



Cyngor Tref Castell Newydd Emlyn

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Newcastle Emlyn Town Council held on Thursday 17th September 2026 at 7.00pm

Present :- [In the Chair] Mayor Cllr Alan Jones – Councillors:- Allan Davies, Hazel Evans, Alanna Jones, Peter Lewis, Jayne Ludgate, Alex Matthews, Maureen Webley. Clerk: Stella Jones.

Also present – CCC Ken Howell

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting following the summer recess.

1. **09/26 Ymddiheiriadau am Absenoldeb / Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Rh Phillips, B Evans.
2. **09/26 Datgelu Diddordeb Personol ac Ariannol dan Eitemau Busnes sydd wedi eu Rhestru Isod / To Disclose Personal & Pecuniary Interests in Items of Business listed below**
Finance – Cllr H Evans – 9.3.S/O Alan Jones – 9. 2.xv & xvii, J Ludgate – 9. Xvi
3. **09/26 Heddlu / Police** – PCSO J Kedward, PCSO Courtney Grota who was introduced as a trainee PCSO – J Kedward stated that they could not glean anything from the CCTV footage to assist with who could have incurred the damage to the Heras fencing. Disappointment was voiced for the response of the police in this matter and also to the drug problem in the town. It was proposed that the Clerk write to the Chief Constable. It was noted that a car had been parked on the zig zag lines at Glazier Row for over a week which is illegal.
4. **09/26. i. Cymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod Misol 16.07.2026 / To approve Monthly Meeting Minutes 16.07.2026**
Cynnig : Cllr H Evans Eilio: Cllr J Ludgate

5. 09/26 Materion yn Codi / Matters Arising

Ref 6.xi.01/24 Amphitheatre – a letter had been received from Ioan Howells of HCE re the Contract Administrator's Practical Completion Payment Certificate he stated that he had not received any response from the contractor re the ducting and had advised on how to proceed regarding this.

Ref 6. xxiv.10/24 Mart Toilets – it was noted by the Clerk that a few minor repairs had been carried out by CCC. It was also noted that CCC had not made the SLA payment for the toilets.

Ref 12.i.10/25 Town Totem & Digital Screen Fund – Cllr A Matthews stated that he would be organising to get the totem working as soon as possible and then any information could be loaded and become live.

Ref 6.vii.02/26 MGS a'r Hen Gwrt – the required work had been carried out on the water ingress. Regarding their query regarding the partition it was stated that as it was a listed building it was very unlikely that permission would be granted and that planning would probably be required.

Ref 6.vxii.04/26 Attic Theatre – re former matter of repairs this to be monitored and reviewed at a later date. Regarding the matter of renewing the lease Council agreed that the period of 6 years should be changed to 10 years and forwarded to the Attic Theatre Committee for perusal.

Ref 12.2.iii.Castle Walls – the new Heras fencing that is to be put up to surround the castle will be put up next week.

Ref 12.07.iii. Grant Funding – this application has been accepted and work will be carried out on Plonovez Gardens.

6. 09/26 Gohebiaeth / Correspondence

- i. email – One week left to have your say on the future of stroke services across Hywel Dda
- ii. email – CCC – Code of Conduct Training? – *circulated*
- iii. email – Dŵr Cymru – break in water supply Treale area – *circulated*
- iv. email – OVW – E News Bulletin – Quarterly News Letter – *circulated*
- v. email – CCC – Ten Towns Vibrancy Fund – *circulated*
- vi. email – King George V Playing Field – *discussed under item 10*
- vii. email – Eisteddfod y Garreg Las – bws i'r eisteddfod – *circulated*
- viii. email – CCC – Planning Applications– 13/07/2026 - 17/07/2026 - *circulated*
- ix. email – CCC – Town & Community Councils Update – *circulated*
- x. email – Carmarthenshire Civil Contingencies Volunteer Seminar Pentre Awel Llanelli 22nd of October.– *circulated*
- xi. email – Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru – *circulated*
- xii. email – CCC – Planning Applications 20/07/2026 - 24/07/2026 – *circulated*
- xiii. email – Help Welsh Government - Travel for All Research – *circulated*

