MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF FFESTINIOG TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7:00PM

CHAIR: Councillor: Glyn Daniels

PRESENT: Councillors: Erwyn Jones, Geraint Parry, Mel Goch ap Meirion, Mark Thomas, Wil Roberts & Rory Francis

10577/09/19 APOLOGIES
Councillors: Ronwen Roberts, Mari Rees & Annwen Daniels

10578/09/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Councillor Glyn Daniels - 10595/09/19 & 10597/09/19 Ganolfan Gymdeithasol
Councillor Erwyn Jones - 10595/09/19 & 10597/09/19 Ganolfan Gymdeithasol
Councillor Geraint Parry -10593/09/19 Planning Application No. C19/0402/03/LL

10579/09/19 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.

The Council received a thank you card from the Treasurer of the Meirionnydd Young Farmers following receipt of a contribution from the Town Council.

The Council received a letter from the Clerk of Porthmadog Town Council regarding the meeting on the 3rd September 2019 to discuss the establishment of a hospice in Blaenau Ffestiniog. Following the Chairman's report to Porthmadog Town Council at an ordinary meeting of the Town Council on the 10th September 2019, councillors were unanimous that hospice services in the area were desperately needed as Llandudno was far too far for patients and families at such a time difficult in their lives. They were willing to declare support for the campaign in principle, but until there was a business plan in place, they could not declare any firm support. Once a business plan is in place, Porthmadog Town Council looks forward to hearing what support will be needed and so on.

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

10580/09/19 Hydro Electricity Scheme at Cwm Cynfal - Mr Elis Dafydd discusses and explains the new scheme.
Mr Elis Dafydd began by introducing himself and his brothers Mr. Med Dafydd and Mr. Owen Dafydd and explained that they have set up a partnership for this project. He then introduced Mr Ed Bailey, Land Surveyor of the project to explain and discuss the new scheme before the planning application will be submitted to Snowdonia National Park. Mr Bailey began by explaining his background as a land surveyor, his experience of working with farmers on similar electricity and water scheme projects and specializing in planning on sensitive landscapes. He explained that the project will generate income that will contribute to a wide area of the community. The partnership understands that a

project is in an important area for the local community and visitors because of its landscape, nature, history and connection with the Mabinogion.

He explained that the previous application had been submitted and rejected by the Snowdonia National Park at the end of 2018 and he went on to note the previous objections and how the revised application had hopefully addressed the objections noted:

1) Inappropriate Alien Structures on the landscape.

All the pipes will now be covered and a landscape architect has looked at the plans regarding the turbine house.

2) The viewpoint will be affected during the construction.

Although the viewpoint will be affected for a short time during construction a new bilingual information board will be installed with information about Cwm Cynfal and the Hydro scheme.

3) Ecological Survey.

An Ecological Survey has been carried out and bat boxes will be erected on the turbine house.

4) Highways Design.

A temporary access and construction yard will be constructed further up the main highway, either side of the cattle grid.

5) Archaeological Study.

An archaeological study has been undertaken and it has shown the importance of the round huts. These will not be affected during construction.
In the Building Statement it states that the aftercare period will be 3 years for the site.
The slate path will be diverted for three weeks.

RESOLVED: The Councillors raised a number of concerns. Primarily, impact on wildlife and landscape, especially the marsh, level and flow of water downstream of the river and one part of the development is in a steep area where there has been a landslide in the past. Ed Bailey is going to re-send the emails with the above plans and statements to the Clerk.

10581/09/19 POLICE MATTERS

There was no police presence at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To accept the information

10582/09/19 RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 11th JULY 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the minutes with Councillor Geraint Parry proposing and Councillor Erwyn Jones seconding the motion.

10583/09/19 RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 23RD JULY 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the minutes with Councillor Rory Francis proposing and Councillor Geraint Parry seconding the motion.

