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MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING 9th December 2021

MINUTES OF THE FFESTINIOG TOWN COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER 2021
ONLINE AT 7.00 PM.

CHAIR: Councillor: Erwyn Jones

PRESENT: Councillors: Alun Jones, Bedwyr Gwilym, Dafydd Dafis,
Glyn Daniels, Mark Thomas, Nathan Jarvis,
Ronwen Roberts, Rory Francis.

11181/12/21 1. APOLOGIES

NONE.

11182/12/21 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Item 8 – Archeology Club:

Councillor Ronwen Robwers – Declared a Prejudicial Interest.

Councillor Rory Francis and Dafydd Dafis – Declared a Personal Interest.

11183/12/21 3. URGENT MATTERS

Matters which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972. **Note for discussion only, no decision on an issue raised here is allowed but scheduled for the next meeting.**

The Chairman confirmed that he had received two letters of resignation this month.

The first by Annwen Daniels, and the second by Gwenlli Evans.

The Chairman has responded to the letters officially accepting their resignations.

The Chair and Councillors would like to thank them for all their hard work over the last few years.

11184/12/21 4. Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th of November, 2021.

DECISION: That the Minutes be received and confirmed, with Councillor Ronwen Roberts proposing and Councillor Rory Francis seconded.

11185/12/21 5. PAYMENTS DUE

Taliadau I'w talu / Payments Due 12.11.21-09.12.21				
Cyfarfod Arferol / Ordinary Meeting 09.12.2021				
Cyfrifon 2021-22 (Wedi eu talu / Already Paid)			Cost	Rhif siec/ Chq No
19.11.21	Hanna Gwyn	Taliad 1 Ysgoloriaeth Patagonia Scholarship payment 1	£1,750.00	3312
19.11.21	Gwallgofiaid	Cyfraniad ariannol Clwb Clinc 21/22 Financial contribution	£8,850.00	3313
19.11.21	Llafar Bro	Hysbyseb Coeden Goffa Advert	£84.00	3314
			Cyfanswm / Total	£10,684.00
Cyfrifon 2021-22 (I'w dalu/ To pay)				
Dyddiad/Date	Cyflenwr / Supplier	Disgrifiad / Description	Cost	Rhif siec/ Chq No
30.11.21	Canolfan Gymdeithasol	Rhent Tach / Nov 2021	£ 430.00	3319
30.11.21	Cricieth Cleaning	Glanhau llochesi a biniau Tach / Bus shelter/ bin cleaning for Nov	£ 1,203.53	3320
05.12.21	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Taliad Zoom misol / monthly Zoom feeINV121464261	£52.79	3328
11.11.21	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Ad-daliad am ffi misol MS Office monthly fee repayment	£9.12	3328
02.11.21	British Gas	Trydan Pafiliwn 02/11/21-01/12/21	£20.02	DD
01.11.21	BT	Anfoneb misol ffon / Y we	£64.14	DD
15.12.21	Natwest	Ffi bancio arlein / online banking fee	£20.00	DD
31.10.21	Canolfan Gymdeithasol	Talu cywiriad I rhentu Hydref / Pay correct amount for Oct21	£80.00	3319
30.11.21	Canolfan Gymdeithasol	Hurio ystafell Clwb Ieuenctid Hydref / Youth club room hire October inv	£200.00	3319
08.12.21	Gwyn Thomas (C&C)	Oriau 01.11.21 - 30.11.21 cynnal a chadw/ hours maintenance contract	£160.00	3321
02.11.21	Viking	Nwyddau I'r swyddfa / Office supplies inv8078618	£75.36	3322
08.12.21	ICO	Ffi adnewyddu / Renewal Fee Data Protection	£35.00	DD
21.11.21	P.H.Jones	H.Jones - gwaith garddio / gardening work	£260.00	3323
10.12.21	Gari Wyn Jones	Taliad 1 Ysgoloriaeth Patagonia Scholarship payment 1	£1,750.00	3324
10.12.21	Cymdeithas Archeoleg Bro Ffes	Cyfraniad ariannol 21/22 Financial contribution	£378.00	3327
			CYFANSWM/TOTAL	£ 4,737.96
				£4,737.96
ARIAN I MEWN / INCOME				
22.11.21	HMRC	Ad-daliad TAW / Vat Return	£ 1,799.08	
			£ 1,799.08	

DECISION:

Invoices received since the Agenda was set:

- John Roberts (Ffestiniog) LTD - £ 96 to cover Diesel costs to fetch Christmas trees (Cheque no 3326).
- Snowdonia Fire & Security - £ 161.10 - annual assessment of the Pavilion in the park. (Cheque no 3325)

The Clerk was authorized to pay the above, including the two additional invoices

Total payments this month: £ 4,737.96 + £ 257.10 = £4,995.06.

