Cyngor Tref
Penmaenmawr
Town Council

Summer
June - August
2024

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Pen to Paper

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Council Meetings:

Meetings are held at 7pm on Monday evenings. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person at the Penmaenmawr Community Library, or remotely via Zoom.

June 2024

- 3rd Planning & Environment Committee
- 10th Well-being, Engagement & Events Committee
- 17th Full Council Meeting
- 24th Governance & Finance Committee

July 2024

- 1st Planning & Environment Committee
- 8th Well-being, Engagement & Events Committee
- 15th Full Council Meeting
- 22nd Governance & Finance Committee

August 2024

There are no meetings held throughout August.

Upcoming Events

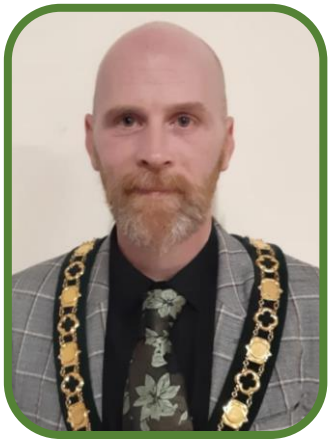
To attend a meeting remotely or for more information, please call 01492 623221, or email admin@penmaenmawr.org

Please check individual organisation's websites & social media for additional information.

First Wednesday monthly (not Aug.)	Dwygyfylchi Women's Institute (WI)	19:00 Penmaenmawr Community Centre, LL34 6AB
Every Wednesday (5th – 26th June)	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – Painting Group	13:30 – 16:30 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Thursday 6th June	D-Day 80th Anniversary Tea-Dance – food, music & ballroom dancers	14:00 – 16:00 Penmaenmawr Community Centre, LL34 6AB
Alternate Mondays (from 10th June)	Happy Eaters	12:00 – 14:00 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Monday 10th June	Community Skips – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	10:00 onwards Paradise Road Car Park, LL34 6AR
Wednesday 19th June	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – Talk & Demonstration by Tom Shea	14:00 – 16:30 Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Thursday 4th July	Ysgol Capelulo Summer Fair	15:00 onwards Ysgol Capelulo, Treforris Road, LL34 6RA
Monday 15th July	Community Skips – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	10:00 onwards The Gladstone Car Park, LL34 6PS
Thursday 1st August	Playing Out – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	13:30 – 15:00 Playing Field, Dwygyfylchi
Thursday 8th August	Playing Out – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	13:30 – 15:00 Penmaenmawr Promenade
Thursday 15th August	Playing Out – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	13:30 – 15:00 Playing Field, Dwygyfylchi
Thursday 22nd August	Playing Out – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	13:30 – 15:00 Penmaenmawr Promenade
Friday 23rd August (until Monday 26th)	Dwygyfylchi & District Art Society – 2024 Annual Art Exhibition	10:00 – 16:00 (each day) Maen Alaw, Bangor Road, LL34 6LE
Saturday 24th August	Pen. Phoenix FC 50th Celebration – Reunion for Past & Present	12:00-Late Penmaenmawr Phoenix Clubhouse, LL34 6PR
Sunday 25th August	Pen. Phoenix FC 50th Celebration – Family Funday all welcome	13:00-21:00 Penmaenmawr Phoenix Clubhouse, LL34 6PR
Thursday 29th August	Playing Out – funded by Penmaenmawr Town Council	13:30 – 15:00 Playing Field, Dwygyfylchi

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Mayors Message



Welcome, to our new Pen to Paper community newsletter, lovingly revived by our very own Cllr. Becca Snell. Let me start by saying how proud I am of Penmaenmawr councillors over the last year. It hasn't been easy for the new council to settle in & get to grips with all the rules & regulations of a local authority, but by pulling together, a lot has been achieved.

The Council managed to put on many events throughout the communities & I think by far the most enjoyable for me was our 2023 Christmas Event. With Christmas 2022 being a complete let down for residents, we were determined to get something for 2023 (& if we're honest anything was better than 2022). Thanks to the efforts of Cllr. Sarah Williams, pulling together a Christmas workshop & keeping Cllrs & staff engaged, we managed to host a Christmas Event we could be proud of, & we're hoping to do it again this festive season.

Though Easter was early this year, that didn't stop Cllr. Lara Cook from organising an event down on the prom, with an egg hunt & more for our younger residents & families to enjoy.

I thank each & every councillor personally for making my Mayoral Year a good one. You all pitched in & pulled together when needed & that's what our community deserves from its Council. Having been re-elected at our AGM in May, I'm delighted to have the honour to represent Penmaenmawr for another year. I hope we have many more successes & continue to deliver for this community. Together we're as solid as Penmaenmawr Granite!

