# CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Meeting held at Godre'r Graig School, on 19th October 2018

**Present**

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| Cllr. Terry Flynn (Chair)<br>Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Alun Llewelyn, Emyr Wyn Williams, Cathy James, Bryan Lewis, Julie Jones, Ann Jenkins, Geraint Williams, Rhian Llewelyn, Brian Hastie, Tristian Lewis (late), Ann Lewis (late) |

**Apologies**

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| Cllr. Simon Prothero | Working |

**Not Present**

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| Cllr. Arwel Hughes |

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| 4162. | **Welcome and late Apologies**<br>Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies received. | |
| 4163. | **Paul Hinder – NPTCBC**<br>Chair welcomed Paul Hinder. Paul then addressed and advised the council with regards to possible funding sources for projects. He explained that taking over the tennis courts at Parc Y Darren could be costly – funds would be needed to maintain the area and could lead to an increase necessary in the precept. Paul explained that WREN and Veolia funding has ceased and that a new Landfill Disposal Tax Community Scheme is in its place. Paul suggested that some funds for projects could be sourced directly via NPTCBC. He highlighted that evidence is needed as to the need for specific projects / facilities.<br><br>It was suggested that a project group meeting be held at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera at 6:30pm on Tuesday 23rd November 2018. <u>All agreed – Resolved.</u> | Clerk to research possible funding from NPTCBC.<br><br>Council to prioritise projects in project group meeting. |
| 4164. | **Minutes of previous meeting: <u>All Agreed - Resolved</u>.**<br><br>**Bins:**<br>• Clerk reported that Mark Bentley will fit the new 'Frog' bins at Carreg yr Afon and Penyrallt parks. <u>Resolved</u>.<br><br>**Electoral Review:**<br>• It was stated that the Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig Wards will not be merged. <u>Resolved</u>. | |

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| | **Planters:**<br>• Cllr G. Williams received a call from Quids In Nursery regarding Winter planting. All agreed that small, lit Christmas trees be ordered with planting around the trees. Resolved.<br>• Cllr R. Davies had received a complaint regarding the pot near Glantawe Coaches with regards to it being an obstruction. It was suggested that the pot be moved to Cilmaengwyn and a trough-style pot be placed under the Godre'r Graig Sign near Glantawe Coaches instead. All agreed - Resolved. | Cllr G. Williams to instruct Quids In. |
| 4165. | **Ystradgylais Hospital**<br>• Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that NPTCBC are taking this forward and trying to improve cross-border communication regarding the hospital between themselves and Powys.<br>• Chair stated that Pobl Group are also involved with regards to Ponthir dementia care. Resolved noted. | Cllr A. Llewelyn to follow up. |
| 4166 . | **January St Dwynwen / Burns Event**<br>• Cllr B. Hastie stated that he has booked Hywel Williams as twmpath caller. Resolved.<br>• Cllr E.W. Williams stated that Delyt Resolved.h (from group DnA) is available to play harp on the evening.<br>• A folk band is needed for the evening – suggestions needed.<br>• Marketing - Cllr B. Hastie to work with clerk on publicity including posters and tickets. It was suggested that the event be advertised in the December Community Mag and on Social Media. Resolved.<br>• Tickets - It was decided that tickets should be priced at £5.00 each for adults with children free. Resolved.<br>• Raffle – it was suggested that all councillors have 5 strips of raffle tickets to sell on the evening. Resolved. | Cllr R. Davies to book Godre'r Graig Workingmen's Club.<br>Clerk to research local folk bands. |
| 4167. | **Christmas – Decorations and Events**<br>• Clerk informed councillors that the NPTCBC agreement had been sent away for lighting column (lamp-post) approval. Awaiting response for possible works needed.<br>• Clerk reported that NPTCBC Special Events department are happy with the arrangements for the Santa Tour evening but a nominated first aider is needed. Cllr B. Hastie has a current certificate so will undertake this duty. Resolved.<br>• It was suggested that Jayne Thomas be contacted to provide a band for the Ystalyfera Community Hall Christmas party event. Resolved.<br>• It was Resolved that the Christmas lights will be switched on between 1st December 2018 and 6th January 2019.<br>• It was suggested that the clerk contact Godre'r Graig school to ensure that lights will not be turned off over the Christmas period. Resolved noted. | Clerk to follow up & contact Godre'r Graig School. |
| 4168. | **Armistice Day**<br>• It was reported that Les Jones has installed poppies on the lamp-posts in Ystalyfera. Cllr G.Williams proposed and Chair seconded that | Cllr A. Lewis to order wreaths. |