10584/09/19 ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

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AUGUST

Jordan Evans (Cae Manod)	£	100.00	Cheque No.	002883
Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£	3693.72	Cheque No.	002884
Meithrinfa Blodau'r Felin	£	45.00	Cheque No.	002885
Petty Cash	£	100.00	Cheque No.	002886
Jason Ephraim (CCTV)	£	66.00	Cheque No.	002887
Dylan W Jones (Bins)	£	80.00	Cheque No.	002888
A M Coxon (Net for Park)	£	28.94	Cheque No.	002889
Huws Gray (Y Parc)	£	15.12	Cheque No.	002890
Owain Aeron (Playing fields)	£	1,290.00	Cheque No.	002891
Cricieth Cleaning (Variousl)	£	1,084.46	Cheque No.	002892
Viking Direct (Office supplies)	£	391.86	Cheque No.	002893
Penrhyn Tool Hire (Y Parc)	£	301.90	Cheque No.	002894
Dan Hughes (Windows etc)	£	490.00	Cheque No.	002895
Eifion Stores (Y Parc)	£	4.00	Cheque No.	002896
Broxap (Benches Gardd Encil)	£	2,229.60	Cheque No.	002897
Dŵr Cymru (Y Parc)	£	246.75	Cheque No.	002898
John Farrington (Gardening & Park hedge)	£	2,435.00	Cheque No.	002899
BT (Phone)	£	40.30	Direct Debit	
BT (Broadband)	£	40.68	Direct Debit	
Antur Stiniog (Rent)	£	636.00	Direct Debit	
Cyngor Gwynedd (Rates)	£	216.00	Direct Debit	

SEPTEMBER

National Pen (Promotional Items)	£	71.94	Cheque No.	002901
Cricieth Cleaning (Various)	£	1,084.46	Cheque No.	002902
D Wooley (Website)	£	840.00	Cheque No.	002903
Viking Direct (Office supplies)	£	36.95	Cheque No.	002904
Petty Cash	£	50.00	Cheque No.	002905
John Farrington (Gardening)	£	935.00	Cheque No.	002912
BT (Phone)	£	40.30	Direct Debit	
BT (Broadband)	£	40.68	Direct Debit	
Antur Stiniog (Rent)	£	636.00	Direct Debit	
Cyngor Gwynedd (Rates)	£	216.00	Direct Debit	

MONEY RECEIVED

Kiki Rees- Stavros (Electricity, Water & Rent)	£	127.92
Cyngor Gwynedd (Precept)	£	107,500.00

RESOLVED: The clerk was given permission to pay the above.

10585/09/19 TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

Monthly Report on Town Council Accounts

September/19

In				Balans 01/04/2019		
Precept	£	107,500.00				
General	£	66.00		Current	£	23,864.76
137 Section	£	-		Reserve	£	5,006.07
Interest	£	44.56		Capital Reserve	£	67,301.23
Footpaths	£	-			£	96,172.06
Christmas	£	-		unpaid	£	18,369.81
Amenities	£	2,244.00		unpaid cr	£	-
Playing fields	£	906.44			**£**	**77,802.25**
Inspection	£	-				
	£	110,761.00				
VAT refund	£	3,838.81				
	£	114,599.81				
				Balance 28/08/2019		
Payments						
Salaries	£	21,212.72	37%	Cyfredol/Current	£	6,866.68
General	£	8,458.81	46%	Reserve	£	5,008.57
S137 Donations	£	250.00	13%	Capital Reserve	£	117,343.29
Donations	£	6,150.00	33%			
Footpaths	£	-	0%		£	129,218.54
Christmas	£	-	0%	unpaid	£	11,284.14
Amenities	£	14,094.44	47%		£	117,934.40
Playing fields	£	13,167.62	25%	Unpaid cr	£	-
Income	£	-			**£**	**117,934.40**
Members	£	1,350.00	14%			
Insurance etc	£	3,693.72	54%			
Bus shelters	£	1,805.40	33%			
	£	70,182.71	**0%**	Balance 01/04/19	£	77,802.25
				Monies in	£	114,599.81
				Payments	£	74,467.66
Payments	£	70,182.71			**£**	**117,934.40**
VAT	£	4,284.95		In hand	£	117,934.40
	£	74,467.66		VAT	£	4,284.95
					£	**122,219.35**

RESOLVED: To accept the accounts.

10586/09/19 COMMITTEES

To appoint Councillor Geraint Parry on Town Council Committees.

RESOLVED: Councillor Geraint Parry has been appointed on the Town Council Committees.

