



Cyngor Tref Castell Newydd Emlyn

Newcastle Emlyn Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Newcastle Emlyn Town Council held on Thursday 15th October 2026 at 7.00pm

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

Also present – CCC Ken Howell

1. **Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb / Apologies for Absence:** - Cllr. P Lewis
2. **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 – Cllrs - H Evans – 9.3, Alan Jones – 9.2.vii.viii
3. **Heddlu / Police** – T-Supt. Richard Yelland & Insp. Matthew Howells were present and gave an overview of policing in the Ceredigion area. Councillors were given the opportunity to voice their concerns for the town.
4. **i. Cymeradwyo Cofnodion Cyfarfod Misol Gorffennaf 17.09.2026 / To approve Monthly Meeting Minutes July 17.09.2026**
Cynnig: Cllr H Evans
Eilio: Cllr B Evans

5. Materion yn codi / Matters arising

Ref 6.xi01/24 Amphitheatre – the final payment is due to be made but as no response has been received regarding the construction of trunking on site it was agreed that it would be best to withhold payment as advised by I Howells

Ref 12.i.10/25 Town Totem & Digital Screen Fund – Cllr A Matthews gave an update of the present situation, the screen is not live and that the software licence had expired. He stated that because of the restricted access to the screen he was concerned there could be damage, Councillors stated that he should go ahead and try to do the necessary work required to get it up and running.

Ref 6. xxiv.10/24 Mart Toilets – update – CCC had not done any work on improving the pipework – *Clerk to speak with Barry O'Hallrahan regarding this*

Ref 10.i.02/25 Old Court House – the Clerk stated that she had spoken to Mr Bussey and was told that he would send roofers over to sort the work out, Cllr B Evans stated he would chase him up to sort out the work.

Ref 12.2.iii.Castle Walls – there had been damage yet again to the Heras Fencing, these have been chained together. The castle walls have been strapped to try to prevent further damage. The spare Fencing has been returned to Mark Jukes and council should therefore be credited. Cllr H Evans stated that CCC wanted a copy of the drone footage.

Ref 12.07.iii. Grant Funding – the funding to do work on Plonovez Gardens had been granted but the funding had as yet not been received.

Ref 10.i.9/26 King George V Grant Application – the Park Committee are in the process of preparing the required paperwork to get quotes for the application

* Reminder for Toilets to be open late for Cilwendeg Rally 17th October

* RBL – asked - can they put the Union Jack up instead of Owain Glyndwr for Remembrance Sunday – the flag would be changed at the weekend

6. 10/26 Gohebiaeth / Correspondence

- i. email – Sam Gregory for Chief Constable - *acknowledgement of receipt of letter on behalf of Chief Constable*
- ii. email – CCC – Planning Applications 14/09/2026 - 18/09/2026 – *circulated*
- iii. email – CCC – Carmarthenshire Civil Contingencies Volunteer Seminar Pentre Awel Llanelli 22nd of October – *circulated*
- iv. email – OVW – E News Bulletin – Quarterly News Letter – *circulated*
- v. email – Codi – Funding available for schools, sports clubs and community groups across Wales – *circulated*
- vi. email – Fairtrade Fortnight Event at Fair and Fabulous start date Saturday 3rd October 2026–
- vii. email – NACRO – Quarter 1 Spotlight on Social Enterprise - Beics Pawb – *circulated*
- viii. email – CCC – Planning Applications 21/09/2026 - 25/09/2026 – *circulated*
- ix. email – CCC – Town & Community Councils Update – *circulated*

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- x. email – Publication of the Draft Annual Remuneration Report 2026–27 – *circulated*
- xi. email – PC Llŷr Edwards – Crime no. 26000690870 – Castle Heras Fencing – *circulated*
- xii. email – CCC – Planning Applications 28/09/2026 - 02/10/2026 – *circulated*
- xiii. email – CCC - Thursday 15th October is "Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae Day" – *circulated*
- xiv. email – Bwyd Sir Gâr Food Newsletter - October 2026 – *circulated*
- xv. email – CCC – Carmarthenshire Smart Local Energy Systems – *circulated*
- xvi. email – RNID - Near You Service - Support for NHS Hearing Aids & Hearing Checks – *circulated*
- xvii. email – CCC – Ways into Work Events, Autumn 2026 –
- xviii. email – Lloyds British – quote for Anchor Point Testing – *because of the time constraint it was resolved to do this when the lights are taken down*
- xix. email – Introduction to Porth Gwyrdd – Invitation for local businesses, 20 November –
- xx. email – OVW - Training Dates - October- December 2026 – *circulated*
- xxi. email – National Grid - Festive Illuminations 2026 – Request for Inventory Information – *there is no change to the displays*
- xxii. email – CCC - Temporary Road Closure - C1290 Capel Iwan Road, Newcastle Emlyn - 20.10.2026 - 2 days – *circulated*
- xxiii. email – CCC – Soil Sampling – Newcastle Emlyn Castle – *circulated*
- xxiv. email – Remuneration of Councillor Expenses Form – *completed and forwarded to the appropriate department*
- xxv. email – PC Sarah Davies – acknowledgement of letter
- xxvi. email – PS Gareth Augustus – Ref No. 26000826754.
- xxvii. email – DPP Contact Centre – Ref No - DP-202620261012-348
- xxviii. email – CCC – Planning Applications 05/10/2026 - 09/10/2026 – *circulated*
- xxix. email – DP – Police & Crime Commissioner – acknowledgement
- xxx. email – CCC – Emergency Road Closure - C1285 from Cenarth, Newcastle Emlyn - *circulated*

