor and erect two shelters at Ysgol Godre'r Berwyn. It was agreed to support the application.
8. **Finance Matters:**

- i. The most recent financial position was considered, and it was reported that £14,820.66 was in the current account, £37,164.00 in the retention account and £618.20 in the Mayor's Fund at the end of September.
- ii. Payments for the cleaning of Bus Shelters, the Clerk's salary, and an invoice for the maintenance of Tomen y Bala were approved.

9. Correspondence:

- i) Gwynedd Council: Information has been received that the Craig y Fron road will be temporarily closed for essential works at the end of October.
- ii) One Voice Wales: Information has been received that the Annual Conference has been cancelled.
- iii) Gwynedd Nature Partnership: Information received about the Gwynedd Green Communities project.
- iv) Gaerwen Wind Farm: Information has been received on the methods of submitting comments on the proposed creation of the wind farm.

10. Town Councillors' local affairs:

- i) Some comments were received on the work of Canolfan Hamdden Penllyn, and it was agreed to forward the comments to the centre's management.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm and the next meeting will be on Thursday 6 November 2025.