Cyngor Tref Ffestiniog
Income & Expenditure Account
01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

(Last) Year Ended 31 Mar 2021		(Current) Year Ended 31 Mar 2022
	<u>Income</u>	
302.58	02 Cyffredin / General	
235,000.00	12 Praesept / Precept	230,000.00
200.54	08 Incwm / Income	8,093.24
792.99	07 Caeau Chwarae / Playing Fields	236.41
146.60	06 Mwynderau/Amenities	2,136.22
1,905.00	04 Llwybrau / Footpaths	
	Suspense Account	1,080.00
	01 Cyflogau / Salaries	410.00
£238,347.71		£241,955.87
	<u>Expense</u>	
7,545.79	03a Cyfraniadau / Donations	3,050.00
6,175.00	04 Llwybrau / Footpaths	
4,953.25	10 Yswiriant, Archwilio, Hybu / Insu	4,554.29
6,850.05	05 Nadolig / Christmas	
2,650.00	09 Aelodau / Members	99.98
7,276.38	11 Llochesi Bws / Bus Shelters	3,144.68
43,137.28	07 Caeau Chwarae / Playing Fields	24,197.64
8,185.48	06 Mwynderau/Amenities	6,561.81
79,984.22	01 Cyflogau / Salaries	47,373.95
15,451.15	02 Cyffredin / General	7,492.80
	Suspense Account	1,080.00
£182,208.60		£97,555.15
	<u>General Fund</u>	
95,270.09	Balance at 01 Apr 2021	151,409.20
238,347.71	ADD Total Income	241,955.87
333,617.80		393,365.07
182,208.60	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	97,555.15
151,409.20		295,809.92
£151,409.20	DEDUCT Reserves Balance	
	Balance at 31 Mar 2022	£295,809.92

Cyngor Tref Ffestiniog
Summary of Receipts and Payments
Summary - Cost Centres Only

Cost Centre	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
01 Cyflogau / Salaries		410.00	410.00 (41000%)	77,129.00	49,924.66	27,204.34 (35%)	27,614.34
02 Cyffredin / General			0.00 (N/A)	17,490.00	8,010.35	9,479.65 (54%)	9,479.65
03 Adran 137 Section			0.00 (N/A)	2,000.00		2,000.00 (100%)	2,000.00
03a Cyfraniadau / Donations			0.00 (N/A)	10,150.00	3,050.00	7,100.00 (69%)	7,100.00
04 Llwybrau / Footpaths			0.00 (N/A)	6,900.00	900.00	6,000.00 (86%)	6,000.00
05 Nadolig / Christmas			0.00 (N/A)	15,850.00		15,850.00 (100%)	15,850.00
06 Mwynderau/Amenities		2,136.22	2,136.22 (213622)	42,150.00	7,595.81	34,554.19 (81%)	36,690.41
07 Caeau Chwarae / Playing Fields		439.83	439.83 (43983)	50,211.00	27,595.01	22,615.99 (45%)	23,055.82
08 Incwm / Income		8,093.24	8,093.24 (809324)			0.00 (N/A)	8,093.24
09 Aelodau / Members			0.00 (N/A)	10,350.00	99.98	10,250.02 (99%)	10,250.02
10 Yswiriant, Archwilio, Hybu / Insu			0.00 (N/A)	7,050.00	5,085.64	1,964.36 (27%)	1,964.36
11 Llochesi Bws / Bus Shelters			0.00 (N/A)	6,400.00	3,593.92	2,806.08 (43%)	2,806.08
12 Praesept / Precept	230,000.00	230,000.00	0.00 (N/A)			0.00 (N/A)	0.00
Gwyl Haf			0.00 (N/A)			0.00 (N/A)	0.00
Suspense Account		1,080.00	1,080.00 (108000)		1,080.00	-1,080.00 (-108000)	0.00
NET TOTAL	230,000.00	242,159.29	12,159.29 (5%)	245,680.00	106,935.37	138,744.63 (56%)	15

Total for ALL Cost Centres
V.A.T.

242,159.29

106,935.37

5,781.20

GROSS TOTAL

242,159.29

112,716.57

DECISION: To accept the accounts.

FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

11187/12/21 07. Letter from Hope House - Children's hospice

Discussed a letter received from Ty Gobaith.

DECISION: No contribution at this time as the Town Council contributed back in April 2021.

11188/12/21 08. Letter from the Bro Ffestiniog Archeology Society

COUNCILLOR RONWEN ROBERTS LEFT THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM.

Discussed a letter received from an archeology society requesting financial assistance towards the testing of charcoal samples.

DECISION: Contribute to one charcoal sample test, to the sum of £ 378.00.

11189/12/21 09. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Accept the recommendations of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday the 18th of November, 2021.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Thursday 18th November 2021

On line at 7.00 PM

Present:

Councillors:

Rory Francis (Chair)

Erwyn Jones

Bedwyr Gwilym

Apologies:

Councillors:

Glyn Daniels

Annwen Daniels

1. To Receive Apologies

Apologies from Councillors Glyn Daniels and Annwen Daniels.

Recommend: To accept the apologies.

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

Item 6 - Councillor Rory Francis declared an interest in Planning Application C21/1060/03/LL (on the board of governors of Ysgol Maenofferen)

3. Playground Monthly Reports.

The Committee discussed the reports.

Recommend: Accept the reports

4. Discussion of the draft copies of the Monthly Survey to Encil Garden, Land around Baltic Field and Oakeley Square and and Rhiw Memorial

The Committee discussed the draft additional monthly review.

Recommend: Councillor Erwyn Jones proposes that the Clerk or Deputy Clerk countersign the reports to prove that the reports have been read. Rhiw Retreat and Memorial Garden needs adapting - no hay and no bench in memory of Rhiw Column. The Deputy Clerk advised that Helen Jones, who inspects the playing fields on a monthly basis, was happy to carry out the additional inspections. The Committee requested that the frequency of the de-fibs be checked by a North Wales Ambulance Service officer.

5. Grant Applications Update

The Clerk advised that the Town Council had been successful in obtaining a grant from Snowdonia National Park to obtain new Zip Wire equipment for Cae Bryn Coed. The Council will be seeking a grant from the Gwynedd Council Chest fund for new equipment for the Park by 22nd November.

Recommend: To continue with the arrangements as last year but need to check details. The Committee will discuss looking at adult fitness equipment in the future.

6. Planning Applications

Councillor Rory Francis declared an interest in Planning Application C21 / 1060/03 / LL (on the board of governors of Ysgol Maenofferen)

1. C21 / 1060/03 / LL

Ysgol Maenofferen, Blaenau Ffestiniog, LL41 3DL

Construction of nursery and associated play area / Construct and nursery and associated play area

<https://amg.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=32336&language=en>

Recommend: Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym proposed that the Town Council welcome the development but a member of the public has contacted regarding the concerns of the development as there is a garden and memorial tree on site to commemorate a former pupil. The Town Council needs more information about the location, to check that the development will not breach the memorial garden and that no trees planted in memory of a pupil will be felled. Councillor Erwyn Jones seconded the proposal.

2. C21 / 1063/03 / LL

The Little Bookshop, 1 New Road, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3TU

Change of use from former shop to holiday unit

<https://amg.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=32340&language=en>

Recommend: The Committee considered the application. No objection as the building is vacant and in need of repair and renovation, it is in the town centre so it will be good for the nearby businesses, and the building is too small to become a local dwelling.

7. Deputy Clerk's update

Discussion with Dref Werdd regarding collaboration on litter / recycling campaign

Following a meeting with Dref Werdd, a number of ideas were discussed,

- running a litter / recycling collection competition,
- discuss the importance of recycling in local schools.
- contacting local businesses asking them to use biodegradable food and drink containers or a pilot scheme as Mold Town Council has done called "Naked Takeaways", where businesses use containers that can be reused by their customers. This scheme in Mold has reduced the amount of litter in the town and reduced the costs of buying containers for businesses.
- get recycling bins in every playing field and get local schools to create a colourful picture that can be transferred on vinyl to put around the bins, which will hopefully encourage children and local residents to use the bins, which will more prominent with colorful artwork.

Recommend: The Committee discussed and agreed to work with the Dref Werdd and obtain the prices of recycling bins for the playing fields. The Deputy Clerk to obtain prices from companies who collect recycling, as Criccieth Cleaning do not offer this service. The Committee discussed the need to strengthen the Council's Environmental Policy and include a climate and nature crisis.

Stencil for the salt pins

The Committee discussed the stencils quote.

