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MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING

8th July 2021

MINUTES OF THE FFESTINIOG TOWN COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JULY 2021
ONLINE AT 7.00 PM.

CHAIR: Councillor: Erwyn Jones

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

11076/07/21 1. APOLOGIES

None.

11077/07/21 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

11078/07/21 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.**

None.

11079/07/21 4. POLICE ISSUES

PCSO Delyth Edwards and Emma Jones gave an update. Some issues with young people lighting fires, fire prevention work and an apology letter sent to the fire service.

It was raised that cars were racing on the road between Maentwrog and Llan Ffestiniog, and it was asked if the Police had received any complaints.

It was noted that the same problem was on the A470 up Llechwedd.

It was confirmed that the Police had not yet received any complaints, but they suggested that members of the public try to identify the car registration number and contact the Police.

Police officers left the meeting at 7.20pm.

11080/07/21 5. TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON THE 10th JUNE 2021.

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

11081/07/21 6. TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING ON THE 30th JUNE 2021.

DECISION: That the Minutes be received and confirmed, with Councillor Annwen Daniels proposing and Councillor Gwenlli Evans seconded.

11082/07/21 7. PAYMENTS DUE

Taliadau l'w talu / Payments Due 11.06.21-15.07.21				
Cyfarfod Arferol / Ordinary Meeting 08.07.2021				
Cyfrifon 2021-22 (l'w dalu)				
Dyddiad/Date	Cyflenwr / Supplier	Disgrifiad / Description	Cost	Rhif sic/ Chq No
30.06.21	Canolfan Gymdeithasol	Rhent Mehefin 2021	£ 430.00	3243
31.05.21	Cricieth Cleaning	Glanhau llochesi a biniau Meh / Bus shelter/ bin cleaning for Jun	£ 1,203.53	3244
05.06.21	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Taliad Zoom misol / monthly Zoom fee INV89962603	£14.39	3242
08.06.21	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Taliad zoom - system cyfieithu / translation facility	£34.56	3242
05.07.21	British Gas	Trydan Pafiliwn 02/06/21-01/07/21	£64.49	DD
01.06.21	BT	Anfoneb misol ffon / Y we	£64.14	DD
17.06.21	Glyn Lasarus Jones	Cyfieithu 10.06.21 Translation	£56.00	3245
02.07.21	Mr Flags	Fflag newydd / new flag	£65.11	3246
23.06.21	C&A Asbestos removal	Gwaredu gwastraff cae baltic rubbish disposal	£192.00	3247
05.06.21	Owain Aeron	Torri gwair Mai / May Grass cutting	£945.00	3248
15.06.21	Porthmadog Computers	Gwasanaethu 2 laptop x2 servicing	£119.98	3249
21.06.21	Cyngor Gwynedd	Swyddog rygbi cyfraniad 21/22 rugby officer contribution	£2,000.00	3250
05.07.21	Zoe Pritchard (Clerc)	Zoom - ffis misol a cyfieithu /monthly fee & translation	£52.79	3242
CYFANSWM			£ 5,241.99	
ARIAN I MEWN / INCOME				
11.06.21	HMRC	Ad-daliad TAW Q4 / Q4 Vat Re-payment	£ 4,145.07	

DECISION: The Clerk was authorized to pay the above. Due to no Ffestiniog Town Council meetings during August, the clerk was given permission to pay essential invoices.