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- xiv. email – Lin Martin – Mart Toilets – complaint– *circulated*
- xv. email – CCC – Planning Applications 27/07/2026 - 31/07/2026 – *circulated*
- xvi. email – Ten Towns Programme Review- Stakeholder engagement Meeting – *circulated* – to Mayor & Deputy – the Mayor gave a *condensed report of the discussion carried out between himself, the Clerk & K Thomas.*
- xvii. email – CCC – diweddariad i Gynghorau Tref a Chymuned – *circulated*
- xviii. email – RBL – Notice of AGM Tuesday 13th Oct 7pm
- xix. email – Sue Waterman – Attic Theatre Steps – *thanked the Council for the work carried out.*
- xx. email – OVW - The latest advertisements for public appointments in Wales – *circulated*
- xxi. email – OVW - One Voice Wales Funding Newsletter July 2026 – *circulated*
- xxii. email – CCC - Temporary Road Closure - B4333, Pantybwllch to Cynwyl Elfed – *circulated*
- xxiii. email – CCC - Planning Applications 03/08/2026 - 07/08/2026 – *circulated*
- xxiv. email – OVW – We need your help – Survey Reminder
- xxv. email – Nacro Connecting Carmarthenshire Instagram – *circulated*
- xxvi. email – Prosiect Argyfwng Costau Byw – Gwybodaeth ac Adnoddau
- xxvii. email – Ioan Howells – 1682: New Amphitheatre At Newcastle Emlyn - Duct Location Update
- xxviii. email – Treialon Cwn Defaid CNE – 25-082026 – *circulated*
- xxix. email – CCC - Temporary road closure Heol Arad Newcastle Emlyn 14/09/26 SA38 9DB – *circulated*
- xxx. email – CCC – Planning Applications 10/08/2026 - 14/08/2026 – *circulated*
- xxxi. email – CCC – nomination of Representative from TC as governor of Ysgol y Ddwyllan – *circulated*
- xxxii. email – Hysbys Cinio Dathlu 45 Mlynedd Y Garthen – 16/10/2026 – *circulated*
- xxxiii. email – OVW - TRAINING DATES - August - December 2026 – *circulated*
- xxxiv. email – Barry O'Halloran – Mart Toilets – trickling water – *informed Jill*
- xxxv. email – Blood Donation NCE Rugby Club 26/08/2026 – request to advertise event
- xxxvi. email – Clynfyw Community Benefit Society screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film at Clynfyw Farm on Tuesday 13th October. – *circulated*
- xxxvii. email – CCC – Funding Opportunities – *circulated*
- xxxviii. email – CCC - Planning Applications 17/08/2026 - 21/08/2026 – *circulated*
- xxxix. email – Age Cymru – request for volunteers – *circulated*
- XL. email – Rali Cilwendeg Rally 17th / 18th October 2026 – request for late opening of toilets – *this was agreed and for them to be left open through the night*
- XLI. email – Newcastle Emlyn FTG community event (Plant Dewi)– letter of thanks for support – *circulated*
- XLII. email – Cymdeithas Owain Glyndŵr - Dydd Glyndŵr 16/09/2026 – *it was noted that the Owain Glyndŵr had been hung in Plonovez Gardens to mark the occasion.*
- XLIII. email – PC373 – Crime Reference Number - 26000690870 - 149/00/CRIMINAL DAMAGE/58D/149/00D
- XLIV. email – HUTS Open Day - Wednesday 23rd September - 11am to 3pm – *circulated*
- XLV. email – CCC – Planning Applications 24/08/2026 - 28/08/2026 – *circulated*
- XLVI. email – OVW – E Bulletin ISSUE 29 – *circulated*
- XLVII. email – OVW – Funding Newsletter August 2026 – *circulated*
- XLVIII. email – Cais Gwella King George V Improvement Grant application
- XLIX. email – Mared Pemberton - Ten Towns Review: Newcastle Emlyn – *circulated*
- L. email – OVW - Biodiversity Packages – 2026-27 – *circulated*
- LI. email – OVW – Letter to Member Councils - Community Boundary Reviews – *circulated*
- LII. email – N C Emlyn: Rhannwch eich barn / Have your say - 14 Medi / September 3PM – 7PM – *circulated*
- LIII. email – H Dd - Share your view on the adult mental health place of safety – *circulated*
- LIV. email – Attic Theatre – lease & CIO in place – *as discussed in Matters Arising*
- LV. email – CCC – Planning Applications 31/08/2026 - 04/09/2026 – *circulated*
- LVI. email – CCC – Bureau Newsletter – *circulated*
- LVII. email – Autumn, winter at Clynfyw 2026 – *circulated*
- LVIII. email – DPP - PCC Bulletin – *circulated*
- LIX. email – Cylchlythyr Glyn Nest Newsletter – *circulated*
- LX. email – CCC – Ten Towns Vibrancy Fund
- LXI. email – Grace & Howe – report on Castle Survey
- LXII. email – CCC - Planning Applications 07/09/2026 - 11/09/2026 – *circulated*
- LXIII. email – Democracy & Boundary Commission Cymru – *circulated*
- LXIV. email – CCC – Scheduled Enhancements to Pavement at Cawdor Terrace, NCE – *circulated*
- LXV. email - Invitation to Girlguiding Ceredigion annual review - Mayor
- LXVI. email – MGS – Grotto Victorian Night – *it was agreed they could do so unless they wanted to use the Old Court House for this event*
- LXVII. email – CCC Mared Pemberton – *stating the improvement work on the town pavements would commence on 5th October.*

7. 09/26Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau / Committee Report

- i. Traders – Cllr P Lewis stated that he was not aware or been informed that a meeting had been held so had nothing to report.
- ii. King George V –
- iii. Victorian Night – a meeting was held between Council members and two representatives from the town traders and it was agreed that this should be held on Friday 4th December with the agreement of Full Council – *this was agreed.* Traders had handed back the organising of the evening to the Council.

