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MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

14th February 2022

MINUTES OF THE FFESTINIOG TOWN COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2022
ONLINE AT 7.00 PM.

CHAIR: Councillor: Erwyn Jones

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

11238/02/22 1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Nathan Jarvis and Ronwen Roberts.

11239/02/22 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Item 19 – letter from residents near Oakley Terrace, Talwaenydd:
Councillor Erwyn Jones – Declared a Prejudicial Interest.

11240/02/22 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.***

None.

11241/02/22 4. Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th of January, 2022.

DECISION: That the Minutes be received and confirmed, with Councillor Glyn Daniels proposing and Councillor Alun Jones seconded.

11242/02/22 5. Receive and Confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27th of January, 2022.

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

11243/02/22 6. PAYMENTS DUE

Taliadau I'w talu / Payments Due		11.01.22-14.02.22		
Cyfarfod Arferol / Ordinary Meeting 14.02.2022				
Cyfrifon 2021-22 (Wedi eu talu / Already Paid)			Cost	Rhif siec/ Chq No
DIM / NONE.				
		Cyfanswm / Total	£0.00	
Cyfrifon 2021-22 (I'w dalu/ To pay)				
Dyddiad/Date	Cyflenwr / Supplier	Disgrifiad / Description	Cost	Rhif siec/ Chq No
31.01.22	Canolfan Gymdeithasol	Rhent Ion / Jan Rent 2022	£ 430.00	
31.01.22	Cricieth Cleaning	Glanhau llochesi a biniaulon / Bus shelter/ bin cleaning for Jan	£ 1,203.53	
05.02.22	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Taliad Zoom misol / monthly Zoom fee	£52.79	
11.02.22	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Ad-daliad am ffi misol MS Office monthly fee repayment	£9.12	
14.02.22	British Gas	Trydan Pafiliwn/ Pavillion electric 03/01/22-01/02/22	£20.02	DD
01.02.22	BT	Anfoneb misol ffon / Y we	£64.14	DD
15.02.22	Natwest	Ffi bancio arlein / online banking fee	£20.00	DD
31.01.22	Canolfan Gymdeithasol	Hurio ystafell Clwb Ieuenctid Ion / Youth club room hire Jan inv1336	£160.00	
01.02.22	Gwyn Thomas (C&C)	Oriau Rhagfyr cynnal a chadw/ hours maintenance contract for Dec	£1,140.00	
14.02.22	Glyn Lasarus Jones	Cyfieithu cyfarfodydd Ionawr / Jan Meeting translations	£70.00	
31.12.21	Maldwyn Lloyd	Coed Nadolig 2021 Christmas trees	£349.20	
11.12.21	Gareth Lewis Trydanwr	Trydanwr Electrician - gwaith Pafiliwn / Pavilion work £220	£88.00	
09.02.22	Cyngor Gwynedd	Ffi gosod goleuadau Dolig 2021 fee for xmas light installations	£7,867.26	
20.12.2021	Designer Signs	Stencil Cyngor Tref Ffestiniog	£62.40	
23.01.22	P.Helen Jones	INV 88 Crazy Golf and pruning Park	£320.00	
30.01.22	P.Helen Jones	inv 92 - clearing park cat mess	£146.25	
01.03.22	SLCC	Aelodaeth SLCC Membership - Dirprwy Glerc	£171.00	
01.03.22	SLCC	Aelodaeth SLCC Membership - Clerc	£270.00	
25.01.22	Neuadd Ffestiniog	Hurio ystafell Clwb Ieuenctid Hyd-Ion / Youth club room hire Oct-Jan	£240.00	
01.02.22	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Ad-daliad stamps Repayment - 3x96c	£2.88	
15.01.22	Viking Direct	Inv8274943 Ink printer a deunydd swyddfa	£341.69	
11.02.22	The Defib Store	Cabinet Defib I Cae Clyd	£519.84	
		Cyfanswm / Total	£ 13,548.12	
ARIAN I MEWN / INCOME				
DIM / NONE				
			£	-

DECISION:

The Clerk was authorized to pay the above.

