

# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



**CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

## **Gwynedd Business Support Bulletin 08.01.2021**

### **First Minister: “Stay home to save lives”**

First Minister Mark Drakeford today said everyone must stay at home to save lives as he confirmed the alert level four coronavirus restrictions in Wales will continue. Following a formal review of the alert level four lockdown restrictions, which were introduced at midnight on 19 December 2020, all the measures will remain in place. This means non-essential retail, hospitality venues, licensed premises and leisure facilities will remain closed. The measures will be strengthened to close all showrooms. They will still be able to operate click and collect arrangements. The Welsh Government is also reviewing whether major supermarkets and retailers need to put additional measures in place to protect people in store and what else employers need to do to protect people in the workplace and support people to work from home. For the announcement in full, go to:

<https://gov.wales/first-minister-stay-home-save-lives>

### **Update: ERF Sector Specific Fund**

The fund should be open for applications by 12:00pm on 13 January 2021, and it will remain open for 2 weeks or until funds are fully committed. To use the eligibility checker to review the criteria, go to:

<https://fundchecker.businesswales.gov.wales/sectorspecificgrant/>

To read the fund guidance prior to its opening, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/economic-resilience-fund-erf-sector-specific-fund>

## **Authorities come together once again to close Snowdonia's car parks**

As the pandemic reaches a new high point in infection rates and a new variant of the virus is spreading so quickly, authorities want to emphasise the need to avoid any unnecessary travel. Following an increase in examples of people disregarding current Welsh Government guidelines that all of Wales is in lockdown (alert level 4), the Snowdonia National Park Authority have decided to close all of their car parks. A joint press release has been issued by Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council and North Wales Police about this, go to:

<http://bit.ly/SNPAPressRelease08Jan2021>

## **Consulting on raising council tax premium on second homes and long-term empty homes in Gwynedd**

Gwynedd Council is carrying out a public consultation on a proposal to increase the Council Tax Premium on Second Homes and Long Term Empty Properties up to 100% for the 2021/22 financial year. For the press release in full, go to:

<http://bit.ly/PressReleaseGwynedd23Dec2020>

The consultation is open until 1 February 2021. To take part, visit:

<http://bit.ly/TaxPremiumSurvey>

## **£850,000 improvements underway at Neuadd Dwyfor**

Significant improvements worth £850,000 have started at Neuadd Dwyfor in Pwllheli which will upgrade the theatre and library facilities. To see more about this news, go to:

<http://bit.ly/PressReleaseGwynedd08Jan2021>

## **International Trade Support: What does the UK-EU Trade deal mean for Business?**

West Cheshire & North Wales Chamber of Commerce are offering International Trade Support and are running a series of post Brexit briefings and bite sized sessions open to non-members and members alike to help businesses prepare for the new rules of trade, from customs procedures to the practicalities of buying from and selling to the EU market. Here are the details of dates and times, as well as registration and booking links, for these free sessions:

- 11 January 2021 9:30am – 11:00am: ‘Nuts and Bolts’ – Your business, Your people  
<http://bit.ly/2LycxfG>
- 9 February 2021 9:00am – 11:00am: Protecting Your Assets – Intellectual Property and Conformity  
<http://bit.ly/3nqJYxO>
- 11 March 2021 9:00am – 11:00am: From A to B – The successful movement of goods  
<http://bit.ly/3i2CG2o>

## **M-Sparc Enterprise HUB: SMART Towns Masterclasses 14 January 2021**

The second in a series of 5 masterclasses focusing on how data can help town centres and high streets adapt will be held on 14 January 2021 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Following on from the introductory event on 1 October 2020 titled ‘Recovering from Covid19: SMART Towns’, each masterclass will concentrate

in more detail on a certain topic related to SMART Towns. For more information, and to register, go to:

<http://bit.ly/3pTpPCi>

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More useful information is available from:

## **Gwynedd Council – Business Support**

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/businesscovid19>

<https://twitter.com/BusnesGwynedd>

## **Gwynedd Business Network**

<https://www.gwyneddbusnes.net/>

<https://twitter.com/gwyneddbusnes>

## **Business Wales**

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/>

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