2 July 2021 (2021-2022)

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

<i>(Last) Year Ended</i> 31 Mar 2021		<i>(Current) Year Ended</i> 31 Mar 2022
	<u>Income</u>	
302.58	02 Cyffredin / General	0.00
235,000.00	12 Praesept / Precept	115,000.00
200.54	08 Incwm / Income	4,145.63
792.99	07 Caeau Chwarae / Playing Fields	-158.59
146.60	06 Mwynderau/Amenities	0.00
1,905.00	04 Llwybrau / Footpaths	0.00
	Suspense Account	1,080.00
£238,347.71		£120,067.04
	<u>Expense</u>	
7,545.79	03a Cyfraniadau / Donations	550.00
6,175.00	04 Llwybrau / Footpaths	0.00
4,953.25	10 Yswiriant, Archwilio, Hybu / Insu	0.00
6,850.05	05 Nadolig / Christmas	0.00
2,650.00	09 Aelodau / Members	0.00
7,276.38	11 Llochesi Bws / Bus Shelters	898.48
43,137.28	07 Caeau Chwarae / Playing Fields	2,893.18
8,185.48	06 Mwynderau/Amenities	400.00
79,984.22	01 Cyflogau / Salaries	16,193.45
15,451.15	02 Cyffredin / General	2,463.13
£182,208.60		£23,398.24
	<u>General Fund</u>	
95,270.09	Balance at 01 Apr 2021	151,409.20
238,347.71	ADD Total Income	120,067.04
333,617.80		271,476.24
182,208.60	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	23,398.24
151,409.20		248,078.00
0.00	DEDUCT Reserves Balance	0.00
£151,409.20	Balance at 31 Mar 2022	£248,078.00

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				77,129.00	18,744.16	58,385	58,385
02 Cyffredin / General				17,490.00	2,980.68	14,509	14,509
03 Adran 137 Section				2,000.00		2,000	2,000
03a Cyfraniadau / Donations				10,150.00	550.00	9,600	9,600
04 Llwybrau / Footpaths				6,900.00	900.00	6,000	6,000
05 Nadolig / Christmas				15,850.00		15,850	15,850
06 Mwynderau/Amenities				42,150.00	1,434.00	40,716	40,716
07 Caeau Chwarae / Playing Fields		44.83	45	50,211.00	6,290.55	43,920	43,965
08 Incwm / Income		4,145.63	4,146				4,146
09 Aelodau / Members				10,350.00		10,350	10,350
10 Yswiriant, Archwilio, Hybu / Insur				7,050.00	531.35	6,519	6,519
11 Llochesi Bws / Bus Shelters				6,400.00	1,347.72	5,052	5,052
12 Praesept / Precept	230,000.00	115,000.00	-115,000				-115,000
Gwyl Haf							
Suspense Account		1,080.00	1,080				1,080
NET TOTAL	230,000.00	120,270.46	-109,730	245,680.00	32,778.46	212,902	103,172

Total for ALL Cost Centres	120,270.46	32,778.46
V.A.T.	0.00	2,148.53
GROSS TOTAL	120,270.46	34,926.99

DECISION: To accept the accounts.

11084/07/21 9. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

To accept the recommendations of the Amenities Committee on Thursday 17th June 2021.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Thursday evening 17th June 2021

Online via Zoom AT 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors:

Erwyn Jones

Gwenlli Evans

Bedwyr Gwilym

Mark Thomas

Annwen Daniels

Ronwen Roberts

Apologies:

Councillors:

Glyn Daniels

Rory Francis

Mel Goch ap Meirion

1. Elect a chair

Following the Chair Rory Francis' apology, the Committee had to elect a Chair for this meeting. Councillor Erwyn Jones was proposed by Councillor Annwen Daniels, seconded by Councillor Gwenlli Evans.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Councillor Rory Francis, Glyn Daniels a Mel Goch ap Meirion.

Recommendation: To accept the apologies.

2. Declaration of Personal Interest

NONE

4. Playing fields - monthly inspection

Cae Bryn Coed - Following a complaint from a local parent of the black rubber mats around the roundabout getting under hot in sun, to the point of burning a toddler's hand, Rospa was contacted for further guidance. A response was received that this is one complaint that arises with that type of rubber mats. The only way to get rid of the problem is to change them completely for other types e.g. geotiles (where grass can grow through the tile). It was agreed to obtain quotations for the work and look to complete the work with funding / precept next year (2022/23).

Agree to place signs on site that there is a risk and that we are working on a solution.

Councilor Bedwyr Gwilym joined the meeting at 7.12pm.

