CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Godre'r Graig School, on 21st March 2019

Present

Cllr. Terry Flynn (Chair) Cllrs. Alun Llewelyn, Rhian Llewelyn, Julie Jones, Geraint Williams, Emyr Wyn Williams, Brian Hastie

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Cathy James	Party Meeting Clash
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal Reasons
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Working
Cllr. Rosalyn Davies	Personal Reasons
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Other Absence:	
Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Leave of Absence

		ACTION
4233.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies received.	
4234.	**Public Questions** There were no members of the public in attendance.	
4235.	**Minutes of previous meeting: <u>All Agreed - Resolved</u>.** • It was stated that Liz Cole is retiring from her role at Tiddlywinks. Invitation to all Councillors and Partners to her leaving party. It was suggested that a card be sent from the council wishing her all the best in her retirement. <u>All agreed – Resolved</u>. • It was stated that Mrs Myers has sadly passed away. <u>All agreed</u> that sympathy card be sent to the family on behalf of the council. <u>Resolved</u>.	Clerk to purchase retirement and sympathy cards to send to families.
4236 .	**Business Forum** • Cllr A. Llewelyn commented that he had distributed flags to local businesses for St David's Day. This was to help promote local businesses within the community. • It was reported that last year's business forum was a mixed success. <u>All agreed</u> that another forum be arranged over the coming weeks. It was suggested that businesses from all around Ystalyfera, Godre'r Graig and Glanrhyd be invited. <u>Resolved.</u> • Clerk reported that she had created a Business Forum Facebook page after the last forum. <u>All agreed</u> that councillors share the page as much as possible. <u>Resolved</u>. • It was suggested that links to businesses be placed on the Community Council website. <u>Resolved</u>.	Clerk to arrange forum (design poster and promote on Facebook and website). Clerk to add Cllr A. Llewelyn as FB page editor. Clerk to add links to website.

4237.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that planters have been planted with small daffodils for the spring and St David's Day. Resolved. • It was reported that the planter under the Ystalyfera sign on the A4067 has been tipped over and the small daffodils and soil are on the road. Councillors noted their disappointment at this vandalism. All agreed that a trough be placed under the sign (fixed to the signposts) instead, to try to avoid further vandalism. It was suggested that a trough be placed under the Godre'r Graig sign on Graig Road also. All agreed - Resolved. • It was suggested that the 2 spare planters (from the Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig sign posts) be placed outside the butchers in Ystalyfera as the pavement is wide and has plenty of room for the planters. All agreed – Resolved. • Clerk reported that Crynant Landscapes agreed to plant Ystalyfera village centre lamp-posts and the concrete planter at the bottom of Alltygrug Road. Resolved.	Cllr G. Williams to speak to Lee at Quids In regarding trough planters & moving the other planters to outside the butchers in Ystalyfera.
4238.	**Cenotaph** • Clerk reported that she had emailed the solicitor and she is waiting for the form to be returned. All agreed that Clerk send letter to the Thompson's explaining that the Community Council cannot do any work on the cenotaph until ownership is transferred. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had liaised with Norwyn regarding the plaque from Pantteg Chapel. He said he would need to see it before he could comment/advise on external casing. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that Fiona from Pantteg Chapel is happy to meet with the council. It was suggested that Norwyn (Memorial Mason) be invited to visit at the same time to assess the memorial plaques. All agreed – Resolved.	Clerk to send letter to Thompson's. Cllr A. Llewelyn to arrange visit.
4239.	**Library** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he had again spoken to the Clinic Practice Manager as Jonathan Parker has not responded to any correspondence from himself or the Clerk. Practice Manager will email Jonathan Parker again on behalf of the Community Council. Resolved noted.	Cllr E.W. Williams to follow up.
4240.	**Zip Wire & Project Group** • Clerk reported that she had received 3 quotations for the outdoor gym project (2 sets of equipment, delivery, installation & grass matting): **Hags-SMP: £18,438.00** **Sunshine Gym: £15,163.50** **Dragon Play: £16,000.00** All agreed that Sunshine Gym be considered in the first instance to complete the work due to the lower cost. Clerk suggested that as the cost was over £10,000 it may be worth completing the project in 2 stages i.e. Phase 1 and Phase 2 with a few pieces of equipment at each site within each phase. Resolved noted.	Clerk to contact companies for quotes to see if the project can be completed in 2 phases.