7. 10/26 Adroddiadau Pwyllgorau / Committee Report

- i. Victorian Night – *Stall interest is very good so far for the 4th December. Bank details for the ones requesting stalls to be given to make BACS payments. Volunteers will be required to steward the evening*
- ii. Christmas Lights – *regarding the anchor points-because of the time constraint it was resolved to do this when the lights are taken down. Clerk stated that she had made enquiries with Crane Aid for a quote but had not had a response, she stated she would try ETTS in Pems for a quote. A Rota sheet was circulated for Councillors to fill in for their availability to help with getting things up and running.*

8. 10/26 Cais Cynllunio–Ymgynghori / Planning Application Consultation –

PL/11450 - Proposed partial change of use of building to become that of a mixed use premises, compromising A3 use to first floor (food, drinks restaurant, wine and sports bar with snooker room) with the entire ground floor to remain as A1 use and all other associated works - Former Co Operative Food, Sycamore Street, Newcastle Emlyn, SA38 9AJ – *no observations*

9. 10/26 Materion Arianol / Financial Matters

1. Cyllid / Budget – *this was discussed and accepted*

2. Invoices

i.	Wyn Davies, Handyman (31/08/26 – 27/09/26)	£520.00
ii.	Jenny Nichols-Long (17/09/26 – 14/10/26)	£ 355.88
iii.	Jill Lowry (14/09/2026 - 30/09/2026)	£285.98
iv.	Cardigan Bay Trading [Clock Toilets]	£28.19
v.	Cardigan Bay Trading (Mart Toilets)	£88.37
vi.	Squeaky Clean Windows	£30.00
vii.	Alan Jones	£157.00
viii.	Alan Jones	£119.50
ix.	Clerk (B/P)	£3.34 + £104.46 = £107.80
x.	J Lowry (B/P)	£54.12
xi.	J Nichols Long (B/P)	£48.38
xii.	J.D.R. Thomas	£159.00

3. S/O or D/D

LAS [per 4weeks]	£177.35
CCC [Rates]	£361.00
CCC [rate payment CH]	£200.00
CLERK'S SALARY	£448.26
OCTOPUS [C.H.]	£142.36
OCTOPUS [P.C.]	£26.64
OCTOPUS [Castle]	£28.33
DŴR CYMRU	£105.50
DŴR CYMRU	£20.88

4. Credit

i. Rental of Courtyard, Cawdor Hall

UNIT 1	£175.00
UNIT 2	£175.00

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UNIT 3	£160.00
UNIT 4	£205.00
Lafan Cyf [hire of CH].....	£25.00
Hazel Evans[donation of Blood Kit].....	£95.00
Alan Jones[donation of Blood Kit].....	£95.00
Rhodri Phillips[donation for Blood Kit].....	£95.00

5. Donations given by Mayor to various bodies

- i. None this month

6. Requests for Financial Assistance

- i. None

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

- i. Clock Tower Repairs – Cllr Alan Jones stated that he had received a quote for urgently needed repairs – *it was proposed and seconded that the work should go ahead*
ii. Remembrance Sunday – Councillors to meet at Emlyn square at 9.30am for the parade through town to the church.

11. 10/26 Dyddiad Cyfarfod Nesaf / Date of next meeting

Nos Iau Tachwedd 19eg 2026 am 7.00yh, Neuadd Cawdor / *November 19th 2026 at 7.00pm, Cawdor Hall*

12. 10/26 Sylwadau'r Cynghorwyr / Councillors' Comments

1. Cllr Alan Jones – i. the Fireworks in the Castle will need to use a slightly different site to their usual because of the fenced off area in the castle grounds
2. Cllr Alanna Jones – i. there are branches overhanging over the river that need cutting back
ii. suggested that directional signs would be good in the castle for visitors – Cllrs felt that this would be a good idea
3. Cllr Allan Davies – i. thanked the Mayor for his donation to HUTS
4. Cllr Jayne Ludgate – i. the Council have received a donation of two Silver Cups from Mrs Rhiannon Lewis in memory of the late Mrs Joan Thomas past Councillor and Mayor of the town
5. Cllr Hazel Evans – i. announced that there would be a Gymanfa Ganu at Holy Trinity Church on the 15th November at 6.30pm to celebrate 100 yrs of the church being renovated

The meeting terminated at 9.00pm

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