
**MINUTES OF MENAI BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL HYBRID
LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 12 JUNE 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Denise Owen, Chair Councillor Hefin Jones, Councillor Peter Owen,
OFFICER: Mrs Wendy Faulkner, Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillor William Love, Councillor Jayne Southgate, Councillor Robin Williams
Councillor Sonia Williams

(Note: Names within [] denote Proposer and Seconder)

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**01.25 To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025/26**

It was resolved to elect Councillor William Love as the Chair of the Land and Buildings Committee for 2025/26.

It was resolved to elect Councillor Denise Owen as the Vice-Chair of the Land and Buildings Committee for 2025/26.

**02.25 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The apologies received for absence were accepted and are noted above.

**03.25 Declarations of Interest: Code of Conduct**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal/prejudicial interests (using the form provided for this purpose).

No declarations of interest were received.

**04.25 Public Participation Session**

Twenty minutes to be allocated to allow residents of the community of Menai Bridge to question Town Councillors in relation to matters of interest, on the agenda. It is not always possible to give a verbal response at the meeting and questions may receive a written reply. No resolution can be made under this item

No residents or members of the public were present.

**05.25 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 March 2025 and address any matters arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13 March 2025 were received and accepted as a correct record [PeterOwen/HefinJones]

Matters arising:

Menai Cemetery

- The trees that were encroaching the cemetery have been trimmed back
- The fallen tree at the far end of the cemetery has been identified. It is owned by the County Council and the tree has been cleared away

Canolfan Tysilio

- The Council Solicitor was instructed to proceed with the lease and post to Anglesey Insurance Ltd.

**06.25 Coed Cynol**

- Members are asked to consider the draft 'dog policy' signage to keep dogs on a lead in the Coed Cynol Nature Reserve / Belgian Promenade

Following discussions, it was agreed to make a recommendation to Council to proceed with the 'dog sign' and for the Clerk to make enquiries for a quote.

**07.25 King George V recreation ground**

- Feedback from the recent meeting between the town council and representatives of the football club

The proposals received from the football club, following the recent meeting were discussed and recommendations agreed for submitting to Council as follows:

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#### A. Lease of Changing Rooms

We propose securing a lease on the changing rooms, or a portion of them, to enable us to apply for relevant grants. This would benefit not only the club but the building itself and allow for future investment in equipment such as grass-cutting machinery.

- Lease not possible, part of the Trust. The recreation ground/changing rooms is available for all to use.
- The Town Council have renewed the fascia boards. The changing rooms will be painted in the near future.
- The town council have invested in a new ride mower to cut the recreation ground.

#### B. Fuse Box Access

Should we be unsuccessful in acquiring the grant for solar panels and lighting upgrades, would it be possible for us to access the fuse box on the office side in order to isolate and upgrade the lighting ourselves?

- Access to the fuse box will not be permitted – high risk to the town council. A tenant will soon be occupying Canolfan Tysilio. The Town Council have upgraded the lighting in the changing rooms.

#### C. Goal Storage Area

We would like to request a dedicated compound area for goal storage on the opposite side of where the previous container was situated. This location may also be suitable for placing a new container discreetly out of view.

- There is no support for another container or compound on the recreation ground.

#### D. Advertising Boards

To help reduce the number of balls lost in the overgrown area behind the furthest goal, Geraint advised us not to enter due to recent weed killer application. To assist with this, we propose installing advertising boards along this section. It was also mentioned that Menai Bridge Town Council could be featured on any vacant boards.

- No objection to the club installing advertising boards but they must be looked after and replaced if and when they become 'rundown and scruffy'. Menai Bridge Town Council do not wish to be featured.

#### E. Weed Killer Apology & Pitch Maintenance

We apologise for the recent unauthorized use of weed killer on the pitch lines. A message has been circulated within the club to ensure it does not happen again. A question was raised during the meeting about whether we could use burning as a method for line-marking, which we understand is allowed.

- Menai Bridge Town Council will not allow 'burning' as a method for line marking on the recreation ground.

#### F. Fascia Branding

During discussions about damaged fascia, it was suggested that we could add branding to it, including both "Menai Bridge Tigers FC" and "Menai Bridge Town Council" as a sign of partnership.

- The fascia boards are going to be more complex to replace if there is branding on them. The Town Council have renewed the fascia boards.

#### G. Toilet Facilities

We would like to propose removing the urinals in order to make the toilet facilities unisex, providing more flexibility and inclusivity.

- Further enquiries will be carried out regarding the removal of urinals.

#### H. Storage Options

Further to our previous point about storage, if financial constraints are a concern for a new container, we are happy to monitor grant opportunities. Alternatively, would it be possible to convert the disabled public toilet into a storage space, if not in use? We understand this may be a complex option, but we wanted to raise it for consideration.

- The public toilet referred to is owned by the Isle of Anglesey County Council. Following recent discussions with the County Council regarding the public toilets in Wood Street it is hopeful that space may be released to the club for storage purposes when the toilets are refurbished.
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#### I. Pitch Improvement – Soil and Levelling

There was some discussion around the condition of the pitch and the possibility of levelling it with additional soil. While no firm conclusions were reached, we are willing to assist in identifying or applying for suitable grants should the Council support this initiative.

- Further discussions are required regarding levelling of the ground. When is the best time to carry out this work? taking into account the number of training sessions, league matches and of course the Menai Suspension Bridge celebrations that are being held on the recreation ground on the 8 August 2026 for the community.

#### J. Long-Term Facilities Discussion

As the largest team on the island, it's unfortunate that we must play many of our "home" games outside of Menai Bridge due to lack of facilities. While we understand the spatial limitations within the village, we would greatly appreciate support from the Council in opening a dialogue with Ysgol David Hughes regarding the use of their pitches. A potential long-term vision could be the development of a 3G pitch on their waterlogged furthest field. Although this may be outside the Council's direct remit, your assistance would be invaluable.

- The town council can assist the club with this by making enquiries with the county council's leisure department and education department.

#### 08.25 Play Area at Tyddyn Mostyn

o Members are asked to set up a 'Working Group' in order to move the play area project forward  
Recommendation to Council: Working Group members – Councillors W Love, Denise Owen, Peter Owen and Hefin Jones.

#### 09.25 Any other urgent matters for information or action by the Clerk

##### **For information**

- A bin has been positioned in the bowling green park
- Menai cemetery gate has had it's annual service
- Civils work completed in the bowling green park now waiting for the cameras etc to arrive

##### **Urgent**

- Barrier in Coed Cynol car park has been damaged beyond repair – taken away to make a new one

#### 10.25 Date of next meeting – 11 September 2025

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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Councillor Denise Owen  
Chair

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