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PORTHMADOG DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Introduction

This catalogue consists solely of minute books of the various committees of Portmadog District Council which was established in 1817. Portmadog, is a seaport town situated between the counties of Caernarfonshire and Merionethshire. The town takes its name from Mr W.A.Maddocks, M.P for Boston, who was responsible for constructing an embankment, between 1798 and 1811, which reclaimed the sand dune and bogland areas of Traeth Mawr and Penmorfa Marsh from the sea. Prior to this period the town and district was referred to as Ynyscynhaiarn. A harbour at Portmadog was built between 1821 and 1825 and began a hive of industry as well as the terminus of the Festiniog railway. From the 1830s onwards the slate trade flourished and had a large influence on the structure and development of the town. Several quarry companies together with the shipping associated with the iron and brass foundaries, which were constructed in this period, meant that Portmadog became the centre of maritime activity within Tremadog Bay.

The catalogue has been arranged in chronological order and under the headings of the relevant departments. From 1974 onwards the minutes are bilingual in nature.

PORTMADOG URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTE BOOKS

XB16/1/1	Jan 1817 – Dec 1884	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details of Ynyscynhaiarn Rural District Council minutes, sub committee reports and details of accounts.
XB16/1/2	Jan 1885 – Nov 1889	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/3	June 1896 – Sept 1898	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XBI6/1/4	1897 –1929	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/5	April 1902 –Sept 1906	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes draft of the Education Bill 1902 and details of accounts.
XB16/1/6	Sept 1906 – March 1910	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on planning permission for the University of North Wales. Book Cover is slightly damaged and in need of repair.
XB16/1/7	April 1910 –Feb 1913	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on the diversion of the River Dwyrdd. Also reference to the coronation of King George V and minutes from a Special Meeting of the District Council in connection with a visit by King George V and Queen Mary to Portmadoc in 1911.
XB16/1/8	March 1913 – July 1915	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes arrangements for the billeting of troops.
XB16/1/9	July 1915 – April 1918	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Details on Lord Derby's recruiting campaign and information on the Red Cross campaign for war funds
XB16/1/10	April 1918 – June 1920	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/11	July 1920 – Oct 1922	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>

XB16/1/12	Oct 1922 – Oct 1927	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/13	Nov 1927 – April 1934	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/14	April 1934 – July 1938	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/15	July 1938 – Nov 1942	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details of evacuees and minutes from the War Emergency Meeting.
XB16/1/16	Nov 1942 – Nov 1946	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details of victory parades and Post War industrial development.
XB16/1/17	Dec 1946 – May 1949	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/18	June 1949 – Nov 1952	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/19	Dec 1952 – May 1959	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes a Special Meeting report on flooding crisis of 1953.
XB16/1/20	June 1959 – April 1963	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Cover is slightly damaged and in need of repair.
XB16/1/21	May 1963 – March 1967	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Information on the demolition of the old Town Hall and building plans of the new Town Hall
XB16/1/22	April 1967 – May 1971	<u>MINUTE BOOK.</u> Includes the architects report on Tremadoc Housing Estate. Cover is slightly damaged and in need of repair.
XB16/1/23	Oct 1971 – Jan 1974	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/1/24	Feb 1974 – March 1974	<u>LLYFR COFNODION / MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes minutes of authority's sub committees

**MINUTE BOOKS OF FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

XB16/2/1	May 1895 – Jan 1904	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Contains explanatory statements, council statements, loan details, workmens wages and collectors reports.
XB16/2/2	Jan 1904 – Feb 1911	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/3	March 1911 –Feb 1916	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details of war expenditure.
XB16/2/4	March 1916 – Oct 1920	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/5	Nov 1929 – Dec 1934	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/6	Jan 1934 – March 1938	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/7	April 1938 – Feb 1942	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/8	March 1942 – Dec 1945	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on staff grading and classification scheme.
XB16/2/9	Jan 1946 – April 1952	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on National Joint Council Schemes of conditions of service and scales of salaries.
XB16/2/10	May 1952 – Feb 1959	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/11	April 1959 – Jan 1964	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/12	Feb 1964 – Jan 1968	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/2/13	Jan 1968 – July 1971	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>

XB16/2/14	July 1971 – Feb 1974	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
		<u>MINUTE BOOKS OF RATING AND VALUATION COMMITTEE.</u>
XB16/3/1	July 1927 – Nov 1949	<u>MINUTE BOOK.</u> Includes assessments of rent and proposals for the amendment of rates.
		<u>MINUTE BOOKS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES</u>
XB16/4/1	Sept 1919 – Jan 1923	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on coal shortage and development of Borthygest.
XB16/4/2	Feb 1926 – April 1938	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes review of County districts.
XB16/4/3	April 1938 – March 1944	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on Emergency war meetings and evacuation and billeting
XB16/4/4	March 1944 – May 1951	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details of emergency meetings, minutes of the Dance Committee, development at Morfa Bychan, minutes of the Park Committee, victory celebrations and evacuation procedures.
XB16/4/5	May 1951 – Oct 1957	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/4/6	April 1961 – May 1966	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details from a conference held to determine the future uses of Portmadog harbour in 1961 and the development of land at Ty Newydd.

