

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF FFESTINIOG TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2017
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7.00pm

CHAIR: Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym

PRESENT: Councillors: Erwyn Jones Annwen Daniels, Mel Goch ap Meirion, Will G. Roberts, Mari Rees, Ronwen D Roberts, Mark Thomas and Glyn Daniels

9962/09/17 **APOLOGIES:**
Councillors: Rory Francis

9963/09/17 **ACCEPT DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**
FROM COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED: The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Councillors Mari Rees and Glyn Daniels in the presence of the Town Clerk.

9964/09/17 **WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS**

RESOLVED: The Chair welcomed the new Councillors

9965/09/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Councillor Erwyn Jones 9972/09/17 Planning Application
Councillor Annwen Daniels 9972/09/17 Planning Application
and 9978/09/17 Land at Tan y Manod

9966/09/17 **URGENT ITEMS**

Matters which, in the view of the Chair, should be considered as matters of urgency, in line with section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Note: Only discussion is allowed and no decisions may be made regarding matters raised here. Any decisions must be made at the following meeting.

Cwmni Bro has asked for permission to give a brief summary of their work and future objectives to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To extend an invitation to a representative of Cwmni Bro to give information to the Town Council at the October meeting.

Information was provided by Gwynedd Council regarding arrangements to calm traffic near the Ysgol Maenofferen site following a meeting with the head in charge, a Cyngor Gwynedd officer and Town Councillors. There will be speed humps placed in 5 locations on the road leading to the school

RESOLVED: to receive information and agree with the arrangements.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Erwyn Jones, arranged a sponsored walk on behalf of Cylch Meithrin Blaenau Ffestiniog in August. Three of them walked from Blaenau to the top of Snowdon, a trip that took 11 hours to complete.

RESOLVED: The Council thanked Councillor Erwyn Jones for his hard work in securing the future of Cylch Meithrin Blaenau Ffestiniog in recent years.

An application was received from Glendale on behalf of Scottish Power for permission to trim trees in the Park to protect electricity wires.

DECISION: Permission was given for the trees to be trimmed.

Information was given that the B4391 road between Garreg Lwyd and Pont yr Afon Gam Café will be closed on September 15th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm to facilitate the filming of an advert.

DECISION: To receive the information.

9967/09/17 POLICE MATTERS

There was no police presence at the meeting.

It was reported that there were incidents again on the A470 at Manod with drivers refusing to surrender.

It was also complained that the cost of parking at Diffwys was high and this is having a detrimental effect on the business of the town shops and also creating more on-street parking problems.

RESOLVED: To accept the information and to request statistics for incidences on the A470 through the town. To ask Cyngor Gwynedd to look again at the parking charges at Diffwys.

9968/09/17 RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY 2017

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the minutes, with Councillor Erwyn Jones proposing and Councillor Will G Roberts seconding the proposal.

9969/09/17 ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID
AUGUST

Catrin S Williams (Translator)	£	105.88	Cheque No.	002471
Broxap Ltd (Bins for the Park)	£	1418.40	Cheque No.	002472
Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£	3192.72	Cheque No.	002473
Eifion Stores (Compost)	£	24.25	Cheque No.	002474
K W Jones (CCTV cameras)	£	2189.00	Cheque No.	002475
Cricieth Cleaning Ltd (Various)	£	1016.20	Cheque No.	002477
Cricieth Cleaning Ltd (Windows etc)	£	172.50	Cheque No.	002478
Owain Aeron (Playing fields)	£	830.00	Cheque No.	002479
J P Farrington (Gardening)	£	1065.00	Cheque No.	002480
BT (Phone)	£	32.28	Direct Debit	
BT (Broadband)	£	40.80	Direct Debit	
Antur Stiniog (Rent)	£	276.00	Direct Debit	
Cyngor Gwynedd (Rates)	£	205.00	Direct Debit	

9970/09/17 ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID
SEPTEMBER

North Wales Fencing Co (The Park)	£	1946.40	Cheque No.	002481
Dŵr Cymru (The Park)	£	169.48	Cheque No.	002482
Cricieth Cleaning Ltd (Various)	£	1016.20	Cheque No.	002483
Eifion Stores (Defibrillator)	£	112.27	Cheque No.	002474
Eifion Stores (Goods)	£	9.00	Cheque No.	002475
Cyngor Gwynedd (Elections)	£	583.00	Cheque No.	002476
Petty Cash	£	50.00	Cheque No.	002487
Viking Direct	£	367.80	Cheque No.	002488
Cyngor Gwynedd (Ground rent)	£	1.00	Cheque No.	002493