Cyngor Tref Ffestiniog

Prepared by: _____
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date: _____

A	Bank Reconciliation at 24/01/2022		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2021		156,440.93
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2021 - 24/01/2022		242,163.83
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2021 - 24/01/2022		398,604.76
			144,705.94
	Cash in Hand 24/01/2022 (per Cash Book)		253,898.82
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Cash 14/05/2021	0.00	
	3 NatWest Capital Reserve 123425 17/01/2022	67,592.78	
	2 NatWest Reserve 12339792 17/01/2022	0.15	
	1 NatWest Cyfredol/Current 123395 24/01/2022	188,416.94	
			256,009.87
	Less unrepresented payments		2,111.05
			253,898.82
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		253,898.82
	A = B Checks out OK		

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

Cost Centre	Receipts			Payments			Net Position +/- Under/over spend
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	
01 Cyflogau / Salaries		410.00	410.00 (41000%)	77,129.00	61,392.20	15,736.80 (20%)	16,146.80
02 Cyffredin / General			0.00 (N/A)	17,490.00	9,479.59	8,010.41 (45%)	8,010.41
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	6,928.00	3,222.00 (31%)	3,222.00
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	80.00	15,770.00 (99%)	15,770.00
06 Mwynderau/Amenities		2,136.22	2,136.22 (213622%)	42,150.00	17,345.59	24,804.41 (58%)	26,940.63
07 Caeau Chwarae / Playing Fields		459.83	459.83 (45983%)	50,211.00	31,403.39	18,807.61 (37%)	19,267.44
08 Incwm / Income		8,097.78	8,097.78 (809778%)			0.00 (N/A)	8,097.78
09 Aelodau / Members			0.00 (N/A)	10,350.00	99.98	10,250.02 (99%)	10,250.02
10 Yswiriant, Archwilio, Hybu / Insurance			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	4,492.40	1,907.60 (29%)	1,907.60
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 (-10800%)	0.00
NET TOTAL	230,000.00	242,183.83	12,183.83 (5%)	245,680.00	138,286.79	107,393.21 (43%)	15
Total for ALL Cost Centres		242,183.83			138,286.79		
V.A.T.					6,419.15		
GROSS TOTAL		242,183.83			144,705.94		

DECISION: To accept the accounts.

FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS.

11245/02/22 08. Meirionnydd Young Farmers.

DECISION: Contribute £50 to the applicants.

11246/02/22 09. Eisteddfod yr Urdd - 2022.

DECISION: Contribute £500 to the applicants.

11247/02/22 10. Receive and Confirm the Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 31st of January, 2022.

DECISION: That the Recommendations be received and confirmed, with Councillor Rory Francis proposing and Councillor Glyn Daniels seconded.

11248/02/22 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Discuss applications received and receive Planning Authority decisions.

a) Rhif Cais / Application No.: C21/0598/03/DT

Lleoliad / Location: 3 Ffordd Y Barwn, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3UG

Bwriad / Proposal: Estyniad unllawr cefn / Rear single story extension.
DECISION: To support the planning application.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DECISION

PLANNING AUTHORITY: GWYNEDD COUNCIL:

Rhif Cais / Application No	Lleoliad / Location	Disgrifiad / Description	Ward	Penderfyniad / Decision
C21/1085/03/DT	Tŷ Ucha'r Ffordd Ffordd Glanypwll, Rhiwbryfdir, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3LH	Two storey rear extension and dormer window	Bowydd & Rhiw	Approved with Conditions.
C21/1015/03/DT	29 Y Sgwâr, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3UL	Demolish existing rear extension and erect two storey extension with basement and terrace together with new bay window and verandah to front	Bowydd & Rhiw	Approved 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.

11249/02/22 12. NOTICE OF MOTION.

From Councillor Glyn Daniels:

"In my role as a Town and County councillor over the last four and a half years I have received numerous complaints about dog fouling around the Town, but in the last two years especially since the covid restrictions the complaints have increased weekly.

I have been out many times cleaning up the fouling and put up over forty no dog fouling posters around town and have had the dog warden visit Blaenau several times, but most posters are taken down the same day.

I've put up twenty luminous signs last week around the Town to see if these will be better, but let's see.

NOTICE OF MOTION

I propose that Ffestiniog Town Council address the serious problem of dog fouling in our community as a matter of urgency and make it clear to the perpetrators that this is not acceptable in our community.”

DECISION: Councillor Mark Thomas seconded the proposal.