Cae Manod - Need to paint over obscene graffiti behind the Town Council sign. Councilor Gwenlli Evans is happy to paint it.

Cae Gild - Concern raised by the inspector about the hole in the picnic table at the site. It was agreed that Councilor Ronwen Roberts would look at it to see how serious the hole was.

Cae Baltic - The waste that had been identified as a risk of Asbestos had been removed by a dedicated company, although not Asbestos it was important not to take any risk. Clearance work at Cae Baltic will need to be added to the maintenance officer's work program when in place.

Cae Sgwar Oakeley - Enquiries have been received for further no dog signs around the field.

Following a conversation with Cameron Jones, the on-site football pitch is full of stones on the surface, to the point where children cannot dive while playing. Further research will be needed into the condition, and what solutions are possible.

Skate Park - Covid sign required back at entrance. The concern of the footpath to the park was discussed as being very muddy, and it was suggested to contact the quarries to see if it is possible to get some slate waste to make a harder and less muddy path floor. Need to remove the two broken bins, and install 2 new cemented floors. Investigator has raised the ramp again - needs to be repaired. Young people have asked for more ramps, looking for an opportunity to discuss their ideas with the Town Council.

The Park - Need to install a new Covid sign there. Need to get a quote to fix the steps on the tree frame.

Old issues remain - namely the metal and concrete stump needing to be made safe, and the 2 fences being arranged between the small park and the rest of the park.

Children have asked if they can get football goals there.

The maintenance officer will need to prioritize the issues in the Park.

5. Update on grass cutting at Cae Sgwar Oakeley

Councillor Ronwen Roberts had received comments from local residents that dog fouling was a problem in the field. The grass will be cut in a few weeks, dog fouling has always been a problem.

One comment was that there was a lack of fencing between the field side and the road, to prevent children running off the field straight onto the road. It was agreed that local residents would need to be consulted, and possible fence options looked at when considering expenditure and budget.

Recommend: Check that the remaining grass of Oakeley Square Field is cut at the end of a month. Need to consult with local residents if they would like to see a fence erected between the football field and the main road.

6. Consider Gwyn Tomos' invoice for payment for various works at our playgrounds.

RECOMMENDATION: To pay the invoice.

7. Update on the Park Partnership

A meeting had been arranged in the Park to discuss the next steps for the Park Partnership on Wednesday the 9th of June, 2021, with Councillor Mark Thomas and the clerk attending. Although 4 individuals had declared an interest, unfortunately no one attended on the evening. It was suggested to try arranging one meeting again, and then consider next steps. Call the meeting as an opportunity to bring their ideas forward. Suggest putting a brochure in letterboxes of houses adjacent to the park. Possible to work with Bro Cast to create a video to further promote the meeting.

Councillor Mark Thomas confirmed that the Park Partnership's bank account balance was £ 306.

Councillor Mark Thomas noted that the shovels and garden tools of the Partnership had not been found since the Dref Werdd 'container' was moved out of the compound.

Councillor Ronwen Roberts had received confirmation from Y Dref Werdd that the container had been emptied before being moved, and the equipment left in the allotment. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Green Town asking about the location of the equipment.

Recommendation: Re-promote the Park Partnership meeting. Write to the Dref Werdd to inquire about the location of gardening equipment from the container.

8. Discuss Tree Planting Scheme on land adjacent Cwm Farm, Cwm Cynfal

Recommendation: The committee was in agreement to support the plans.

9. Agree to the contents of the application form for a starter package from 'Local Places for Nature' – Keep Wales Tidy.

Agree to apply for the starter pack, as the development pack is for food gardens. The community did not want allotments, so a fruit orchard was agreed.

It was suggested to create an activity sheet for children, which identifies different trees and nature on the site, once the orchard is in place.

Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym queried whether it was possible to accept the grant application completed by the Dref Werdd on site to attract grants, in order to receive the research work and perhaps to apply ourselves in the future.

Councillor Erwyn Jones and Mark Thomas volunteered to complete a site risk assessment.

