

DOLGELLAU TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dolgellau Town Council held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Free Library, Dolgellau at 7.00 p.m

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Gunton (Mayor)
Councillors John Cadwaladr, Jo Checkley, Heilyn Williams, Dyfrig Siencyn,
Peter Jones, Ray Peters, Nia Wyn Evans, Liz Jones.
Rhys Williams – Clerk

C.20.2026-2027 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Ray Peters, Ywain Myfyr, Sion Edwards.

C.21.2026-2027 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST ARISING FROM ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MEETING

No declarations received

C.22.2026-2027 TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 5, 2026

Accepted and confirmed the above minutes.

C.23.2026-2027 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Permanent Memorial – Penmaenpool Tragedy - Permanent Memorial

Presented: Urgent discussions and actions are needed with Snowdonia National Park regarding solutions to cover the Temporary scaffolding around the signal box on this site - - **Cllrs Nia Evans / Dyfrig Siencyn to action.**

MEMORIAL CEREMONY DATE IS JULY, 22, 2026. AT 3.00 P.M – ALL COUNCILLORS, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS IN YOUR DIARIES

Resolved: To accept the Information.

2. Grant Gwynedd Ni - Coed Ffynnon Fair

Received: Quotations for works amounting for public seats and for works at Coed Ffynnon Fair.

Resolved: To approve the costs for public Seats £888.75 and to approve specified works, (not accepting the full quotation received) amounting to £6520.00, subject to grant approval. These costs exclusive of VAT

3. Dolgellau Park – Transfer from Dolgellau Partnership to the Town Council

Presented: Update from Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn - a new lease is being prepared with minor adjustments needed.

Resolved: To accept the Information.

4. Christmas Lights.

Presented: Update from the Mayor regarding plans and improvements for increased coverage for 2026 Christmas Lights. Costs to be in the region of £3285.

Resolved: Agreed and to Proceed.

4. Caerffynnon Surgery issues of concern

Presented: A report from the Clerk regarding a recent meeting with the Practice Manager of the Surgery.

Resolved: To request that representatives of the Council meet with the senior GP at the Surgery.

5. Trunk Road Agency Meeting – 27.05.2026, Cllrs Bob Gunton, Ywain Myfyr, Dyfrig Siencyn and the Clerk attending from the Council

Presented: Feedback report from the above meeting covering issues relating to lack of control and governance of contracts for Trunk road environmental works. Inconsistencies between what is granted or not granted for environmental planting and structures on roundabouts between one area and another.

Resolved: Accept the information and to progress these matters via Traffic Wales at Welsh government level.

C.24.2026-2027

REPORTS / FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS - DEPUTY MAYOR VACANCY

Presented: Financial Report for Month 2, 2026 (May 2026).

Resolved:i) Received and confirmed the financial situation, The Accounts for 2025-2026 will be managed through the Council's new accounting System (Scribe). Budget monitoring to be reviewed on a quarterly basis for 2026-2027. Hybrid Meetings solution to be trialled at July 2026 Meeting,

Presented: The need to formally appoint a Deputy Mayor.

Resolved:ii) Following a debate on the Deputy Mayor Post, and vote, Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn was appointed to the post unopposed.

C.25.2026-2027

SESSION FOR SHARING INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Pre Presented Written Reports from Town Council members

Latest Mayor's Report

Greetings, fellow councillors.

The workload is now ramping up in preparation for submitting the Gwynedd Ni Grant

The grant form has been prepared and has gone to Steve Beech for a once-over and to correct anything that may disqualify us from receiving the grant. We are awaiting tenders to be submitted for you to choose the contractors. We published a tender requirement list for the following: Hard standing path, New Gates (regretably galvanised metal but on the bright side of things, none of us will ever have the job of replacing them), repair the steps at Bodlondeb end of the footpath and for us to provide two

picnic tables (black plastic). With my right-hand men (Ray and Mufyr), we will have by the time you read this walked two contractors around the wood, explaining what we want for very little money.

The Christmas light quote for this years additional lights is £2,385.60 This will complete the square and continue down the road from the from opposite Bombshell to the Post Office

Myfyr and myself investigating the floodlighting of the big bridge.

Meeting with the trunk road agency on Wednesday in the hope i can charm him into making Dolgellau the new Kew Gardens in wildflowers along the by-pass

I Will endeavor to get my man to arrange a meeting with the NRW to straighten out his concerns and see if they have anything nice for us to increase our biodiversity footprint

The Last of the summer wine trio and two members of the public cut the grass in Arran Road which makes it look cared for

Attended some interesting Training on end of year audit and i would advise the finance commity members to attend the online course, if only for an insight into what is involved and how much work is involved for Rhys.

Cllr Nia Wyn Evans – “Lle yn y Dref Project” :

2 individuals appointed to undertake temporary works and tasks.

C.26.2026-2027 REPORTS FROM GWYNEDD COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn

Reports of Parking problems at Cae Deintir and Pencefn and Cader Road - Responses awaited from Gwynedd Council. Manhole issues at Scotts Jewellers. 30 mph limit issues along old Tywyn Road and from the direction of White Hut.

Variances in opening hours for Dolgellau Post office at Spar Shop is confusing and inconvenient. **Bryn Mair Planning – discussions on going. Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn to progress this matter.**

Resolved: To contact the Post Office regarding this matter.

C.27.2025-2026 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Need to have a meeting with Local Youth Worker

Resolved: To rearrange a meeting

2. National Resources Wales – Issues relating to Planting by the Town Council of cherry Trees on Marian Mawr

Resolved: To request a site meeting with Natural Resources Wales

Application Number: NP5/57/34D Alterations and extension to existing offices and café Livestock Market, Bala Road, Dolgellau.
LL40 2YF Grid Reference: 273148 318063

Resolved: To support the application