10587/09/19 AMENETIES COMMITTEE

Accept the recommendations of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 18th July 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMENITIES SUB COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 18th JULY 2019
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7pm

Present:	Apologies:
Councillors:	Councillors:
Mel Goch ap Meirion - Chair	Annwen Daniels
Erwyn Jones	
Mark Thomas	
Will G Roberts	
Glyn Daniels	
Bedwyr Gwilym	

DECLARATION OF INTEREST
No Councillor Declared an Interest

1. **Youth Service**

Mrs Nia Morris Youth Service Manager, Gwynedd Council discussed the Youth Service. Mrs Morris apologised that neither Sion Bryn Roberts nor Mr Dilwyn Morgan were available for the meeting.

She said that Alaw Paul had been appointed as officer for the catchment areas of Ysgol y Moelwyn and Ysgol y Berwyn.

She said Aura sessions had been held and a Community Challenge project had been set up as a group of young people wanting to raise money for various local charities and organisations starting with a sponsored walk to raise money for the Fire Service towards their costs following the fire on Dolgarreg Ddu. The group is called StiniogNi

This was a period of learning with three people employed for the sessions, two of whom have now completed a Level 2 course. The sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. There is some money left over from the Gwynedd scheme and this will be transferred to the Town Council scheme for Blaenau Ffestiniog and Llan Ffestiniog.

Another person will be appointed soon with Gwynedd Council covering the costs for the first year but the Town Council is expected to contribute towards the costs for future years.

Costs for the service to the Town Council are likely to be much higher than expected. The Town Council has requested a service for 30 weeks with at least three sessions in

Blaenau and one in Llan. The cost to the Town Council of this in the year 2021-2022 is likely to be approximately £ 27,747.79

Recommend: To thank Mrs Morris for her report and to extend an invitation to Mr Dilwyn Morgan and Mr Sion Bryn Roberts to attend the Amenities Committee to be held on 5th September 2019.

1. **Fountain Pump**

The Council received a request from Mr O G Williams to obtain permission to send the fountain pump for a repair quote.

Recommend: To ask for a quote for a smaller pump as the one in there is far too strong for the fountain.

2. **Town Council Tenders**

The Committee discussed the Town Council's tenders which are ending soon and discussed the awarding of new tenders. A new tender is required for grass cutting on the playing fields, emptying bins on the playing fields and also a tender for cleaning several areas.

Recommend: To set the tenders as follows and to advertise them in Llafar Bro and on the Town Council's Website and social media page. To discuss setting a gardening tender at the September Amenities Committee. It was also agreed that Town Council office and Chamber windows be cleaned.

Tender - Playing Fields Grass Cutting 2020-2023

Ffestiniog Town Council is responsible for seven playing fields. A contract needs to be arranged for grass cutting on the playing fields.

Each field will be cut short in its entirety five times a year, April/ May, June, July, August and September / October, with the edges of all equipment, trees, gates etc. to be neatly trimmed with a trimmer and all cut grass to be carried from the fields. An annual total is requested and also a price for an additional cut for each field.

The playing fields are located as follows -

Cae Tanygrisiau, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3SU

Church Terrace field (rear of RWF Club) Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3HB

Cae Manod, Ffordd Manod, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 4AS

Cae Penbryn, Ffestiniog, LL41 4NA

Cae Baltic, Rhiwbryfdir, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3LE – in its entirety

Cae Sgwâr Oakeley, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3PU - children's play area will need to be cut and the football pitch five times a year but we will not require for the field in its entirety to be cut but three times a year.

Cae Bryn Coed, Ffestiniog LL41 4LN - the football field does not need to be cut only the grass around the play equipment.

Tender Emptying Bins on Playing Fields 2019-2022

Ffestiniog Town Council is responsible for emptying rubbish bins on six playgrounds, Hafan Deg Garden, the Park and the Skate Park. We are looking to awarding a contract for their emptying.

All bins are to be emptied once a week between the beginning of April and the end of October and every fortnight from the start of November until the end of March. All surrounding rubbish needs to be picked up at the same time as the bins are emptied.

