

Meeting Minutes 11/12/2025

Present: Cllr Moira Mai, Jacqueline Allen, Eifion Roberts, Rhys Evans, Eluned Jones, Ken Edwards, Sion McGuiness, Dilwyn Morgan (Gwynedd Council Local Member) and Huw Antur (Clerk).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Dilys Evans, Fiona Hopkins and Huw Symonds.

Public: Nobody present.

1. The Mayor: In the mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Moira Mai, welcomed everyone to the meeting and referred to Gwion Ellis' recent success in becoming the Deka Mile world champion in Florida recently. He also referred to Cllr Rhys Evans' appearance on the Cefn Gwlad programme, and to the busyness of the Late Night Shopping in the town at the beginning of the month.

2. Interest: No interest declared.

3. Minutes: The accuracy of the minutes of the 6/11/25 meeting was confirmed.

4. Clerk's Issues / Matters arising from:

- i. Resignation of Cllr Clare Mackintosh: A letter has been received from Cllr Clare Mackintosh stating that she is resigning from her role as a member of the Town Council. It was agreed to write to Clare to thank her for all her work, especially during the Y Bala – Yma o Hyd celebrations. It was also agreed to advertise the opportunity to call an election to fill the vacant seat.
- ii. Previous Vacant Council Seat: It was reported that a nomination for co-opting a council member had not been received by the deadline. Members were asked to come forward with names by the January meeting of the council.
- iii. Snowdonia National Park – Parking arrangements near Llyn Tegid: A response was received from the Chief Executive of the National Park following the discussion at the previous meeting. It was agreed to apply for the Park to earmark a portion of the Park's Community Fund funding to Penllyn due to the pressure from visitors during the main visitor season. It was also suggested that the Park could publish the results of their grant programmes in the local press in order to raise awareness.
- iv. Gwynedd Youth Service: It was agreed to ask the service about their equipment needs so that they could maintain the land around Ffynnon Beuno.

- v. Gwynedd Grant Ni: A report was given on the installation of additional bike racks and flower boxes for the town, and a flagpole for the Grin car park. It was noted that the equipment had been ordered, and it was agreed to pay the invoices, claiming the money back from the Gwynedd Ni Fund when appropriate.
- vi. Bala Artwork: Discussions were reported on to relocate the Canolfan Cywain artwork to a public site in the Bala area. It was noted that Llandderfel Council was supportive of the work, and that costs for the development needed to be progressed.

5. **Gwynedd Council:** It has been reported that Gwynedd Council has purchased and carried out a lot of work on a house in Bro Eryl. It has been reported that there is no further information on the development of Neuadd Buddug.

6. Sub-committees:

Assets sub-committee: Agreed to contact NMWTRA to apply for a maintenance plan and long-term maintenance and upgrades to the town's pavements. It was agreed to move two benches back to Blaenffordd and to do so in the new year as part of further improvements in the town.

Friendly Town, Resources and Christmas sub-committee: The Christmas Lights were reported to be have been lit since December 4th, and everyone involved in the arrangements was thanked.

It was reported that the winner of the Christmas Shop Window competition, Petalau Eleri had chosen to donate the £50 prize to Canolfan Deulu Bala, and it was agreed to make this payment.

Finance sub-committee: Arrangements have been made for the group to meet on 7th January 2026.

Biodiversity Sub-Committee: Cllr Jacqueline Allen agreed to prepare a Section 6 Report by the end of December, and was thanked for her work.

Sustainable Tourism Sub-Committee: Cllr Eifion Roberts reported on a meeting organised by the Snowdonia National Park on November 20th to discuss a sustainable tourism project, at which a presentation on a Sustainable Tourism Plan was made, and councillors were encouraged to attend these meetings in the future.

Representatives on organisations:

Bala and Penllyn Community Association: No reports of recent meetings.

Bala Business Group: Bala Late Night Shopping reported to have been a success again this year, the town has benefited socially and economically.

Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn: It was reported that the refurbishment of Canolfan Bro Tegid is ongoing, and that a car has been purchased for the Community Transport Scheme.

7. **Planning Issues:**

- a) NP5/53/545A: Refurbishment of 1-6 Tegid Rhundai, Heol Berwyn: It was agreed to support the application as it represents a significant improvement for the town.

- b) NP5/53/580J: Amendment of Condition 2 attached to development planning permission adjacent to Llyn Tegid: No further comments were made on the application.
- c) NP5/53/114D: Construction of rear extension and alterations to existing entrance, Pen y Dalar, Craig y Fron: Agreed to support the application.

8. Finance Matters:

- i. The most recent financial position was considered, with £1,880 in the current account, £37,254 in the business account and £513 in the Mayor's Fund at the end of November.
- ii. It was agreed to transfer £7,000 from the business account to the current account.
- iii. Payments for the cleaning of Bus Shelters, the Clerk's salary, the council's website maintenance invoice for one year, the clerk's office allowance for 2025 and the Gwynedd Ni project invoices (purchase and installation of bike racks, flower boxes and flagpoles) were approved.
- iv. A letter was received from Gwynedd Council requesting details of the Town Council's precept for 2026/2027 and the Finance Sub-Committee was asked to comment on it.

9. Correspondence:

- i) Gwynedd Council: Details of the Bala Signage Strategy have been received, and an invitation to add sites that could be included on the signs. It was agreed to ask whether the public toilets, the town library, bowling, cricket and hockey pitches, Bala Church, Canolfan Bro Tegid and Canolfan Mary Jones, Bala Health Centre, the bank and electric car charging points could be included.
- ii) Gwynedd Council: Costs of maintaining public toilets. A letter was received outlining a significant increase in the cost of maintaining the town's public toilets. It was agreed that the increase was unreasonable, and it was agreed to ask Gwynedd Council to reconsider the cost, and also to look at opportunities to reduce costs or to charge for their use.
- iii) Gwynedd Council: Toilet closure time: A letter has been received stating that the public toilets will close early for a temporary period.
- iv) One Voice Wales: Information was received about free training courses, and about the usual One Voice Wales training programme. Information was also received about the One Voice Wales Annual Meeting on January 21st.
- v) Community WIFI: Information has been received from Menter Môn that this service is restarting.

10. Town Councillors' local matters: There was a discussion with Cllr Dilwyn Morgan on Gwynedd Council's work on a house in Bro Eryl, and on the current situation of Neuadd Buddug.

The Deputy mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and the meeting ended at 9pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8 January 2026.