	• Clerk reported that she had contacted David Phillips (NPTCBC) to arrange a site visit to the land next to the Cilbrwyn, Graig Road, Godre'r Graig. She is awaiting suitable suggested dates. • Clerk reported that she had 2 estimates and 1 finalised cost for the zip-wire project. **Wicksteed 25m £8,962.80 (estimate)** **Sutcliffe 25m £11,832.00 (final quote)** **Playdale 23m £10,246.80 (estimate)** All agreed that Wicksteed, Playdale and any other interested companies to provide final quotes for the works before a final decision is made. Resolved. • Clerk reported that Steve Tucker (Tai Tarian) is looking into the lease for the extra land required for the zip wire in Farteg Park. He suggested the extra payment would be a nominal amount. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that in order to attract funding for the zip-wire project, a further consultation with young people may be necessary. Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that she could take questionnaires in to Cwmtawe Comprehensive in order to ascertain and collect the views of pupils living in Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig as to the zip-wire project. It was suggested that Cllr A. Lewis could do the same in Ysgol Gymrage Ystalyfera. All agreed – Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with David Phillips and councillors. Clerk to invite companies to give final full quotations with site visits. Clerk to liaise with Steve Tucker. Clerk to forward questionnaires to Cllr R. Llewelyn.
4241.	**Planning** (Cllr A. Llewelyn declared an interest and left the room). Resolved. • J. Taylor, 26 Golwg Y Mynydd, Godre'r Graig: Rear extension - No objection. Planning agreed.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4242.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that she had received 1 quote so far for the refurbishment of the toilets from 'Plumb N Fix It' of £13,823. Awaiting further quotes. • Clerk reported that Chubb have completed a fire inspection and certificate issued. Resolved. • Clerk reported that she had contacted Weight Watchers and Tiddlywinks. They have now labelled their cupboards. Tiddlywinks said they will have a clear out of their equipment etc. Resolved. • It was suggested that the piano be removed. It was suggested that it be listed on Gumtree as free to whoever would like to pick it up. All agreed – Resolved.	Clerk to take photos of piano and list on Gumtree.
4243.	**Correspondence** • Rev. Tim Hewitt: Letter of thanks for donation. • Lloyd Williams: Letter of thanks for donation. • Community Car Ystradgynlais: Cllr A. Llewelyn received a phone call as Ystradgynlais Community Car provides services to residents in Ystalyfera. They are looking to purchase a new vehicle and they would like to apply for a grant in July. Resolved noted.	Clerk to respond.

4244.	**Accounts & Finance:** • Clerk reported that Cllr G. Williams had purchased Microsoft Office and McCafee Anti-virus for the council laptop at a cost of £59 at Argos. Cllr G. Williams reimbursed. Resolved. Accounts: 704267 Urdd Gobaith Cymru (Grant Donation) £25.00 704268 HMRC £494.55 BACS Councillor Remuneration Payments £1200.00 BACS SSE (MUGA Floodlights – Ynysmeudwy FC) £124.62 BACS SSE (Community Hall Electric) £87.93 BACS SSE (MUGA Floodlights – Ystalyfera) £134.52 BACS Chubb (Community Hall Fire Inspection) £168.86 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2089.66 BACS NPTCBC (Xmas Lighting Works) £4767.72 BACS BT Broadband £70.68 BACS Glantawe Landscapes (MUGA repairs) £270.00 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions (4 months) £1265.36 DD Survey Monkey £29.17 DD Vodafone £24.00 DD NPTCBC (Com. Hall Council Tax) £270.60 Resolved.	
	The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7:00pm on 18th April 2019 at Ystalyfera Community Hall.	