Recommend: Apply for the starter pack. Ask the Dref Werdd for a copy of the application form that was completed to apply for grants last year for Tir Tan y Manod.

10. Discuss new possible location for the Town Council's noticeboard.

A strong feeling that should be placed in the town centre. Some possible locations:

- Near the Memorial Tree
- On the bridge railings near the bridge cafe
- Near the little train
- Outside the co-op
- Near Diffwys toilets.

Recommendation: 1st option outside of the co-op, and explore the rest following a response from the Co-op.

11. Any Urgent Business

Councilor Ronwen Roberts inquired if it is possible to have fruit trees planted at Cae Sgwar Oakeley. The Clerk to enquire if trees would be available through the Green Town first.

Numerous anti-social behavior occurring in Diffwys toilets. Police aware.

The Clerk noted that painting the playground equipment is taking much longer than expected as the paint takes a long time to dry.

Councillor Annwen Daniels asked what the intention was for the High Street planters. The Clerk has received quotes for

- Tidy up Llan memorial - £ 170
- Gardd Encil - £ 150
- High street planters £ 107
- Rawson Square - £ 155

The Committee was happy with the quotes, and has already agreed to the work in previous committees. Happy to proceed with prices.

Rumour has it that community service has resumed, the Clerk to inquire further. In terms of cutting groceries around the Park.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to continue to search for a fencing quotation between the small park and the rest of the park, and then make a final decision on whether to install it.

Meeting ends at 8.41pm.

DECISION: To accept the recommendations of the Amenities Committee with Councillor Annwen Daniels proposing and Councillor Gwenlli Evans seconding the motion.

11085/07/21 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Discuss applications received and receive Planning Authority decisions.

APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Planning Application No: NP5/59/789B
2 Maes y Coed, Llan Ffestiniog. LL41 4PE
Removal of Condition 2 from Planning Permission NP5/59/789 dated 29/01/2018
DECISION: No objection to the application.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DECISION

PLANNING AUTHORITY: GWYNEDD COUNCIL:

Rhify Cais	Math o Gais	Manylion y Lleoliad	Bwriad	Ward	Cymuned	Penderfyniad
C20/0308/03/LL	Cais Llawn	The Commercial Commercial Square, Blaenau Ffestiniog, LL41 3HP	Newid defnydd cyn tafarn gydag annedd uwchben yn dri fflat hunangynhwysol. Change of use of former public house with residence above to form 3 self contained apartments	Bowydd & Rhiw	Ffestiniog	Gwrthodwyd

DECISION: REFUSED.

PLANNING AUTHORITY: SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK:

Application No	Location	Description	Ward	Decision
NP5/59/792A	Tir ger 3 Saron Houses, Ffestiniog. LL41 4LY	Extension to residential curtilage	Teigl	Permitted with conditions

DECISION: To accept the information.

11086/07/21 11. NOTICE OF MOTION

From Councillor Nathan Jarvis:

“During our time here, both living in the centre of the village, and now at Penrallt Goch, next door to Gwesty Seren, we have noticed an increase in dangerous driving through the village. Having moved to our new house, we've particularly noticed groups of cars, all modified fiestas, corsas, racing up and down the hill. They speed up the hill, and then turn around and race back, several times.

(Speaking to several residents in the village, I know this has been a problem for some time, but am not sure whether this has been brought to council?)

We have two young children, and are not able to let them walk up the village, bearing in mind that there's no pavement, and three blind spots. On more than one occasion, we have had to almost jump out of the way.

As we are considering speed limits in Manod etc, could we add a potential drop in speed limit on the hill towards Llan (from Porthmadog direction)? The wall of the hotel has been demolished a year or so ago, and it's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt, especially during the summer months when the road is very popular with cyclists.

I'm sure you've discussed this before, so would be really interested to hear what you think.”

