CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera on 19th April 2018

Present:

Councillor E.W. Williams (Chair), Councillors A. Llewelyn, R. Davies, C. James, T. Flynn, G. Williams, J. Jones, B. Hastie, B. Lewis, T. Lewis

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A. Jenkins, R. Llewelyn, A. Hughes

4071: Police Matters

i. Next PACT Meeting arranged for 3rd May 2018.

4072: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting agreed. Resolved.

i. Defibrillators - Clerk has informed authorities of placement. Clerk to advertise their locations on Facebook, twitter and website. Clerk to arrange training for Ynysmeudwy FC.
ii. Clerk discussed ordering new lighting for next Christmas with Centregreat. Clerk to invite Mike Stephens to attend before next meeting on 17th May 2018 at 6pm.
iii. Landslip – Tribunal to take place in the coming week. Councillors commented that the new walls that have been built are excellent.
iv. Alltygrug Action Group – Gaynor Richards was not able to attend before April meeting. Clerk to rearrange for June meeting at 6:30pm.
v. Ystalyfera MUGA – Councillors A. Llewelyn, A. Lewis, C. James, T. Lewis, G. Williams and Clerk met with residents living next to MUGA and Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) for a second time. Clerk checked plans. Boundary seems to be where old iron fence of old swimming pool is placed. It was suggested that ivy be put to grow behind the new fence to increase privacy for the residents. Clerk to discuss this option further with Andrew.
vi. Library – Cllr E.W. Williams received good news regarding the initial plans of moving the library to the clinic. Go-ahead has been given. The room is currently being prepared including the installation of new windows. Volunteers can now be recruited in preparation.
vii. Dog Waste Bin at Carreg yr Afon – Cllr R. Davies to chase up.
viii. ROSPA – Assessment has been completed. Awaiting full report.
ix. Culvert behind Alltygrug Road – Issue is being dealt with.
x. Bench for The Gardens – Clerk received a quote of £252 for fitting the bench. Order is on hold. Clerk contacted Dean, Foot of the Rock, for quote on installation. Clerk to visit Birch, Abernant to see if they have benches and can fit for a cheaper cost.
xi. A frame board – Cllr G. Williams has looked a board. A hole will need to be made for chain before taking the board up to YDT.
xii. Planters – Cllr G. Williams spoke to Quids In. They can refill all pots (troughs and lamp post). G. Williams will remove the troughs and take to Quids In.

xiii. Ownership of Alltygrug Park – Clerk contacted Cooke & Arkwright for more information on the lease. They said that it would be our responsibility to deal with any issues with drainage on the site itself (under clause 11 of the lease). They sent a plan of the area. The lease only covers the recreation are itself and not the old tip or surrounding land. This could mean that responsibility for the water pouring down onto Ty'r Waun would be the owners of the old tip and surrounding land. Clerk to inform Justin Griffiths of the details & order plans from land registry. Clerk also to contact Cooke & Arkwright to ask regarding length of the lease.

xiv. Ystradgynlais Hospital – Cllr A. Llewelyn said that there had been no cross-border consultation as to the closing of some departments. He will investigate further.

xv. Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Developments going on as planned.

xvi. Business Forum – The event went well. Businesses were positive about the forum. The issue of lack of parking spaces in Ystalyfera was discussed. It was suggested that two parking spaces would be offered in the Community Hall for car-share purposes. Cllrs also mentioned ASDA, Home Bargains and Godre'r Graig Workingmens Club as other possible options for car-share spaces. Doing this could then free up some of the parking spaces within Ystalyfera for shoppers. Llinos Haf stated that she had a budget for a Business Fair that needed to be used before the end of July. It was suggested that we hold the fair in the Church Hall. Clerk to check to see if the hall would be available. Business in Focus could be invited as guest speakers and it was suggested that NPTCVS also be invited.
Resolved noted.

4073: Matters Arising from Minutes

i. GDPR – Clerk attended course in Aberystwyth on the new Data Protection Laws coming into force on 25th May 2018. She has gained some understanding of the changes in legislation. Local Clerks will meet at NPTCBC on 15th May to discuss the implications on Community Councils. Cllr T. Flynn suggested Clerk contact WASPI for GDPR statement templates. Clerk will attend meeting. Resolved.

ii. Youth Representative – It was suggested that having a youth rep on the Community Council could be beneficial. Clerk to contact Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera to invite any interested pupils to attend a Community Council meeting. Resolved noted.

iii. Cenotaph – Social Club has now been sold to Nigel Thompson. Resolved that Clerk to contact the new owner to arrange meeting with Tiddlywinks and the Community Council to discuss issue of cenotaph.

4074: Correspondence

(i) **One Voice Wales:** Letter received re: AGM suggested questions/topics. Cllrs suggested that Local Government Reform be discussed i.e. the possibility of reducing the number of Community Councils throughout Wales. Resolved that Clerk to reply.

(ii) **Welsh Government:** Letter received regarding unadopted roads in Wales. They are looking into this.

(iii) **Tim Ambler:** Email received suggesting a children's garden. Resolved that Clerk to invite him to be involved in setting up a new community garden in the grounds of Ystalyfera Community Hall.

(iv) **Derek Hughes:** Email received asking about the possibility of this gentleman purchasing the Community Hall. Resolved that Clerk to respond explaining that the hall is not for sale.

(v) **NPTCVS Volunteering Awards:** Email asking for nominations for volunteering awards. Cllrs to think about possible suitable people.

(vi) **Historic Environment:** Update pamphlet received.

(vii) **One Voice Wales:** Email received inviting Clerk to GDPR meeting 15th May 2018. Resolved that Clerk to attend.

(viii) **South Wales Police:** Family fun day poster. Resolved that Clerk to advertise on website.

(ix) **Bobath:** Letter received asking for donation. Resolved that this be revisited in July.

(x) **Godre'r Graig Old Age:** Letter of thanks received for grant donation.

(xi) **CATCH:** Annual Report received.

(xii) **Elan City:** Radars. Resolved that not applicable to Community Council.

4075: Planning Matters

Cllrs. A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the room.

i. Mr & Mrs D. Llewelyn. No objections, planning agreed. Resolved.

4076: Leisure Matters

i. It was agreed that the next project group meeting would be held on 1st May 2018 at the Ystalyfera Development Trust at 6:30pm. Resolved noted.

ii. It was stated that Pantteg chapel could be offered to St. Fagans museum. It would be up to the Independent Chapel to offer it to them. Lots of considerations would have to made by St. Fagans on whether or not they would want it.

4077: Financial Matters

i. Clerk is currently preparing accounts for internal audit. Resolved that Ferguson Peters Chartered Accountants, Pontardawe are to complete internal audit.

ii. BDO forms have arrived for external audit.

4078: Accounts:

704135	BT Community Hall	£133.94
704136	NPTCBC Trade Waste	£277.42
704137	Tiddlywinks (Open Access Play)	£1,875.00
704138	A. Thomas (April Wages)	£515.78
704139	N. Parr-Williams (April Wages & Expenses	£737.47
704140	HMRC (April Tax & NI)	£336.53
704141	City & County Swansea Pensions	£221.53