The successful applicant will hold a waste removal licence from Natural Resources Wales. The successful applicant will confirm the date of emptying and inform the Town Council about any damage or defect on the bins either by post or e-mail after each visit. It is taken for granted that the rubbish will be re-cycled if possible.
The bins are located as follows -
Cae Tanygrisiau, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3SU
Cae Sgwâr Oakeley, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3PU
Cae Baltic, Rhiwbryfdir, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3LE
Cae Church Terrace (rear of RWF Club) Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3HB
Cae Manod, Ffordd Manod, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 4AS
Cae Penbryn, Ffestiniog, LL41 4NA
Parc Sglefrio, Blaenau Ffestiniog
Y Parc, Y Sgwâr, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3UL

Cleaning Tender 2019-2022

Ffestiniog Town Council is responsible for bus shelters in 12 locations, the youth shelter at the Skate Park, the viewpoint near HSBC, information boards at six locations, the narrow- gauge train engine at Diffwys and the War Memorials at Llan Ffestiniog and Rhiwbryfdir. We are looking to awarding a contract for their cleaning.

Bus shelters - Each bus shelter to be cleaned every two weeks. All rubbish is to be cleared, the floor swept, paintwork washed and the windows cleaned each time and also the use disinfectant as needed.

Bus Shelters are located as follows -

Bont Newydd, Cwm Cynfal LL41 4PT
Highgate, Ffestiniog LL41 4LL
Dingle, Y Manod LL41 4AE
Church Street (by Gardd Encil) LL41 3HB
Caeffridd, Tanygrisiau LL41 3RD
Rhes Dolydd, Tanygrisiau LL41 3TN
Neuadd Ffestiniog LL41 4LR
Wynnes, Y Manod LL41 4AR
Lord Street LL41 4AA
Y Cwm LL41 3HP
Fron Haul, Tanygrisiau LL41 3SE
Dolrhedyn, Tanygrisiau LL41 3SU

Youth shelter at the Skate Park, LL41 - The shelter is to be cleaned every two weeks. Rubbish needs to be cleared, floor swept, paintwork washed and the windows cleaned every time and also use disinfectant as needed.

Viewpoint near HSBC Bank - The viewpoint is to be cleaned every two weeks. Rubbish needs to be cleared, floor swept and washed (including the slate triangle and mural) and wash the information board every time and also use disinfectant as needed.

Information Boards – The Information Boards are to be washed every two weeks.
The Information Boards are located as follows -
By St David's Church, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3HP
Sgwâr Rawson LL41 3ES
Sgwâr Diffwys LL41 3BP
Pen Garreg Defaid (to rear of) LL41 3DW
Antur Stiniog, Stryd Fawr LL41 3BP
Near Y Cwm, Stryd yr Eglwys LL41 3HP
Near Tai Bryn Hyfryd, Rhiwbryfdir LL41 3LH
The Park LL41 3UL
5 High Street, LL41 3ES
Sgwâr Rawson x2 LL41

Diffwys Narrow Gauge Engine – The train will need washing once a year towards the end of May.

War Memorials - The War Memorials that are in the care of the Town Council are located at Rhiwbryfdir LL41 3HS and Llan Ffestiniog LL41 4NA.
War Memorials need washing once a year towards the end of October in time for Remembrance Sunday.

In all instances you will need to complete a simple form after each visit confirming the date of cleaning and to bring information about any damage or defect to the attention of the Town Council and send it to the Town Council either by post or e-mail.
The contract will be awarded in the first instance for one year, with an additional two years subject to a satisfactory performance. No canvassing of Councillors is allowed. For more information contact the Town Clerk. Tender will be accepted in English or Welsh.
We will require a copy of your Public Liability Insurance, Environmental Policy and Risk Assessment with the tender. We will require confirmation of previous work / experience / qualification or name of referee.
The Town Council reserves the right not to accept the lowest tender or any tender.

5 Stryd Fawr, LL41 3ES	Example of Form for Cleaning Information Boards
Company	
Date	
✔	Is the information board free of litter and any dangerous objects?
x	Is there any damage / graffiti to the information board?
x	Is there any risk of harm from above?
01/09/19	Date Town Council informed of any problem

1. **Playing Fields Report**
The Committee discussed the monthly reports on the playing fields. In the past the Probation Service used to cut the Park hedge free of charge once a year for the Council Unfortunately there is no money for this service this year so the Council received two quotes for hedge cutting. J Farrington offered a price of £1780 plus the costs of hiring a shredder with the shredded cuttings to be placed on the Park's flower beds. A quote of £1400 was also received from Ifan and Idris with the additional costs of having to hire two skips to dispose of the cuttings.
Recommend: To accept the reports. As there is very little difference in the price in the end it was agreed to accept the quote of the company that could start work earliest.