An amendment was received from Councillor Rory Francis to place an article in the local press to urge local residents to inform the police / Gwynedd Council Department if they see a dog owner not picking up the dog mess. Also a reminder that dog fouling can be put in a green bin and get free dog fouling bags from Green Town and other shops.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Dafydd Dafis.

Discussion took place on some actions including:

- Councillor Glyn Daniels has already contacted the Head of Gwynedd Council's department for further assistance, awaiting a response.
- The Deputy Clerk has spoken to the dog fouling department, and they are in the process of deciding to have a dog fouling bin down at the Coed Cymerau entrance, but would not put any more bins around the street as there is an argument that dog owners have enough close to home, and dog fouling bags can be placed in any green bin.
- The problem gets worse between November and March due to dark nights.
- Dog owners have been pushing dog fouling bags in indecent locations around town e.g. holes in a wall rather than a bin.
- Emphasize that the culprit is a minority and thank the owners in the majority who are responsible and clean up after their dogs.

It was decided to withhold the article until the Head of Department at Gwynedd Council has responded.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

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11250/02/22 13. Health

Councillor Dafydd Dafis asked the Clerk if a date had been set for the Mental Health Event meeting. The Clerk confirms that most agencies are now back, and a convenient date and time need to be coordinated for the majority.

DECISION: To receive the information.

TOWN COUNCIL

11251/02/22 14. TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT.

- Friendship Benches - Proposed to have 3 benches in the area. 3 artists came forward from open call. One bench is funded by the Lle-Chi scheme, the second is funded by the Intergenerational Project, and the 3rd will be open-ended.
- Manod Bus Shelter - continuing efforts to install the new shelter. Approved last week by the Trunk Road Department, Welsh Government as to the location of the new shelter. Waiting to hear back from Zurich, an insurance company regarding the new quote (as the old quote got older).
- Tan y Manod - the 5 fruit trees arrived at the Clerk's home. The Clerk to arrange for the trees to be handed over to Councillor Mark Thomas before they are ready for planting at Cae Tan y Manod. Council to discuss Councillor Mark Thomas' intention to purchase Welsh timber at the next Amenities Committee.
- Interviews for the new tenancy of the café, The Pavilion, The Park This Wednesday, February 16th, 2022. 4 candidates to be interviewed over Zoom.
- A complaint area has been submitted to Gwynedd Council on behalf of local residents including a crowded dog fouling bin in Wynne Road, a trip slip opposite Encil Garden and a fly-tipping incident in Tanygrisiau.
- The Clerk has submitted an article to An Oral Bro providing an update on the main current activities of the Town Council.
- Caban account annual financial report submitted to Charity Commission for 2020-2021. It was confirmed that there was currently £ 3,360.76 in the account, noting any expenditure in 2020-2021.
- The Deputy Clerk has completed a draft of the Biodiversity plan.
- Meeting with Tomos Huws, North Wales Ambulance Service arranged to ensure the town's defibrillators are correctly registered on the 'The Circuit' system.

DECISION: To receive the information

11252/02/22 15. Enterprising Communities Fund – consider submitting an application from the Ffestiniog Town Council.

Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym suggested that the Town Council should apply for a facilitator to work with, and draw ideas from, various focus groups in the area and create an action plan to identify the next steps after receiving the World Heritage status.

DECISION: It was agreed that the Clerk submit an application on behalf of the Town Council for funding to facilitate a facilitator and create an action plan.

11253/02/22 16. Update on arrangements for the St. David's event through the Age Friendly grant.

An update was received from the Clerk confirming that the event will be held 1pm-3pm at the Community Center on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022. The afternoon will include afternoon tea, entertainment and a taxi service to fetch attendees and take them home.

DECISION: Accept the information.

11254/02/22 17. Discuss next steps for the Climate and Nature Emergency.

As well as working with Gwyrdd Ni, explore the possibility of holding an open event to attract the ideas of local residents and feed the ideas into Ffestiniog Town Council's Environmental Policy and Biodiversity Policy.

Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym is keen for the Town Council to work with the Chamber of Commerce / business community to add value to the content of the policies.

It was suggested that a public campaign be made through the Town Council Facebook page and articles to the papers to get the views and suggestions of residents in the community.