**MINUTE BOOKS OF THE WORKS
COMMITTEE**

XB16/5/1	July 1906 – Oct 1912	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on the insurance of workmen under the Compensation Act of 1906.
XB16/5/2	Nov 1912 – April 1921	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Report by Caernarfonshire Education Committee concerning the Technical Centre at Portmadog.
XB16/5/3	April 1921 – Nov 1925	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/5/4	Jan 1926 – Nov 1929	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/5/5	Dec 1929 – Feb 1934	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/5/6	March 1934 – Jan 1938	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/5/7	Jan 1938 – Oct 1944	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on the Meadow Estate development, Repair of War Damage Act of 1939, auxiliary fire services, revised postal facilities and recruitment policies.
XB16/5/8	Nov 1944 – June 1948	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Installation of public lighting.
XB16/5/9	July 1948 – Sept 1952	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Preparations for the Festival of Britain 1951.
XB16/5/10	Oct 1952 – Feb 1960	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Details of the County Development Plan and telephone installation.
XB16/5/11	Feb 1960 – May 1963	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on piped television systems and recommendations.

XB16/5/12	July 1963 – Jan 1967	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/5/13	Feb 1967 – Nov 1970	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details of the Civil Amenities Act 1967.
XB16/5/14	Nov 1970 – Jan 1973	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Bilingual.
XB16/5/15	March 1973 – March 1974	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Bilingual

**MINUTE BOOKS OF THE HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

XB16/6/1	Dec 1903 – July 1906	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/6/2	April 1907 – Sept 1910	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Cover is in need of repair.
XB16/6/3	Oct 1910 – Aug 1914	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes a report of an interview with Mr Pelham from the Harbour Department, Board of Trade. Cover is in poor condition and in need of repair.
XB16/6/4	Oct 1914 – April 1920	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Details of the Influenza Epidemic of 1918 Cover is in poor condition and in need of repair.
XB16/6/5	May 1920 – Feb 1925	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Cover is in need of repair.
XB16/6/6	March 1925 – Jan 1931	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/6/7	Jan 1931 – June 1936	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Information on the outbreak of Tuberculosis and the high rate of mortality.
XB16/6/8	Aug 1936 – Sept 1942	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on the immunisation of children against Diphtheria, hospital accommodation for evacuees, reorganisation of County Medical Services and sanitary improvements to Morfa Bychan.

XB16/6/9	Oct 1942 – Dec 1948	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Details of the National Health Service Act 1946.
XB16/6/10	Jan 1949 – Dec 1953	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Details of Mental Health Services.
XB16/6/11	Jan 1954 – Jan 1961	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/6/12	Feb 1961 – Oct 1964	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Report from the Public Health Inspectors Conference, Eastbourne 1963.
XB16/6/13	Oct 1964 – May 1968	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/6/14	June 1968 – June 1972	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/6/15	June 1972 – May 1974	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Details of Camping Club regulations and Model Standards of Health.
<u>MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE.</u>		
XB16/7/1	May 1931 – March 1951	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on the Pencyllog Housing Scheme and Housing Act of 1936 and Post War housing plans.
XB16/7/2	Aug 1951 – Dec 1964	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Ledger is in poor condition and in need of repair.
XB16/7/3	Feb 1965 – Jan 1967	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>

**MINUTE BOOK OF LIBRARY
COMMITTEE.**

XB16/8/1 1953 - 1961

MINUTE BOOK

**MINUTE BOOK OF THE
IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE.**

XB16/9/1 1921 - 1950

MINUTE BOOK

Includes details from the North Wales Holiday Resorts Association and North Wales Advertising Board.

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**MINUTE BOOK OF THE HOSPITALITY
COMMITTEE.**

XB16/10/1 May 1956 – May 1962

MINUTE BOOK

Details on celebrity concerts and donations.

**MINUTE BOOK OF THE PUBLICITY
COMMITTEE**

XB16/11/1 Oct 1965 – Feb 1972

MINUTE BOOK

Details on the amalgamation of Gwynedd and North Wales Coast Area Committees and published information guides for the region.

**MINUTE BOOKS OF THE PARK AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

XB16/12/1	Nov 1957 – March 1961	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Measures to combat unemployment and accounts for the upkeep of beaches, parks and public open spaces. Cover is in a poor condition and in need of repair.
XB16/12/2	June 1966 – Dec 1971	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/12/3	Jan 1972	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>

**MINUTE BOOKS OF THE GAS
COMMITTEE.**

XB16/13/1	May 1917 – July 1925	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u> Includes details on the Gas Regulation Act 1920 and coal shortages of 1921.
XB16/13/2	Aug 1925 – March 1933	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/13/3	May 1933 – Oct 1940	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/13/4	Nov 1940 – Aug 1946	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
XB16/13/5	Sept 1946 – April 1949	<u>MINUTE BOOK</u>

**MINUTE BOOKS OF THE GENERAL
PURPOSE COMMITTEE.**

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| XB16/14/1 | Aug 1886 – Sept 1905 | <u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
Table of times for lighting and extinguishing public lamps within the district of 1900 and minutes of the Cemetery Committee.

Cover is in need of repair |
| XB16/14/2 | Jan 1910 – Oct 1911 | <u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
Details concerning the coronation and the erection of the King Edward memorial |
| XB16/14/3 | Feb 1911 – March 1912 | <u>MINUTE BOOK</u> |
| XB16/14/4 | Nov 1911 – Feb 1914 | <u>MINUTE BOOK</u> |
| XB16/14/5 | March 1914 – April 1917 | <u>MINUTE BOOK</u>
Includes details of Council recommendations for thrift and economy during the War effort and reports from the Billeting of Troops Committee, Territorial Equipment Committee and the Entertainment Committee. |