Recommend: The Committee agreed to order the stencils.

Llan bus shelters

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that the condition of the bus shelters in Llan Ffestiniog was in a state of disrepair and in need of urgent repair.

Recommend: The Committee discussed the matter and agreed to the Deputy Clerk requesting a quote from the Maintenance Officer.

Diffwys Square information board update

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that she is awaiting quotes for an information board. That a Gwynedd Council Officer has advised that there is some funding left and possibly available to pay for the information board. A little more research is needed regarding copyright for the use of photographs and discussions have been held with Bro Ffestiniog Historical Society regarding the historical information of the Square.

Recommend: To receive the information.

8. Youth Club

The Committee discussed that Gwynedd Council should be asked for a monthly report on the number of children attending and activities offered. The youngsters are eager for a Christmas disco, and the Council will arrange transport. Possibility to organize an activity with the Camera Club and ask the young people to take photos of the area for the Council to post on a Facebook page and maybe produce a calendar.

Recommend: To contact Gwynedd Council to request a monthly report and seek views on what activities the youth would be interested in.

9. Tan Manod Update

The Committee discussed the Tir Tan y Manod update. Work such as fencing and safe access will require a precept amount. The Deputy Clerk to forward plans and costs from Green Town

to councillors will be on the working group. There was discussion about the need to have a project officer. Leadership is needed to get the job done.

Recommend: Arrange a meeting through Zoom to update the volunteers, will need a translator. Contact Dan to ask if he could be a project officer to provide guidance.

10. Letter requesting financial assistance from Bro Ffestiniog Archaeological Society

The Committee considered a letter from Bro Ffestiniog Archaeological Society requesting financial assistance and a letter of support for a grant application.

Recommend: To discuss the financial aid application in the Ordinary Meeting in December, but to send a letter of support in their grant application.

11. Letter of Support to the Welsh Slate Bid for Heritage Lottery Funding

The Committee considered the request for a letter of support for the Welsh Slate application.

Recommend: Councillor Erwyn Jones proposed that a letter of support be submitted and Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym seconded.

12. Invoice from Llafar Bro Memorial Tree advertisement.

The Committee discussed the invoice from Llafar Bro.

Recommend: To pay the invoice this year, but the Memorial Tree Committee will have to apply to the Council for a donation next year for any advertisement.

13. Any urgent business

Patagonia Scholarship

2019/2020 winner Hanna Gwyn and 2020/2021 winner Gari Jones have been contacted indicating that they hope to travel to Patagonia in October 2022.

Recommend: To release the scholarship funding, which is £ 1750 each, to organize the trip.

Clwb Clinc

The Club has contacted the Council regarding their funding.

Recommend: To release the funding to Clwb Clinc.

Llan Ffestiniog Hall.

The Committee discussed the interest of the Bruhn Morris organization in purchasing the building. A representative of the organization has contacted the Town Council and the Hall Committee.

Recommend: You will need to obtain information regarding the conditions contained in the purchase agreement between the Town Council and Gwynedd Council. The Town Council will support the decision of the Llan Hall Committee. If their decision is to sell, then it must be a condition of the sale that the building remains in the community use of Llan. As the Hall is a charity, you will need to check that the trustees, which are on the Charity Commission website, are up to date. Legal advice, which specialises in the charity field, will be required if a trust can be transferred to the Bruhn Morris organisation, which means that the charity would continue. There will be a meeting of the Llan Hall Committee on the 6th of December 2021 at 1.30pm, and a representative from Ffestiniog Town Council will attend. The Town Council will support the decision of the Llan Hall Committee.

Meeting ended at 9pm.

DECISION: That the Minutes be received and confirmed, with Councillor Rory Francis proposing and Councillor Erwyn Jones seconded.

11190/12/21 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Discuss applications received and receive Planning Authority decisions.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DECISION

PLANNING AUTHORITY: GWYNEDD COUNCIL:

Rhif Cais / Application No	Lleoliad / Location	Disgrifiad / Description	Ward	Penderfyniad / Decision
C21/0961/03/DT	Fferm Fronidirion, Manod, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 4BB	Estyniad unllawr cefn Single storey rear extension.	Teigl	Caniatawyd gyda Amodau Permitted with conditions.

