

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021
ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Marisa D. O'Hara, Cathy Evans, Matthew Cooling, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mick Stevens, John Pughe, Joseph Smith, Gareth Mason, Alun Wyn Evans,

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 015 **APOLOGIES:**
13.01.21 Nancy Clarke

Cl. 016 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
13.01.21 Councillor Joseph Smith – Item 20 – Partner is Trustee and Director of Ynysymaengwyn

Cl. 017 **PRESENTATION – JO HINCHLIFFE, MAKERSPACES**
13.01.21 Jo Hinchliffe introduced himself and explained that he is a freelance 'Maker' with Menter Mon, Jo writes for magazines about making things and has been to over 80 makerspaces around the world.
Makerspaces originated as places for people who decided to club together to purchase equipment together so that they could share the overheads of a workspace. Typical equipment purchased by these groups was 3D printers and heat presses.
These spaces soon evolved and became places where people were able to create prototypes for their business, people could attend for education and where the community would go for repair events. The makerspaces became places where people could share skills.
The makerspace in Porthmadog, Ffiws, was Mentor Mon's pilot project and occupies an empty shop on Porthmadog High Street. Ffiws has some good quality equipment and also the benefit of technicians who act as trainers on the machinery. The equipment is free for members of the public to come in and use. The materials are paid for by an honesty box that people are encouraged to contribute to. The facility has attracted a very diverse range of people who have used the equipment for a very diverse number of reasons, the outcomes have yielded enormous results including skill-sharing, new learning and group projects being started. People have used the facilities for craft projects but also upscaled to industrial activities.
Ways to make Ffiws sustainable have been investigated but the Covid has stalled these efforts. One model that has been successfully used in a Makerspace in Liverpool is to reserve one day per week for skill learning and sharing and then subsequent commercial usage of the facilities is charged for. Porthmadog devised

a plan to manufacture items for sale for the heritage railway and raise funds in that way.

The volunteers in Porthmadog were encouraged to form a more formal group or social enterprise to enable revenue schemes to be further investigated.

There is flexibility in the provision of equipment but likely to include a 3D Printer, laser cutter for cutting or engraving, sublimation kit for putting images onto other items such as t-shirts and mugs, vinyl cutter for making stickers or product packaging, CNC router and a collection of hand tools and soldering equipment. Opportunities exist to educate young people however it was noted that many schools have very well equipped design and technology units on site, the demand from school children is likely to be less although youth groups are often facilitated.

It was confirmed that in addition to grant funding for the equipment, that Mentor Mon would commit to providing some technician time to facilitate workshops or train trainers, and develop risk assessments and other administration support.

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13.01.21

CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Chair expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery to Councillor Clarke
- The Chair offered condolences to Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones at the passing of her mother
- The Chair thanked Councillor Nancy Clarke for her tenure as the Chair of Tywyn Town Council and congratulated Councillor John Pughe for his election to the post of Vice-Chair
- 08/01 – Attended Finance Committee
- Reported that the seafront toilets have been vandalised again and that Gwynedd Council are considering installing metal gates
- Reported that flowers are being stolen from the cemetery and that Gwynedd Council have been informed along with the Cambrian News
- Betsi Cadwaladr have been contacted for reassurance that the Minor Injuries Unit in Tywyn Hospital will re-open after the Covid shut-down
- The Manager of the Leisure Centre has been in contact regarding the arson in the toilet at the Council Office and the ongoing damp issues.
- Reported that contact had been made by a member of the public regarding a planning matter at Warwick Place.

Cl. 019
13.01.21

MINUTES:

Receive and approve: -

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 11th November 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 9th December 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones seconding the motion.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 10th December 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Joseph Smith seconding the motion.

Cl. 020 **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

13.01.21 Receive and approve: -

Finance Committee

Meeting held on Friday, 8th January 2021

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion.

Cl. 021 **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

13.01.21 Councillor Matthew Cooling reported that he had attended a meeting of the group looking to explore Youth Engagement

Cl. 022 **MAKERSPACE – STATION BUILDING**

13.01.21 Motion to facilitate a Makerspace facility at the Station Building in conjunction with Menter Mon and the Cambrian Railway Partnership/Transport for Wales

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Cl. 023 **GREENER TYWYN REPRESENTATIVE**

13.01.21 Motion to add Councillor Joseph Smith as an additional Council representative to the Greener Tywyn Committee

Councillor Marisa O’Hara stepped down from this post

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the motion.

Cl. 024 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

13.01.21 Motion to review the Terms of Reference for the following Committees:-

- Finance Committee
- Planning Committee
- Environment Committee
- Personnel Committee

- Personnel Appeals Panel

MOTION DEFERRED UNTIL FEBRUARY MEETING

- Cl. 025
13.01.21 **HAPPY VALLEY TELEPHONE BOX**
Motion to object to the de-commissioning of the telephone kiosk in Happy Valley
RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor Matthew Cooling seconding the motion.
- Cl. 026
13.01.21 **ZOOM ACCOUNT**
Motion to purchase a Zoom account to enable online meetings
RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor Mike Stevens proposing and Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the motion.
- Cl. 027
13.01.21 **TYWYN TOWN TRAIL**
Motion to accept the donation of the Tywyn Town Trail from the Tywyn and District History Society
RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones seconding the motion.
- Cl. 028
13.01.21 **CCTV**
Motion to consider the most appropriate CCTV design for a town system.
RESOLVED: To approve the motion and conduct further research into most appropriate system, with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the motion.
- Cl. 029
13.01.21 **BUDGET 2021/22**
Motion to approve the Budget for 2021/22
RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion.
- Cl. 030
13.01.21 **PRECEPT 2021/22**
Motion to agree the Precept for 2021/22
RESOLVED: To approve the motion and demand a precept of £90328.12 with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Matthew Cooling seconding the motion.

Cl. 031 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

13.01.21 Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for November and December 2020

RESOLVED: To with Councillor Eileen Jones proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Cl. 032 **NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

13.01.21

- 2 Gwynedd Council consultations currently underway; Council tax premiums on 2nd Homes, and Appropriate siting of Charging Points for Electric Vehicles
- Chief Executive of Gwynedd Council, Dilwyn Williams, has handed in his notice terminating his employment
- The CAB has launched a free helpline number in Gwynedd 0802787922
- Meetings have been held discussing the rising problem of 'County Lines' drug dealers.

Cl. 033 **CLERK'S REPORT**

13.01.21 Motion to receive Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To receive the report with Councillor Gareth Mason proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Cl. 034 **YNYSYMAENGWYN TRUST UPDATE**

13.01.21 Reported that the bookkeeping had been completed for the Trust and sent to the Accountant

The meeting was declared closed at 8:48 pm

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