Owain Aeron (Grass cutting)	£ 1230.00	Cheque No	002494
Antur Stiniog (Rent)	£ 276.00	Direct Debit	
BT (Phone)	£ 32.62	Direct Debit	
BT (Broadband)	£ 40.80	Direct Debit	
Cyngor Gwynedd (Rates)	£ 205.00	Direct Debit	

RESOLVED: The Clerk was given permission to pay the above and Chris Fosbury, Eifion stores was thanked for giving his labour for free in installing the defibrillator.

9971/09/17 MONEY RECEIVED
 Cyngor Gwynedd (Precept) £ 75000.00

9972/09/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Councillor Erwyn Jones Application No.C17/0839/03/LL
Councillor Annwen Daniels Application No.C17/0839/03/LL

Discuss applications to hand and accept decisions of Planning Authorities

1. Planning Application No. C17/0615/03/LL
 Applicant Mr & Mrs J T Jones
 Cyn HSBC
 Heol yr Eglwys
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Application to change the use of the Bank and offices to restaurant and 7 bedroom residential dwelling together with the provision of dormer windows and alterations to existing opening.
No Objection
2. Planning Application No. C17/0667/03/LL
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Beards
 Bryn Tirion
 91 Ffordd Manod
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 First floor rear extension
No Objection
3. Planning Application No. C17/0718/03/LL
 Applicant D & C Jones Co. Ltd
 Old Station Yard
 Llwynygell
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Application to demolish existing office building and erect a new office/workshop building
No Objection
4. Planning Application No. C17/0687/03/LL
 Applicant Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
 Gorsaf Ambiwlans
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Application for the creation of 2 new parking spaces.
No Objection

5. Planning Application No. C17/0700/03/LL
Applicant Mr & Mrs J O'Mahoney
1 Bryn Ffynnon Newydd
Ffordd Manod
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Demolish rear extension and erection of new extension
No Objection
6. Planning Application No. C17/0786/03/LL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
Teiliau Mawr
Cwm Teigl
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Conversion of outbuilding to holiday unit
7. Planning Application No. C17/0781/03/LL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
Teiliau Mawr
Cwm Teigl
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Conversion of outbuilding to holiday unit
8. Planning Application No. C17/0839/03/LL
Applicant: Mr Huw Jones
Bronant
Heol Dorfil
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Application for the change of use of part of existing workshop to dwelling
9. Planning Application No. C17/0833/03/LL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
Teiliau Mawr
Cwm Teigl
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Alterations to dwelling house to include the demolition of front porch and erect new extension, convert the attached stable to form part of the dwelling and re-open and replace windows
10. Planning Application No C17/0834/03/LL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
Teiliau Mawr
Cwm Teigl
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Alterations to dwelling house to include the demolition of front porch and erect new extension, convert the attached stable to form part of the dwelling and re-open and replace windows
11. Planning Application No C17/0852/03/LL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
Teiliau Mawr
Cwm Teigl
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Conversion of outbuilding to holiday unit

12. Planning Application No C17/0853/03/LL
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
 Teiliau Mawr
 Cwm Teigl
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Conversion of outbuilding to holiday unit

13. Planning Application No C17/0872/03/LL
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
 Teiliau Mawr
 Cwm Teigl
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Conversion of outbuilding to holiday unit

14. Planning Application No C17/0873/03/LL
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clive Spencer
 Teiliau Mawr
 Cwm Teigl
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Conversion of outbuilding to holiday unit

15. Planning Application No NP5/59/131D
 Applicant: Mr Rh Williams
 Cyn Depo Cyngor Gwynedd
 Ffestiniog
 Demolish former council depot and erection of three 2/3 storey affordable local occupancy dwellings

APPLICATIONS RESOLVED BY PLANNING AUTHORITY

1. Planning Application No. C17/0667/03/LL
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Beards
 Bryn Tirion
 91 Ffordd Manod
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 First floor extension
Permit