5. **Cae Manod**
A discussion took place regarding the condition of the timber frame on the field. The Council received several complaints regarding the condition of this equipment as it had nails on the surface and the wood was rotten. Information had been received that the costs of a temporary repair would be in the region of £1000 but this would only be a cosmetic repair as the timber was rotten inside. Information was also received that the field side fence had been broken and the area leading to the field from the kissing gate needed to be tidied up.
Recommend: Due to the poor condition of the equipment to arrange for the equipment to be taken down for the safety of children. To get a quote for erecting a new fence and installing tarmac near the kissing gate.

6. **Crossing and Bus Shelter by the Wynnes**

There was a recent meeting with Iolo Tegid of the Welsh Government recently about the bus shelter and the crossing near the Wynnes. The Town Council was alerted to a potentially serious case involving a bus waiting for children to use the crossing and a car coming from behind the bus and driving on. Discussion also took place regarding the reinstatement of the bus shelter which was damaged last winter. As these are on the A470 trunk road, any changes and the reinstatement of a bus shelter require the consent of the Welsh Government. Iolo Tegid agreed to look at whether the zebra crossing could be replaced with a pelican crossing and said he would

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look into installing an identical bus shelter but a little to the side of the original one to make it easier for passengers to get to and from the bus if they are disabled or with a pram.

Recommend: To accept the information and obtain a quote for a fixed bus shelter

7. **Town Council Insurance**

A discussion took place regarding the Town Council's insurance levels before it's renewal in August.

Recommend: To accept the quote of £3693.72 for the insurance but to add two twinning signs, a tree shaped information sign, Community Wifi equipment and 4 salt bins to the insurance schedule.

8. **Patagonia Scholarship**

There was a discussion on terms for Patagonia Scholarship applicants and a discussion on how to ensure that the winner shared information with the area

Recommend: To amend the conditions for whom may apply for the scholarship to coincide with conditions for being a councillor in the area ie anyone who has lived or worked in the area for a year before applying. To retain £250 of the scholarship until the Town Council is satisfied with how the winner has shared information with the area.

9. **Land at Tan y Manod**

The Town Council's purchase of land at Tan y Manod is nearing completion and the appropriate documents need to be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommend: The Chair and Vice Chair signed the legal document and this was attested to by the Town Clerk.

10. **Planning Application**

Application No. C19/0608/03/LL
1 Pant yr Onnen
Rhiwbryfdir
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Two storey extension to side of property with rear balcony and ground floor garage

The Town Council cannot support this application as the use of timber is out of keeping with the rest of the area's buildings.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations of the Amenities Committee with Councillor Mel Goch ap Meirion proposing and Councillor Erwyn Jones seconding the motion.

10588/09/19 AMENETIES COMMITTEE

Accept the recommendations of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 5th September 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMENITIES SUB COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2019
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7pm

Present:
Councillors:
Mel Goch ap Meirion - Chair
Annwen Daniels
Erwyn Jones

Apologies:
Councillors:
Rory Francis
Mari Rees
Bedwyr Gwilym

Mark Thomas
Will G Roberts
Glyn Daniels
Ronwen D Roberts
Geraint Parry
Councillor Dilwyn Morgan –Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Cyngor Gwynedd
Sion Bryn Roberts, Youth Community Work Leader, Cyngor Gwynedd

DECLARATION OF INTEREST
No Councillor Declared an Interest

1. Youth Service

Councillor Dilwyn Morgan, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Gwynedd Council and Mr Sion Bryn Roberts, Youth Community Work Leader, Gwynedd Council discussed Youth Clubs in the area.

Councillor Dilwyn Morgan said his appointment to the post had been an eye opener regarding the problems faced by young people these days. The service is now sharing professionals to help in the mental health field.

He said that the youth club service as it was will not restart due to lack of funding but that he is discussing the service with councils that have expressed an interest in running a local youth service e.g. Ffestiniog, Bontnewydd, Nefyn and Porthmadog. A full-time officer will be appointed for the councils who want to run a local youth service.

