

## **Greener Tywyn Committee Meeting Minutes When: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**In attendance:** Heather Broster (minutes), Liz Hutchinson, Chris Broster, Sara Waddington, Richard Garrett, Heather Garrett.

**Apologies:** Mathieu Gasquet, Joanna Houseman, IO'D. **Agenda**

### **1. Bank account**

- Sara has received the forms from Barclays bank which must be completed, signed by three committee members (Sara, Heather and Mathieu) and taken to our local Tywyn branch.

**Action Point:** We will wait until Mathieu returns from Italy to sign the forms.

### **2. Film Festival**

-A at the Magic Lantern feels that although it is likely we can receive funding for a film festival from Film Hub Wales, there are a number of issues: lots of paper work involved in the funding application; very time-consuming; we would have to invite speakers and provide accommodation; we would have to contact the directors directly rather than go through distribution channels, etc.

This means we would have to delay until 2019 if we wanted to do a properly funded festival.

- It is important to involve the community because funding is based on community involvement.

**Action Point:** We have decided to hold a "Greener Tywyn Weekend" rather than a film festival. It will involve three films each shown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as workshops, speakers such as AR, repair cafe, presentations from businesses, stalls, etc. We plan to hold it in November so we can include a Christmas market where people can buy zero waste gifts. If all goes well with the weekend, we can apply for a grant next year and use the GTG weekend as an example of what we've achieved.

Ideas from previous meeting we did not discuss:

- create a pass that will get you into all three films
- ask Facebook group if they can recommend films for adults and kids
- get PA from CAT and RH from Transition (or AD locally?) to come and give a talk
- Liz to invite an eco-band Mobius Loop to play (once we have confirmed details)
- try to get the schools involved with a trailer/short film making project, younger kids can design a poster
- have an awards ceremony (#onegreenchange business awards) during the film festival for businesses that have made changes
- open garden morning at the school to coincide with the film festival?

**Action Point:** MG to send newsletter to recruit members for film weekend working party. SW to post the same on Facebook.

### **3. #OGC Campaign and SAS**

- - All members agree that joining Surfers Against Sewage is a positive step towards reducing single-use plastic in Tywyn's shops, restaurants and cafes. However we want to go beyond the modest goals set by SAS (more than three shops, more than three changes). We feel that SAS's goals tie in closely with our existing #OGC campaign.
- - To join SAS, we must first do the following: convince the council to go single use plastic-free, recruit one council member to the working party, apply to join SAS online.
- - HB has volunteered to act as the point of contact between GTG and SAS.
- - If approved, we will hold an SAS introductory event and invite all businesses in town to attend. A potential venue could be the Talyllyn Railway and the Coop could provide catering. The Talyllyn and other businesses will be invited to share what they've done so far to reduce/eliminate single-use products. We can create invitations and deliver them to each shop in town.

**Action Point:** SW to ask F for a 5-minute slot at the next Tywyn town council meeting so that we can present SAS's ideas and encourage the council to get on board.

**Action Point:** HB to sign up for SAS if the town council approves our decision. **Action Point:** HB and MG to send out email asking for more #OGC volunteers

for the working group.

**Action Point:** HG to ask Coop manager if they can provide catering for a community event like this.

**Action Point:** Make a list of all community groups and schools in the area. (Who wants to do this?)

#### 4. Student volunteer / Recycling project

- - Liv (the student volunteer) must complete 30 hours of community service.
- - We have decided that she can help with the school garden clean-up/ cinema garden project (dates yet to be confirmed), Liz's recycling project (research what happens to our recycling), and the film festival (make a display of what you can/cannot recycle, compile a list of potential speakers and local crafts people).

**Action Point:** LH to contact Liv about how she can contribute.

#### 5. Dyfi Biosphere Food Meeting

- Joanna has already been in touch with F about the upcoming Dyfi Biosphere Food and Drink Showcase in Machynlleth on June 28th 2018. F will hopefully pass the information on to Tywyn businesses via the Town Council Facebook page and email. The deadline to apply is the 22nd.

**Action Point:** HG to share info about the event in GTG Facebook group. (Already complete)

## **6. Public Liability Insurance**

Mathieu and Joanna contacted Mantell Gwynedd and the Eden Project respectively and the consensus is that coverage for individual events is quite expensive (around £140 per event). S from the Eden Project advised us to be “coached” by another organisation.

**Action Point:** HG to contact AR about possible organisations that could “cwtch” GTG for events held outside of the cinema.

## **7. Plastic-Free July**

Sara suggested that we could encourage locals and holidaymakers to boycott at least one plastic product for the month of July.

We plan on creating an artistic structure that we can either fill or decorate with plastic collected from people as they leave the Coop. The structure would be displayed near the Coop, perhaps on the wooden platform?

**Action Point:** SW to ask \_\_\_ if she can come up with an artistic project to display plastic we collect.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next committee meeting will be decided in the Admin group.