2. Planning Application No. C17/0468/03/LL
 Applicant Cardtronics Ltd
 Co-op
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Retention of ATM signs
Permit

3. Planning Application No. C17/0468/03/LL
 Applicant Cardtronics Ltd
 Co-op
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Application for the retention of ATM
Permit

4. Planning Application No. C17/0616/03/LL
 Applicant Mr M Jones
 Fferm y Ffynnon
 Manod
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Application to demolish existing single storey extensions and erect two storey extensions on the side and rear of the dwelling.
Refused

5. Planning Application No. C17/0687/03/LL
 Applicant Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
 Gorsaf Ambiwlans
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Application for the creation of 2 new parking spaces.
Permit

6. Planning Application No. C17/0700/03/LL
 Applicant Mr & Mrs J O'Mahoney
 1 Bryn Ffynnon Newydd
 Ffordd Manod
 Blaenau Ffestiniog
 Demolish rear extension and erection of new extension
Permit

RESOLVED: To resolve as above and accept the information regarding the decision of the Planning Authorities. To discuss the remaining applications further at a Planning meeting to be held at the Chamber on Thursday 21 September.

9973/09/17 AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Although no formal Committee was held on the 20th of July due to a lack of quorum, accept the recommendations after they were discussed by e-mail

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMENITIES SUB COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 20th JULY 2017
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7.00 p.m.

Present:	Apologies:
Councillors:	Councillors:
Mel Goch ap Meirion	Annwen Daniels
Erwyn Jones	Bedwyr Gwilym
Ronwen D Roberts	Rory Francis
Wil Guest Roberts	

DECLARATION OF INTEREST
No Councillor Declared an Interest

1. **Playing fields Report**
 Councillor Mel Goch ap Meirion questioned why there are no 'No Dogs' signs at Cae Bryn Coed.
Recommend: To accept the reports and to discuss buying 'No Dogs' signs with the Town Council logo on them in September.

2. The Park

There was a discussion about the lack of revenue received since the Crazy Golf course was laid.

Recommend: To be discussed in September after Councillors look again at its location and what can be done to improve the use of the course.

3. Park Café

There was a discussion regarding problems with the Cafe not opening regularly e.g. no toilets available, no crazy golf course tickets are being sold and no regular litter picks.

Recommend: to seek a meeting with Carys Jones on Tuesday 25th of July at 7.00 in the Chamber to try to solve some of the problems.

4. Cae Baltic

There was discussion regarding the quote of £6308.00 for a new fence for the playing field and £10,384.00 for a fence around the rest of the field by North Wales Fencing.

Recommend: Councillor Will G Roberts to ask if the installation of a rail on top of the fence makes it safer because the fence is in good condition but not within the requirements of ROSPA.

Cafwyd trafodaeth ynglŷn â'r pris o £6308.00 am ffens newydd i'r cae chwarae a £10,384.00 am ffens i weddill y cae gan North Wales Fencing.

5. Land near Cae Baltic

Gwynedd Council have asked if the Town Council wishes to purchase an area of land adjacent to the playground. The Council has shown an interest in the land here in the past.

Recommend: The land has been protected for recreation use only and local children play here on a regular basis. To confirm to Gwynedd Council that the Town Council is willing to buy the land to protect it as a play area for local children.

6. Payment of accounts

Permission to pay invoices from Eifion Stores, Broxap, Zurich and Catrin Williams
Recommend: permission was given to pay the accounts

7. Planning applications

Discuss planning applications received

a) Planning Application No. C17/0615/03/LL

Applicant Mr & Mrs J T Jones

Cyn HSBC

Heol yr Eglwys

Blaenau Ffestiniog

Application to change the use of the Bank and offices to restaurant and 7 bedroom residential dwelling together with the provision of dormer windows and alterations to existing opening.

No Objection but offers the comment that there is an error on point 15 as there will be trade waste as it will be run as a restaurant.

b) Planning Application No C17/0667/03/LL

Applicant Mr & Mrs Beards

Bryn Tirion

91 Ffordd Manod

Blaenau Ffestiniog

Estyniad llawr cyntaf

No Objection

8. **Diffwys Public Toilets**

The Council has received a letter from Gwynedd Council confirming that arrangements for contributing towards the running costs of the toilets will remain the same for 2018/2019. It is also asked that the Council confirms its intention of running the public toilets if Gwynedd Council decides to close them.