DECISION: The motion was seconded by Councillor Ronwen Roberts. It was agreed to add this section of the road to the other areas when discussing a way forward with Gwynedd Council. It was agreed to make further inquiries with the Police regarding a community speed monitoring service. Councilor Nathan Jarvis to also raise the issue with County Councillor Linda Jones.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA**11087/07/21 12. HEALTH**

Covid-19 mobile testing unit returns to Blaenau Ffestiniog next week, located in the bottom car park of the Social Center..

TOWN COUNCIL

11088/07/21 13. TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT.

- Maintenance Officer's Tender and café lease both live, and promoted on our website and social media channels.
- A Local Places grant application was successful, with a gardening package on its way to Tan y Manod land.
- Gwynedd Council has contacted that two of the paths are overgrown - a clerk to contact the contractors to arrange cutting.
- Clerk of Llandygai Community Council has corresponded with all Community Councils in Gwynedd, expressing concern at Gwynedd Council's slow response generally to queries from Clerks of Community and Town Councils. The Clerk confirmed that some similar cases had arisen within Ffestiniog Town Council, and it will be possible to add to the conversation and see what comes out of the discussions.
- Notice of closure of Glanypwll road next week - the clerk to place the notice on the Town Council's Facebook page.
- Online bank account opened with Natwest.

DECISION: To receive the information.

11089/07/21 14. Discuss contents of Cambrian News article 01.07.21

Councillor Mark Thomas expressed concern at the state of the crazy golf course, and that some local residents had keys and continued to open the golf and tennis area without the Council's permission. This has caused children to access the site and hurt. It was agreed that the lock needed to be changed to ensure that it could not be opened until the crazy golf course had been repaired and the site made safe.

Councillor Dafydd Dafis confirmed that he had been to visit the skate park himself and found that there were some minor errors that needed attention, but felt that the comments in the article were very unfair. It was confirmed that park audits were carried out on a monthly basis and Rospa inspection annually.

Clwb Cline have contacted the Town Council since seeing the article, and noted that they are keen to have a discussion between Clwb Cline members and Town Councillors on site. It was agreed that the clerk would arrange a meeting with the young people at the Skate Park site.

DECISION: Wait a few months for a chance to action issues, and work on creating our own press article in the near future.

MATTERS ARISING

11090/07/21 15. Playing Fields

- Need to cut the Park hedge soon.

- Sewage discharge near Baltic Field. Need to contact Welsh Water urgently.
- Councillor Dafydd Dafis raised concerns with Cae Tanygrisiau, and the improvement works near the primary school, specifically concrete steps leading down the road to the playing field, and that the handrail appeared to be dangerous at a child's eye level which could cause serious harm. It was agreed to contact the Highways Department, Gwynedd Council to raise the concern.
- Councillor Ronwen Roberts had visited the picnic table at Cae Gild, and declared that the hole could not be repaired and the table needed to be removed and replaced with a bench.

DECISION: To receive the information and discuss it further at the next Amenities Committee.

11091/07/21 16. Discuss and decide response to Pistyll Community Council's letter.

Councillor Mark Thomas proposed that the Town Council support the content of the letter, Councillor Glyn Daniels seconded the proposal, with the rest of the Town Council unanimously supporting the letter.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

11092/07/21 17. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES.

Councilor Annwen Daniels, Cllr. Gwenlli Evans and Cllr. Ronwen Roberts had a meeting with Transport Wales staff. They have a package of support available, with minor improvements around the town. And confirm that there is no intention whatsoever to close the train line. Clerk to arrange for the Wales Transport Manager to attend a meeting of the Town Council in the coming months to be able to inquire further about plans for a new station.

11093/07/21 18. NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL

Nothing to report.

11094/07/21 19. OTHER NEWS

Meeting to discuss St Michael's Church postponed, and to reschedule to 28th July, 2021 online.

Bro Ffestiniog Social Center has been successful in receiving a grant from Gwynedd Council to renovate the kitchen there, to provide cookery training courses with Coleg Llandrillo-Menai.

11095/07/21 20. CORRESPONDANCE.

None this month.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

CHAIR

**THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7:00 p.m.

THE AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021

WILL CLOSE ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2021

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