PLANNING AUTHORITY: SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK:

Rhif Cais / Application No	Lleoliad / Location	Disgrifiad / Description	Ward	Penderfyniad / Decision
DIM / NONE				

DECISION: To accept the information.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA

11191/12/21 **11. Confirm details of a mental health event to be organized by Ffestiniog Town Council.**

The intention is to hold an informal meeting in January 2022, which brings together mental health services in the area, to discuss the provision in the area. The clerk to arrange the meeting with relevant agencies.

DECISION: To approve the arrangements for January 2022.

TOWN COUNCIL

11192/12/21 **12. TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT.**

- Patagonia Scholarship - winner of the 2020/21 and 2021/22 scholarship intend to travel to Rawson in October 2022, and 1st payment has now been released to both.
- Defibrillator application submitted to the grant body for Cae Clyd, awaiting response.
- Neuadd Ffestiniog - Discussion has taken place regarding a recent offer to buy the building. The Ffestiniog Hall Committee has turned down the proposal for the time being, but expresses their willingness to co-operate.
- Youth Club - confirmed that the Christmas Party will be canceled this year due to concerns over Covid-19 numbers increasing in the community. It was also noted that the Youth Service had changed the procedure, so that only one school year would be admitted to the club, thus raising the need to share the message to ensure that parents and young people were aware.
- Air quality sensor and Internet of Things gateway will be installed at Antur Stiniog café in the coming weeks. There will be an opportunity next year to see the data and start comparing with other areas.
- Complaint submitted to Gwynedd Council by the Town Council regarding the cleanliness of Diffwys Toilets. Gwynedd Council has responded and is looking to improve the standard.
- Reported a few slates from the roof of Diffwys Toilets and the Pavilion missing following storm.
- The Deputy has been working on a notice board on the Diffwys small train through the financial support of the LleCHI group. Collaboration with the Historical Society.
- Deputy also looking at recycling bins as is currently organizing a litter campaign in the park. She is also looking at new flower tubs for the town center, as the existing ones have started to rot.
- 2 applications had been received for a Youth Club post, the Clerk to attend the interview.
- Working arrangements confirmed as staff have returned to working from home.

DECISION: To receive the information.

11193/12/21 13. Update on leasing the Pafiliwn in the Park.

Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman excluded the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item as it is likely that exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 will be disclosed.

It was confirmed that the successful applicant to rent the pavilion in the park had withdrawn, expressing concern that it was not financially sustainable for them.

The need to re-advertise the Pavilion rental opportunity in the new year was discussed. It was mentioned that promoting on Facebook over Christmas would be beneficial.

Councilor Nathan Jarvis asked why the Park was being opened and closed. Councilor Ronwen Roberts confirmed that it was a historic reason following complaints from Park residents about anti-social behavior.

DECISION: To agree to advertise the opportunity to rent the Pavilion over Christmas. Revisit the terms to see if there is a way to make it more attractive. Put the cutting of the height of a hedge surrounding the park on the agenda for the next Amenities Committee for discussion.

11194/12/21 14. Nominate new Councillors onto Committees.

Following recent resignations, the Council nominated Councilors to the following committees:

Councilor Alun Jones - All committees except Staffing Committee.

Councilor Dafydd Dafis - All committees.

Councilor Nathan Jarvis - All Committees.

DECISION: Agreed to the above mentioned committee members.

11195/12/21 15. Discuss and accept the terms and conditions of the Snowdonia Community Fund Grant for the purchase of a Zipwire Swing for Bryn Coed playing field.

DECISION: Councilors unanimously in favor of receiving a Snowdonia Community Fund Grant and are happy for the Clerk to place the order with the contractor, G L Jones Playgrounds Ltd.

11196/12/21 16. Discuss and accept the terms and conditions of the Welsh Government Capital Play Grant for new play equipment for the Park.

The Clerk noted the timetable challenge of having the equipment installed by the end of March. Councilors were asked to confirm which contractor and equipment is to be approved for the Park. Town Council discussing installing rubber mats with holes to allow grass to grow, rather than 'wet-pour', where there has been a history of past maintenance problems. A comment was received from Councilor Bedwyr Gwilym to ensure that the access to the roundabout was level with the footpath, to ensure convenient access for wheelchair users.

DECISION: Councilors unanimously in favor of accepting the Welsh Government Capital Play Grant. A contractor has been agreed to complete the work, but to check first if the tight timetable is possible. If not, then the second contractor to be offered the work.

11197/12/21 17. Arrangements to review Environmental policy and produce Town Council Biodiversity Plan.

DECISION: To defer discussion until the next Ordinary Meeting, as a proposal to declare a Climate Emergency is to be tabled in Bro Ffestiniog.