Recommend: To accept the information regarding the costs for the year 2017/2018 and to confirm that the Town Council is prepared to take the public toilets over if Gwynedd Council decides to close them.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations

9974/09/17 **CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE**

Due to various difficulties, no meeting of the above committee has been held.

RESOLVED: To discuss relevant matters within the Amenities Committee on Thursday 21 September 2017 and also within Resources Committee on Thursday 28 September 2017.

9975/09/17 **RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Arrange a date for Resources Committee to discuss the accounts

RESOLVED: To hold a Resources Committee on Thursday 28 September at the Chamber for 7.00pm

9976/09/17 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Discuss the quote for new lights for Sgwâr Diffwys and the Park.

RESOLVED: To discuss the quote further at the Resources Committee on Thursday 28 September.

9977/09/17 **PATAGONIA SCHOLARSHIP 2018**

Arrangements are in place for the Town Council's Patagonia Scholarship competition for the year 2018/9.

RESOLVED: Councillor Erwyn Jones to create a Facebook page for the Town Council to promote the competition. To ask Gwynedd Council about getting brown signs saying we have twinned with Rawson in Patagonia on the A470, Bwlch y Gorddin and also on the A496 near Allt Goch.

9978/09/17 **LAND AT TAN Y MANOD**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Annwen Daniels

Consider the purchase of land at Tan y Manod.

The vendors of this land are eager for the Town Council to have the opportunity to purchase this land for the community, to enable this they have extended the closing date of the tender to 15th of September.

RESOLVED: To tender a price of £1 per plot and if successful to use them as grazing land and maybe allotments.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

In accordance with Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act – Local Government (Access to Information) Act (1985) Schedule 12A, parts 1.1 and 4.14, public and press are therefore excluded from this part of the meeting.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS
TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER 9979/09/17

9979/09/17 APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

RESOLVED: To co-opt Elin Roberts as a councillor representing Diffwys and Maenofferen ward.

THE MEETING WAS RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

9980/09/17 HEALTH

It was reported that the Care Scrutiny Committee, Gwynedd Council wanted to look into the need for beds and so on in the new health building and also look at the bus times between the area and Ysbyty Alltwen in Tremadog. Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will look again at the effect the closure of the Memorial Hospital has had on the area.

RESOLVED: To accept the information

9981/09/17 PARK PARTNERSHIP

No Information was given

9982/09/17 PLAYING FIELDS

Discuss the purchase of No Dogs signs with the Town Council logo on them for the playing fields

RESOLVED: To get a quote for the signs and to discuss this further at the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 21st September in the Chamber at 7.00 p.m.

9983/09/17 THE PARK

An update was given on the necessary work at the Park. The kerbs and tarmac will be repaired during the next few weeks which means that all the damage will then have been repaired.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

9984/09/17 CAE BRYN COED

Information was given regarding the ownership of Cae Bryn Coed. Although Gwelliannau Ffestiniog holds a long term lease from Gwynedd Council on this land, it has just come to light that Gwynedd Council transferred ownership of the land to Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd in 2010. This information is very worrying for Gwelliannau Ffestiniog and the Town Council. The equipment on the field has been donated to the Town Council to secure the insurance and maintenance of the equipment.

RESOLVED: To accept the information and await further information about the situation.

9985/09/17 **CYNGOR GWYNEDD**
Programme of Works - September
Footpath 78 Ffestiniog Clearance of trees and overgrowth

RESOLVED: To accept the information

9986/09/17 **OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**
No report was given

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

9987/09/17 **NEWS FROM CYNGOR GWYNEDD**
Information was given that the joint Gwynedd and Anglesey Development Plan was approved.
RESOLVED: To accept the information.

9988/09/17 **CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT**
Magazine

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

9989/09/17 **THE CLERK**
Magazine

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

9990/09/17 **UNLLAIS CYMRU**
The next meeting of the Meirionydd Area Committee will be held at the Dolgellau Free Library on 26th September at 7.00pm

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

The meeting came to a close at 8.59pm

CHAIR

**THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 2017
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7pm**

**THE AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING 12th OCTOBER 2017
WILL CLOSE ON 5th OCTOBER 2017**