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8. 09/26 Cais Cynllunio–Ymgynghori / Planning Application Consultation –

None

9. 09/26 Materion Arianol / Financial Matters

1. Cyllid / Budget – *This was presented, discussed and accepted*

2. Invoices

i.	Wyn Davies, Handyman (03/07/26 – 26/07/26).....	£445.00
ii.	Wyn Davies, Handyman (30/08/26 – 30/08/26)	£410.00
iii.	Jenny Nichols-Long (16/07/26 –19/08/26)	£444.85
iv.	Jenny Nichols-Long (20/08/26 –16/09/26)	£ 355.88
v.	Jill Lowry (16/06/2026 –12/07/2025)	£571.95
vi.	Jill Lowry (19/08/2026 –12/09/2026)	£457.56
vii.	Cardigan Bay Trading [Clock Toilets]	£69.96+£65.97
viii.	Cardigan Bay Trading (Mart Toilets)	£31.94+£48.69+£57.18
ix.	Parc Piliâu [Heras Fencing]	£1,944.00
x.	Caper Ceilidh Band	£400.00
xi.	ABS	£170.34
xii.	WWE	£1,310.30
xiii.	Freya Dare(Forest Friends).....	£320.00
xiv.	Alan Jones	£42.32
xv.	Jayne Ludgate (2 flags)	£172.74
xvi.	Alan Jones[re-imburse for Mayor Donations]	£200.00
xvii.	Way out West	£300.00
xviii.	Slimboy Fat	£200.00
xix.	Gizmo (Balance of £200 final payment following £90 deposit paid in May meeting).....total.....	£290.00

It was agreed by Council to reimburse Cllr Judgate for the last 3 payments

3. S/O or D/D

LAS [per 4weeks]	£142.75 + £142.75
CCC [Rates]	£361.00X2
CCC [treth CH]	£200.00
CLERK'S SALARY	£435.27 X2
OCTOPUS [C.H.].....	£134.03 + £143.36
OCTOPUS [P.C.].....	£27.36 + £27.52
OCTOPUS [Castle]	£27.26 + £27.28
OCTOPUS [O.C.H.].....	£559.13
<i>(Clerk has made enquiries as to what this Invoice is for and was waiting for a response.)</i>	
DŴR CYMRU	£103.50
DŴR CYMRU	£20.88
GRAIG CHAPEL	£75.00
HMRC PAYE	£323.20

4. Credit

i. Rental of Courtyard, Cawdor Hall

UNIT 1	£168.00 x2
UNIT 2	£168.00 x2
UNIT 3	£151.20 x2
UNIT 4	£205.00 x2
Deposit returned for Electricity	£767.66
Amphitheatre	£400.00
CCC Precept	£11,771.89
HMRC VAT	£12,347.09
CCC Grant	£3,776.67

5. Donations given by Mayor to various bodies

i. £200 donated over the summer months

6. Applications for Financial Support

i. Cerebral Palsy Cymru's Annual Council Appeal 2026-2027 – *tabled*

10. 09/26 Materion Angen Trafodaeth / Matters for Discussion

i. King George V Grant Application - following discussions with the park representatives and CCC it was agreed that the Council would make the Grant application on behalf of the Park Committee.

ii. Amphitheatre – Cllr J Ludgate stated that it had been a successful venture and that a profit had been made and good positive feedback had been received from attendees. As with all new ventures a few teething issues would require ironing out. Investigate the possibility of planning and funding for improvements

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11. 09/26 Dyddiad Cyfarfod Nesaf / Date of next meeting

Nos Iau Hydref 15ed 2026 am 7.00yh, Neuadd Cawdor / October 15th 2026 at 7.00pm, Cawdor Hall

12. 09/26 Sylwadau'r Cynghorwyr / Councillors' Comments

1. Cllr P Lewis – i. stated that one of the lights in the Castle was still not working – it was agreed to look at the work that needed doing after the Heras fencing had been erected
2. Cllr J Ludgate – i. stated that Dôl Llewelyn Meadow where the wild flower meadow is requires cutting & clearing –
Clerk to ask Wyn whether he is able to do it and if not to report back to the Mayor & Deputy
ii. Teifi Trail – *she had volunteered to keep an eye on this trail from Cwm Sara to Gillo near Cenarth and if anyone else was walking on it to report back to her if there were any major issues*
3. Cllr Alanna Jones – i. posed the question of who runs the Town Tennis Courts – *Councillors informed that NCE Football Club had now taken it over for training purposes.*
4. Cllr H Evans – i. stated that CCK Howell had been approached by a blind person that there was nowhere safe for them to cross the main street – *CCC are looking at the cost of providing a Pelican Crossing*
ii. arrangements needed to be made for the Christmas Lights Anchor points to be checked – *Clerk to see to this*
iii. For information – The Annual Community Service this year will be held on the 13th December at Trinity Church, NCE.
5. Cllr Alan Jones – i. asked for a new Hoover to be purchased for the Cawdor Hall – *this was agreed*

The meeting terminated at 9.30pm

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