11198/12/21 18. Discuss public inquiry for a remembrance bench to be installed at Cae Tanygrisiau.

It was agreed that the family's consent would need to be sought before looking at the matter further. It was felt to be premature to contact the family, Councilor Dafydd Dafis to contact in the new year, but there was no urgency and need to be sensitive and consider the family's feelings before moving on.

Councilor Bedwyr Gwilym suggested that Ffestiniog Town Council look at creating a bench purchasing policy for the playing fields, where the process could be streamlined and a good way of attracting benches and picnic tables to our playing fields. It was agreed to set this as a discussion point in the new year.

DECISION: To adjourn the matter for a few months. Discuss the creation of a bench purchase policy for the Town Council in committee in the coming months.

11199/12/21 19. Discuss the state of the Llan Ffestiniog War Memorial and a possible work program.

Received a complaint through the War Memorial Trust about conveying a memorial column in Llan Ffestiniog. It is likely that the lime was running and disrupted pieces of the memory column. The options for the Councilors to consider are to either clean the memory column with a special chemical with the gravity that would need to be done every 5 years.

The second option is to re-point the memory column completely, with a mixture without lime.

It was confirmed that a few years ago former councilors had cleaned up the memory column following the same problem. Councilor Alun Jones suggested cleaning the memory column and monitoring the situation over the next few years, in the hope that the problem would lessen over the years. Repointing would mean starting from scratch again. Councilor Glyn Daniels noted that lime was also beginning to slide down the memory column at Rhiwbryfdir.

DECISION: The option of cleaning the Llan Ffestiniog and Rhiwbryfdir memorial columns has been agreed. To seek the opinion of the Maintenance Officer on his opinion on the work, and to seek quotations if necessary. To monitor the lime as part of the monthly parks checklist.

11200/12/21 20. Discuss ideas for Age Friendly Grant.

Having been given the opportunity to apply for a Age Friendly Grant, Councilors were keen to apply so that an event could be held for older residents of the community. Councilor Rory Francis proposed to combine the Patagonia Scholarship awards ceremony with an afternoon for older people on St David's Day. Entertainment could include Welsh Afternoon Tea, a game of Bingo, Folk Dancing lessons, inviting a brass band or choir.

DECISION: To approve instruction to the Clerk to apply for the Age Friendly Grant for the St David's Day celebration event on March 1st, 2022.

11201/12/21 21. Discuss the option of changing when the Ordinary Meeting of the Ffestiniog Town Council is held.

Following the difficulties of some Councilors attending Town Council Ordinary Meetings on Thursday evenings, discussion took place regarding changing the night of those meetings.

It is hoped that a night shift would lead to more Councilors attending meetings, and hopefully appeal to prospective Councilors as well.

The Chair Erwyn Jones reminded the members that they receive an official summons to attend Town Council meetings, not an invitation. They are there representing the community, with some elected to the post, and therefore Town Council meetings should take precedence over attending other meetings, unless they are statutory, sick or work related etc.

Councilor Glyn Daniels requested a vote on moving the Ordinary and Amenity Committee meeting to Monday evening.

There were 6 Councilors in favour, 2 against, and therefore the matter was passed with a majority.

DECISION: Following a vote, it was agreed that the Ordinary Meeting would move to the 2nd Monday of every month, with the exception of August, and the Amenities Committee moving to the 3rd Monday of every month.

MATTERS ARISING

11202/12/21 22. Playing Fields

Nothing to report.

DECISION: None.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

11203/12/21 23. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES.

He confirmed that Councilors Dafydd Dafis and Rory Francis had attended the Blaenau Ffestiniog and Shepherd's Quay Planning Surgery earlier this evening, and provided positive feedback on the prospective planning application.

11204/12/21 24. NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL

Councilor Glyn Daniels noted that Gwynedd Council will move to 'hybrid' meetings in the new year.

It was asked if County Councilor Annwen Daniels would continue to liaise with the Town Council following her resignation as Town Councilor. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Cllr. Annwen Daniels and also County Councilor Linda Jones, sending them the month's agenda and inviting them to attend meetings and comment on the Town Council's discussion points.

11205/12/21 25. OTHER NEWS

Nothing to report.

11206/12/21 26. CORRESPONDANCE.

a) Letter from Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog seeking new members / directors.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

CHAIR

**THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2022**

ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7:00 p.m.

THE AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING 10TH JANUARY 2022

WILL CLOSE ON 4th JANUARY 2022