Annual General Meeting 2024/25







On Monday the 13th of May, Penmaenmawr Town Council held its Annual General Meeting for the Mayoral year 2024/25. More than 50 community residents and local business owners attended the event, alongside local police. Penmaenmawr Town Council would like to thank all those in attendance, as well as Pen bakes for providing food for the event, and Ken Stevens, former county councillor for Penmaenmawr, who took on the role of acting Clerk.

During the AGM Cllr. Steven Consterdine was re-elected as Mayor for the coming year, with Cllr. James Cook being elected as Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Consterdine stated that it was "an honour to be re-elected as my fellow councillors put their faith in me once again. I said at my civic service last autumn that being from Penmaenmawr means being part of a community that you can rely on to be there in your time of need. That has never felt more poignant than it is today, whilst many of us continue to struggle with a cost-of-living crisis, made worse by underfunding and lack of resources from central government. It is the ambition of this town council to make sure that essential services and community development remain a priority".

Mayor Consterdine also announced that his chosen Mayoral charity for the coming term would be the Samaritans.

For more information on Town Council news and events, please visit the Penmaenmawr Town Council website.

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Our Civic Pride Wardens

As you may already be aware, Penmaenmawr Town Council employ 3 Civic Pride Wardens, who help keep our town clean and vibrant, maintaining and improving the local environment by taking appropriate action and reporting any relevant issues that affect the quality and appearance of Penmaenmawr so that such issues can be addressed.



One of the main roles of our civic pride wardens; Dale (pictured right), Minton, and Megan, is litter picking and general tidying of our community. Given the changeable weather we've experienced this spring, in addition to the wet, storm-filled winter that would never end, this task was incredibly time consuming for our wardens. However, despite the wind and rain, they managed to keep our community clean, and for that, on behalf of the community and ourselves, Penmaenmawr Town Council would like to extend our thanks to the Civic Pride Wardens for their continued efforts.

Another aspect of the role of a Civic Pride Warden is to service and maintain the defibrillators located across our community (the locations of all 7 defibrillators are listed below). Defibrillators can be accessed at any time and used under the guidance of 999 Ambulance operators to help restart someones heart.

On May 23rd, an NHS Executive came to train our 3 Civic Pride Wardens in how to maintain and service the defibrillators. Adhering to a strict schedule of maintenance, including but not limited to; checking the cabinets are in good order, checking defibrillator batteries, and replacing charging pads to ensure that they are both in-date and in good condition. Having this maintenance regime in place ensures our defibrillators are always available to save a life.

Defibrillator Locations:

- ✓ Fairy Glen Hotel – LL34 6SP
- ✓ Ysgol Capelulo – LL34 6RA
- ✓ Dwygyfylchi Convenience Store – LL34 6UB
- ✓ Penmaenmawr Phoenix Football Club – LL34 6PR
- ✓ Penmaenmawr Sailing Club – LL34 6NJ
- ✓ Ysgol Pencae – LL34 6YG
- ✓ Spar Store – LL34 6DA

Egg-cellent Easter Event '24



On Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024, Penmaenmawr Town Council hosted an Easter event on Pen. prom. Over 150 people attended throughout the day, our younger residents & their families followed clues (examples pictured bottom) laid out by our council Easter Bunnies (pictured top) & were rewarded with Easter eggs provided by the Town Council.



It was a beautiful sunny day & community feedback was extremely positive, many parents expressed their appreciation of having a free event in which to take their children over the festive weekend.

The Town Council wishes to thank Cllr. Lara Cook for her hard work in organising the event, as well as Cllrs: Sarah Williams, Cathy Augustine, James Cook, & Judith Priestnall, for assisting in the planning & running of the event.

All leftover Easter eggs were donated to Happy Eaters, Noddfa & The Gables Care Home.

Recent Council Developments

Deputy Mayor and chair of the Governance & Finance Committee, Cllr. James Cook (pictured top left), has provided this issues summary of recent council developments:



The last 12 months have proven to be a busy period for the PTC Governance & Finance Committee. Aside from the day-to-day governance and accounting responsibilities, the committee has looked to progress several projects which are in keeping with the priorities outlined previously by our Mayor: economic development, social wellbeing and biodiversity.

Firstly, we have been working to formalise plans to fund the installation of a Long-Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWAN) which will be situated on Ysgol Pencae's buildings, ensuring a free Wi-Fi network along the High Street and Promenade. This has been progressed under the Smart Towns Initiative and is part of the Transforming Towns Fund. Free Wi-Fi plays a crucial role in enhancing connectivity and accessibility within a community. It allows individuals to stay connected with friends and family, access important information, and even work remotely, as well as boosting local economies by attracting tourists and encouraging residents to spend more time in public spaces. Overall, free Wi-Fi is not just a convenience, but a tool for empowerment and growth within a community.