DECISION: It was agreed to contact GwyrddNi Officer, Nina Bentley to discuss possible next steps in working together.

11255/02/22 18. Possible application for a High Street Officer, Blaenau Ffestiniog..

The Clerk gave an introduction to the background to this application, and the opportunity to be part of an application to fund a High Street officer to work specifically on high street development over 2 years.

Councilors discussed the financial implications of employing the officer, and many questions were raised regarding costs, responsibility and administrative detail if this officer were to be located within the Town Council, and considerable concern was raised by the lack of financial detail.

Councilor Bedwyr Gwilym noted that the Town Council had discussed the application approximately 2 years ago and at that time had identified the need for an officer to develop the High Street.

Cllr. Bedwyr Gwilym that the Town Council first agrees to the principle of a Blaenau Ffestiniog High Street Development Officer being required.

Cllr. Rory Francis seconded the motion.

It was then noted that stage 2 would be further discussion in order to identify the best body for this officer to be employed / deployed.

Further discussion took place regarding the officer's duties and whether there was public demand for such a post. It was suggested that the officer could work on development applications for the high street, as well as working directly with the chamber of commerce to get that back on track and co-ordinate a stronger business partnership in the town and to market the street better.

Councilor Mark Thomas challenged the need for the job, as well as the need for community wi-fi at all. He asked for confirmation of the use of community wi-fi so

far, and how much profit the Town Council has made. It was agreed to present the information to him.

Councillor Mark Thomas asked if the Town Council had carried out a risk assessment of the potential harm from community Wi-Fi rays on the brain, following a concern from a local resident. Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym noted that there was no need to complete a Risk Assessment for the community wi-fi, noting that the concern was a 'Conspiracy theory'. Councillor Mark Thomas requested a copy of the meeting recording and for Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym's comments to be noted on the minutes.

Following the high number of questions, it was agreed that this would need to be discussed separately at a specific Committee before a decision was made regarding the location of the high street Officer's employment.

DECISION: To receive further details of the post and to arrange a bespoke meeting to discuss.

11256/02/22 19. Consider a letter received from residents near Oakley Terrace, Talwaenydd.

Chairman Erwyn Jones left the room during a discussion on this item, with Vice Chairman Rory Francis stepping in to chair this item.

Councilor Alun Jones also proposed to the Town Council to write to Breedon raising the same concerns and seeking answers.

Councilor Glyn Daniels seconded the proposal.

Councilor Dafydd Dafis raised another concern regarding the waste dust currently being dumped behind the heap. The biggest concern was that the waste dust in time is going to pollute our rivers.

It was agreed to raise this issue within the Town Council's letter to Breedon.

DECISION: Write a letter to the Breedon group raising residents' concerns about the smell and dust in the air.

Councilor Erwyn Jones returned to the meeting and stepped in as Chair of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

11257/02/22 20. Playing Fields

DECISION: Nothing to report.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

11258/02/22 21. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES.

Nothing to report.

11259/02/22 22. NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL

Nothing to report.

11260/02/22 23. OTHER NEWS

Nothing to report.

11261/02/22 24. CORRESPONDANCE.

a) A brief report from Our Area - 2035, by the Community Support Officer, Gwynedd Council.

Concern was raised about the responses of the town's young people from the report.

Councilor Glyn Daniels left the meeting at 20.49pm.

b) E-mail from local resident 06/02/22

It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next Amenities Committee, on the 21st of February, 2022. It was noted that if the Tan Tanygrisiau group were to formalize, then the group would be very welcome to send an official invitation seeking a representative from the Town Council to sit on the group.

c) E-mail from J. Jeffreys

Agreed with the comments of the general resident, but acknowledged Ffestiniog Town Council's unusual position of being responsible for 9 playing fields and that it was impossible to spend and upgrade each pitch within budget. Cllr. Bedwyr Gwilym that it would be an idea for the Town Council to draw up a long-term plan that undertakes an audit of each playing field, and then plan for alternative sports provision in the fields eg basketball at Tanygrisiau, Tennis yard in The Park, multi-weather pitch at Cae Manod etc.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

CHAIR

**THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD
ON MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022**

ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7:00 p.m.

THE AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING 14TH MARCH 2022
WILL CLOSE ON 7th MARCH 2022

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