This year's programme for the service provided by Gwynedd Council has been set and will be delivered by Alaw Paul, officer for the Ffestiniog and Bala areas. There are currently only two members of staff in the area as one has resigned, but both have completed a Level 2 course for the work. If the Town Council decides that a third member of staff is required then the Town Council will have to contribute towards the cost of this person completing a course.

Money which is left over from the fees charged for attending the clubs is to be transferred to the Town Council, approximately £2000 for Blaenau Ffestiniog and approximately £50 for Llan Ffestiniog.

Recommend: The Committee discussed the information provided to them and decided to run a youth club at Y Ganolfan in Blaenau Ffestiniog on two evenings a week and at Neuadd Ffestiniog on one night a week. This is because the Town Council accepted that this service is very important to the young people.

The Town Council will be responsible for meeting the running costs of the clubs including any rent for the clubs. It was also decided to charge a fee of 50p to attend the club with this money to be used for club costs. It was also decided to run a small shop within the clubs with the Town Council to initially stock the shops and get the costs back from the shop receipts. To ask

Cyngor Gwynedd for further details on how this will work e.g. who will serve in the shop. To use the money from Cyngor Gwynedd towards the club costs.

2. Playing Field Reports

The Council discussed the August reports for the playing fields.

Recommend: To accept the reports. To ask G L Jones, Bethesda whether a new swing seat was installed at Tanygrisiau at the beginning of the year. To arrange for Councillors Glyn Daniels, Mark Thomas and Geraint Parry to tidy up the tennis court and remove any rubbish to the recycling centre.

To contact the person who runs a canoe club in the Porthmadog area asking him to empty the canoe shed at the Skate Park as it is no longer used for its intended purpose.

To ask for a quote for a smaller pump as the one in there is far too strong for the fountain.

3. Application for Co-option

The Town Council has received a request by letter for co-option onto the Town Council

Recommend: To ask the applicant to attend an interview at 6.30 on Thursday 12th September 2019 with Councillors Glyn Daniels, Erwyn Jones and Geraint Parry to be the interview panel.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations of the Amenities Committee with Councillor Geraint Parry proposing and Councillor Mark Thomas seconding the motion.

10589/09/19 STAFFING COMMITTEE

To arrange a date for the Staffing Committee.

The Chair advised that Mrs. Ann Coxon, Town Clerk, will be retiring March 2020.

RESOLVED: The Staffing Committee will be held on Tuesday 01st October 2019.

10590/09/19 REGULATORY COMMITTEE

To arrange a date for the Regulatory Committee to review Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: The Regulatory Committee will be held on Tuesday 1st October 2019.

10591/09/19 RESOURCES COMMITTEE

To arrange a date for the Resources Committee

RESOLVED: The Resources Committee will be held on Tuesday 8th October 2019.

10592/09/19 Update by Liz Saville-Roberts, Chair of Heritage Railways.

The Chair welcomed Liz Saville-Roberts to the meeting. Liz Saville-Roberts began by explaining that she had been appointed as Chair of Heritage Railways and was in the meeting to provide an update on the funding that Transport Wales has committed to spend on Blaenau Ffestiniog railway station. About £ 1,000,000 has been allocated to redevelop the station. The Ffestiniog Railway and the Conwy Valley Railway hope that the new station will make it easier for visitors to travel from one railway to another. The main purpose of the redevelopment plan is to draw visitors to the town. Liz Saville-Roberts stated her intention at the meeting is to find out exactly what the station needs to do this. A number of councillors expressed the following points need to be addressed for the new station:

1) Disabled access.

2) The platform is too far from the train and many people have fallen off the train in between the gap, so a platform closer to the train is a must. This could be done by changing the shape of the platform?

3) Museum on site.

4) At the moment the children of Ysgol Maenofferen have to go all the way along the street on the main road when getting on and off a bus. Is it possible to have a safe crossing over the platform onto the school grounds?

5) The station is often vandalized. Is it possible to get cctv and lock the station after the last train?

Liz Saville-Roberts agreed with the above points and will pass the comments to the Heritage Rail Board. The plans are currently being developed and once completed the Council will be able to view them and there will be a better idea of a development timetable and so on.