Like many Town Councils, PTC has been looking at ways in which it can support our town's shops and businesses. Moving forward, and as part of a long-term plan, PTC will hopefully announce in the next financial quarter the provision of free parking for up to 3 hours in the Fernbrook Road Car Park (pictured bottom left). PTC believes that revitalising local businesses is crucial for maintaining a vibrant community and preserving the unique character of our town. By supporting town centre shops, we hope to not only help small businesses thrive, but to also create a more sustainable and resilient economy. We understand our shops are run by local entrepreneurs who are deeply invested in the community, providing personalised service and a sense of connection that cannot be replicated by larger chain stores. When residents choose to support their neighborhood shops, they contribute to the growth and prosperity of the community. Additionally, by shopping at local businesses, individuals can reduce their carbon footprint by minimising the need for long-distance transportation of goods.

The second phase of this plan will focus on the Town Centre Welcome sign. PTC understands that the A55 serves as a vital transportation artery for the tourism industry, accommodating a substantial volume of tourist traffic throughout the year. The road plays a crucial role in connecting popular tourist hotspots, and currently a significant amount of that traffic passes by Penmaenmawr without really knowing it's there. PTC is currently looking into the potential asset transfer of the Town's Welcome Sign with a view to modernising its content to provide a more accurate and attractive reflection of the businesses and activities the town now has to offer. Whether it's families on holidays or adventure seekers heading to the mountains, it is hoped that phase 2 will establish a steady flow of tourist traffic to the town to re-ignite the town's tourist industry.

Finally, the Town Council is progressing with the potential asset transfer of the Bron Haul woodland site. Biodiversity areas and green spaces play a crucial role in the well-being of coastal towns in Wales. The presence of diverse plant and animal species contributes to the overall health of the ecosystem, providing essential services such as pollination, soil fertility, and water purification. In addition to their environmental benefits, biodiversity areas and green spaces are important for the economic and social development of Welsh coastal towns such as Penmaenmawr. Tourists are drawn to areas with rich biodiversity and well-maintained green spaces, boosting local economies through increased tourism revenue. Furthermore, access to green spaces has been linked to improved mental health and overall well-being, making them essential for the quality of life of residents. By preserving and enhancing biodiversity areas and green spaces, towns like Penmaenmawr can ensure a sustainable future for both the environment and the community. Although the project is very much in its infancy, the funding has been successfully sourced to commission a feasibility study for the project and once this work is complete, we will have a better understanding of which direction the project will take next.

Ysgol Pencae Orchard





On March 4th, County & Town Cllr. Cathy Augustine and Mayor Cllr. Steven Consterdine, attended Ysgol Pencae to take part in an exciting new biodiversity project spearhead by Headteacher Mr. Owain Ellis, with the assistance of Tim from Cadwch Gymru'n Daclus - Keep Wales Tidy.

Mayor Consterdine stated: "it was great watching Tim, his enthusiasm brought the lesson to life, the children asked great questions and were really keen to help get plants in the ground".

This Fruit Orchard will be a wonderful addition to the school and provide many opportunities for out of the classroom learning, ensuring our children grow up knowing about the importance of the environment, sustainability and biodiversity.

Cllr. Augustine and Mayor Consterdine, were moved to hear a young student ask whether, in the future, he could bring his little brother and sister to the school to show them how the orchard was growing. And he seemed delighted to think that he himself could return in years to come and literally see the fruits of his labour.

On behalf of our community, the Council would like to thank all the staff at Ysgol Pencae for their hard work and dedication to our young minds.

Ysgol Capelulo Achievements





The pupils at Ysgol Capelulo have been busy this year!

On May 7th, the school received an Eco-Schools Green Flag: 6th Platinum Award. Eco-Schools is a worldwide programme developed by the Foundation for Environmental Education and run, in Wales, by Keep Wales Tidy. The aim is to "empower and inspire young people to make positive environmental changes to their school and wider community, while building on their skills, including numeracy and literacy, and encompassing Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship". Pictured top right are Ysgol Capelulo's Eco Puffins with the award.

Alongside working on environmental awareness, the children at Ysgol Capelulo have been increasing their cultural knowledge as well. Year 6 pupils (pictured bottom right) have taken part in the 4th 'Chinese Bridge' contest – an international scale Chinese show for primary school students organised by the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation. Lead by Confucius Classroom Practitioner, Chun Yang, who attends Ysgol Capelulo weekly to teach the children Mandarin and educate them on Chinese culture, the pupils sang a nursery rhyme in Mandarin as their entry into the contest. On behalf of our community, the council would like to wish the year 6's the best of luck!

If you would like to support Ysgol Capelulo, Headteacher Mrs. Glenda Owen would like to remind the community that the school has a summer fair coming up on the 4th of July from 3pm and that they are looking for stallholders for the event as well as donations towards their fundraising.

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- ✓ Highways & Transport
- ✓ Leisure & Cultural Services
- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Licensing
- ✓ Council Tax
- ✓ Waste & Recycling
- ✓ Emergency Planning

Here's a list of the services covered by County, as opposed to your Town Council…

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