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| | a donation of £20 be made to the Royal British Legion for the poppies. Resolved.<br>• It was reported that the wreaths have been ordered. A cheque for £80 donation has been sent to Les Jones for forwarding to the Royal British Legion for the wreaths. Resolved.<br>• It was reported that the Cadets are aware of the event and that Rev. Hewitt has contacted the Scouts.<br>• It was suggested that certificates be given to all Scouts, Guides, Cadets and school pupils that attend the event. All agreed – resolved.<br>• It was reported that Rev. Hewitt has booked the lounge room in the Rugby Club. All agreed that £100 be paid to the rugby club for the buffet. Resolved. | Clerk to liaise with Rev. Hewitt and Les Jones.<br><br>Clerk to design and print certificates. |
| 4169. | **Ffynnon Cwmtwrch**<br>• Clerk reported that she is awaiting a quote from Alan Gregg regarding replacement of the information board at the Ffynnon.<br>• Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the Ffynnon road is being repaired for vehicle access. It was suggested that the clerk contact Dai Phillips in order to ascertain if a wayleave agreement is needed to gain access to the land at the Ffynnon. Resolved noted. | Clerk to follow-up and contact Dai Phillips. |
| 4170. | **Library**<br>• Cllr E.W. Williams gave a report on the meeting with Jonathan Parker (NHS Estates). Everything is progressing well.<br>• Jonathan Parker will arrange a lease for the library room. Resolved noted.<br>• It was stated that NPTCBC representative will visit the library room in order to install shelving etc as well as add a separate broadband line for the library.<br>• All agreed that Community Council should pay for the windows, doors and railings to be painted. Resolved.<br>• It was suggested that a notice board be ordered for outside the new library as well as flower planters/pots. All agreed – Resolved.<br>• It was suggested that an official opening event be arranged for the new library. All agreed – Resolved.<br>• It was stated that internal blinds may be needed but this will be looked at once the shelving has been installed.<br>• All agreed that vinyl decals of the Community Council logo be added to the windows. Resolved.<br>• It was stated that Kirsty Richards' group would be interesting in volunteering at the library. | Clerk to liaise with Jonathan Parker.<br>Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise with NPTCBC.<br>Clerk to order notice board and planters.<br>Clerk to design and order vinyl decals.<br>Clerk to contact media regarding official opening event. |
| 4171. | **Planning** (Cllrs R. Davies and A. Llewelyn declared an interest and left the room). Resolved.<br>• Mr & Mrs Pryce, 297 Graig Road – No objection. Planning agreed - Resolved.<br>• Mr W. Rees, 27 Golwg y Mynydd - No objection. Planning agreed - Resolved. | Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC. |
| 4172. | **Cenotaph**<br>• Clerk reported that solicitors had not yet received a response from Nigel Thompson. | Clerk to contact the Thompsons to |

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| | • Chair reported that he had made a plan map and has forwarded to solicitors. Resolved.<br>• It was reported that Tiddlywinks now have a key to the gate and access to their premises via the path. Resolved.<br>• All agreed that the cenotaph be re-guilt in silver. Resolved.<br>• Chair presented a suggestion for working on plaque of thanks to Nigel and Doreen Thompson – all agreed. Resolved.<br>• Clerk reported that she had a phone call from Doreen Thompson regarding planning. Cllr A. Llewelyn contacted Mrs Thompson to discuss further. Resolved. | see if they are happy to put a flag on the pole for Armistice day. Clerk to liaise with memorial mason. |
| 4173. | **Community Hall**<br>• Clerk reported that broadband has now been installed and is working. Resolved.<br>• Clerk reported that she has made signs with the access code for the WiFi and placed on notice board of hall. Resolved.<br>• Clerk reported that she had received some complaints regarding the cleanliness of the hall. This to be dealt with by Management Committee. Resolved noted. | Clerk to liaise with management committee. |
| 4174. | **Accounts - External Audit**<br>• Clerk reported that the External Audit is complete and passed. Resolved.<br>• Annual Return approved and accepted by council. Resolved.<br>• Issues arising were highlighted. Action plan needed. Resolved that council will discuss in due course. | Clerk to follow up. |
| 4175. | **Clerk's Hours – 3 month review**<br>• Clerk stated that the increase in hours was excellent. She stated that she can now get a lot more work done every week.<br>• Chair reviewed clerk's timesheets and suggested that the hours be raised to 21 hours per week. All agreed – Resolved. | |
| 4176. | **Accounts:**<br>704203 Glasdon (Frog Bin Carreg yr Afon) £322.33<br>704204 BT Community Hall £133.32<br>704205 NPTCBC (Trade Waste) £277.42<br>704206 Royal British Legion (Wreaths) £80.00<br>704207 One Voice Wales (Training) £80.00<br>704208 & 09 Staff Wages & Expenses (October) £1674.76<br>704210 HMRC (October Tax & NI) £250.47<br>704211 City & County Swansea Pensions £301.28<br>704212 BT Broadband Installation (Com. Hall) £226.01<br>704213 Viking Office Depot. (Stationery & Inks) £106.37<br>704214 Royal British Legion (Poppy Donation) £20.00<br>704215 Ystalyfera RFC (Armistice Day Buffet) £100.00<br>BACS J. Smith (Handyman – Painting Library) £90.00<br>BACS J. Smith (Handyman – Com. Hall & MUGA) £130.00<br>BACS BCW Signs £474.38<br>Resolved. | |
| | **The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7:00pm on 15th November 2018 at Ystalyfera Community Hall.** | |