The Chair of the Town Council proposed that the Council invite Lee Robinson, Director of North Wales Transport Development to the October Ordinary Council meeting to discuss the plans.

RESOLVED: That Lee Robinson, Director of Transport Development for North Wales be invited to the October Ordinary Council meeting to discuss the plans.

10593/09/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Discuss applications to hand and decisions of the Planning Authorities.

August applications - comments received by email

1. Planning Application No. C19 / 0689/03 / LL
Applicant: Mr H Williams
35 Dorfil Road
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Erection of detached domestic garage to rear of property
Support the application

2. Planning Application No. C19 / 0402/03 / LL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Jones
Fferm y Fynnon
Manod
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Construction of agricultural shed
Support the application

3. Planning Application No. NP5 / 59 / 135M

Applicant: Mrs Eleri Williams
Cymerau Ganol
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Retention of dog sheltered buildings, including 4 buildings to protect up to 19 dogs. / Retention of dog kennels, consisting of 4 buildings to house up to 19 dogs
Support the application

RESOLVED: That discussion of the applications and decisions will be deferred and dealt with at the Amenities Committee on Thursday 19th September 2019.

10594/09/19 APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION.
Recommendations following an interview with a prospective councillor on the evening of Thursday 12th September 2019.Prospective councillor Gwenlli Evans showed enthusiasm, local interest and confidence.
RESOLVED: Councillor Mark Thomas proposed that she come on the Town Council, Councillor Erwyn Jones seconding the motion.

10595/09/19 NOTICE OF MOTION.
By Councillor Mark Thomas.To show that the Council supports the Social Centre I propose that we move in to hold meetings from now on.
Councillor Glyn Daniels and Councillor Erwyn Jones declared an interest and left the meeting.
Councillor Rory Francis was elected Chair of the meeting.
The Chair asked if the proposal would mean that Council meetings move to the Centre or that the whole Council as a body move to the Centre? Councillor Mark Thomas proposed an amendment to his proposal that the Council as a body move to the Centre. Councillor Geraint Parry seconded the proposal.

The Chair began by stating that the Town Council must support the Community Centre and asked each Councillor at the meeting to state their opinion and then to vote on the matter.
Councillor Wil Roberts was of the opinion that 5 High Street, Blaenau Ffestiniog was the historic home of the Council and that the people of the town had used to come to this building for 100 years now. Councillor Mel Goch ap Meirion was of the opinion that more figures were needed e.g. rental and heating costs and that the views of the community are required, by placing an article in Llafar Bro and receiving a comment form.
Councillor Geraint Parry's view was that, the Council is paying rent to Antur Stiniog on the 5 High Street building, Blaenau Ffestiniog, that money will help the Social Centre.
Mrs Ann Coxon stated that the Council has not received a lease from Antur Stiniog, and therefore we are under no obligation to remain in the building although there are plans to develop the building to install a lift at the rear of the building. We will therefore need to inform Antur Stiniog as soon as possible.
Councillor Mark Thomas said that if the proposal goes to vote he wants to register his vote.
RESOLVED: Two Councillors voted to move to the Social Centre, Councillor Mark Thomas registering his vote in favour. Two councillors voted against moving to the Social Centre. The Chairman voted against the Council to move to the Social Centre until more information is available on costs and also the views of the local community.

10596/09/19 NOTICE OF MOTION.
By Councillor Rory Francis on behalf of Councillor Ronwen Roberts
A proposal to transfer into the Ffestiniog Town Council bank account of all the monies left unspent from the Blaenau Ymlaen bank account. Upon transference, any

existing and unfinished financial obligations will be honoured and discharged.
The money to be used for the enchantment of the town centre.
£ 400.00 has already been spent on two slate plaques. £ 1923.52 credit left in the account.
RESOLVED: Councillor Wil Roberts accepted the proposal and Councillor Erwyn Jones seconded the proposal.

10597/09/19 THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Councillor Glyn Daniels and Councillor Erwyn Jones declared an interest and left the meeting.
Councillor Rory Francis was elected Chair of the meeting.
To discuss Ffestiniog Town Council's request to hire a room to store paperwork. The Community Centre Management Committee offered a room at a cost of £ 50.00 per week.
RESOLVED: The Council decided that the cost of £ 50.00 per week was expensive and asked the Centre's committee if £ 30.00 per week was acceptable.

Councillor Glyn Daniels and Councillor Erwyn Jones returned to the meeting.

10598/09/19 COMMUNITY WIFI
The Community Wi-Fi equipment has been installed on some of the buildings but the Town Council needs clarification from Councillor Bedwyr Gwilym if the Wi-Fi is live.
RESOLVED: To receive the information.

10599/09/19 HOSPICE.
An update on discussions to establish a hospice in the area.
Councillor Glyn Daniels explained that the Council was still awaiting a response from some of the Town and Parish Councils. That further discussion is needed with Mark Wilkinson of the Health Board on the 1st of October 2019 regarding the old physiotherapy building on Towyn Road. RESOLVED: To receive the information.

Community Developments.

10600/09/19 THE ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE
Information on grants available.
RESOLVED: To receive the information.

10601/09/19 COMIC RELIEF DROP IN SURGERY
Information on grants available.
RESOLVED: To receive the information.

10602/09/19 SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK - SNOWDONIA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016-2031 PROPOSED MAP AND DETAILED MAPS WRITTEN STATEMENT
RESOLVED: To receive the information.

10603/09/19 WORLD HERITAGE SITE NOMINATION.
RESOLVED: To receive the information.

Maters Arising

10604/09/19 PLAYING FIELDS

Discuss any problems that have arisen

The Park - Following numerous complaints about the mess in the Park, Councillors Glyn Daniels and Mark Thomas have been there to clear any rubbish. The litter bins have been moved to the back of the Council building but a trailer is needed to move the old marquee. The spare net for the tennis court is still out on the court. The crazy golf equipment is in need of repair. Two new rubbish bins are needed, both the old bins are fitted with a concrete base so a machine will be needed to remove them.

RESOLVED: Councillor Glyn Daniels to borrow a trailer to move the marquee. Councillor Wil Roberts to arrange for the bins to be with a concrete base to be removed. Councillor Mark Thomas to move the net to the café. Arrange for the crazy golf equipment to be repaired

10605/09/19 The Chair, Councillor Glyn Daniels, left the meeting. Councillor Rory Francis proposed that Councillor Erwyn Jones, Vice Chairman, to the chair the meeting. Councillor Wil Roberts seconded the motion.

RESOLVED: Councillor Erwyn Jones to chair the Council meeting.

10606/09/19 LETTER FROM LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGARDING FOOTBALL CLUBS.

The Vice Chair read a letter from Llanrug Community Council regarding changes and additional requirements for football pitches from the Football Association of Wales. The current system means that Llanrug FC will not be eligible to play football in the current league next season. It appears that the Blaenau Ffestiniog club will fall into the same category. Llanrug Community Council is asking if Ffestiniog Town Council would be willing to work with Blaenau Football Club by contacting the FAW to oppose the changes.

RESOLVED: To contact Blaenau Amateur Football Club and ask them if the changes affect the club and if the club needs the support of Ffestiniog Town Council with this matter.

10607/09/19 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Llan Village Hall Committee- A councillor informed the Council that the Llan Village Hall Committee is arranging a meeting to discuss the constitution and the Lease of the Hall and Cabin to present the information to the Charity Commission. Gwynedd Council is one of the trustees. Ffestiniog Town Council is still awaiting a response from Gwynedd Council's property department as to when the Hall will be transferred to Ffestiniog Town Council's ownership. The Youth Club is due to start again in the Hall on Thursday 19th September 2019.
RESOLVED: To accept the information.

10608/09/19 NEWS FROM CYNGOR GWYNEDD

No information was received

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

10609/09/19 LETTER OF THANK YOU JILL EVANS MEP.

The Vice-Chair read a letter of thanks from Jill Evans MEP regarding the opposition to a nuclear waste storage in the area.

RESOLVED: To receive the information.

10610/09/19 CLERK & COUNCILS
Magazine

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

10611/09/19 THE CLERK
Magazine

RESOLVED: To accept the information.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

CHAIR

THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2019 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7:00 p.m.

THE AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING 10TH OCTOBER 2019 WILL CLOSE ON 3rd OCTOBER 2019