CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera on 20th September 2018

Present

Cllr. Terry Flynn (Chair) Cllrs. Ann Lewis, Rosalyn Davies, Emyr Wyn Williams, Cathy James, Bryan Lewis, Tristian Lewis, Ann Jenkins, Geraint Williams, Rhian Llewelyn, Brian Hastie

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	Attending meeting at NPTCBC
Cllr. Julie Jones	Family Commitments
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working

Not Present

Cllr. Arwel Hughes

		ACTION
4145.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies received.	
4146.	**Minutes of previous meeting: <u>All Agreed - Resolved</u>.** **Alltygrug Action Group:** • Clerk reported that one sign had been delivered and fitted on the main road (near Nesta) pointing up towards the cemetery. Councillors commented that they are pleased with this sign and thanked Cllr G. Williams for fitting the sign. <u>Resolved.</u> • Clerk reported that second sign had not arrived as yet. This will be fitted to a post at the beginning of the access road to the cemetery. **NPTCBC Electoral Review:** • Chair stated that he was unable to attend the meeting. **Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park:** • Chair stated that he had spoken to one of the trustees and they are very happy that the council has agreed lease increase. <u>Resolved.</u>	Clerk to arrange fitting of second sign.
4147.	**Ystradgylais Hospital** • No response received from the Community Health Council as yet.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to follow up.

4148 .	**Planters / Flower pots** • Cllr G. Williams stated that we are in a transition period at the moment and that Quids In are awaiting Autumn flowers. • All agreed that Cllr G. Williams should order Autumn flowers from Quids In as soon as they become available as well as small Christmas trees in preparation for the Christmas period. Resolved. • A vote of thanks was given to Cllrs G. Williams and E. W. Williams for leading on this project. • Chair reported that the flower pots at Carreg yr Afon park had not been filled this year. Cllr R. Davies said she will speak to Tim Ambler regarding the possibility of the Community Council taking responsibility for filling these pots from now on. Resolved noted.	Cllr G. Williams to arrange re-planting. Cllr R. Davies to speak to Tim Ambler.
4149.	**Big Lottery Funding/Survey Monkey/Questionnaires** **A thorough report was presented by Cllr C. James on survey responses. The outcomes of which were:** 1. Courses, clubs and events need to be better publicised. 2. Not enough for older children to do in the area. 3. Community Garden. This could be done in the ground of the Community Hall as suggested in previous meetings. 4. Tennis courts, gyms, parks. Improvements needed. • It was suggested that the Project Group meet to discuss options on Monday 24th September at 6:30pm in the Community Hall, Ystalyfera. All agreed - Resolved. • Chair proposed and Cllr G. Williams seconded that Council should authorise Project Group to take forward to lottery and apply for funding as required. All agreed - Resolved.	
4150.	**Christmas** • Clerk reported that she had not received a response for Mike Stephens at Centregreat regarding the new Christmas lights. • Clerk reported that she is waiting to receive the agreement with NPTCBC regarding the lights. • Clerk stated that she had booked the Land Train from City & County of Swansea Council for Friday 14th December 2018. Resolved.	Clerk to follow up with Mike Stephens.
4151.	**Armistice Day** • Cllrs A. Lewis and R. Llewelyn reported that last year's event was organised by Rev. Hewitt. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the vicar to enquire regarding this year's event. Resolved. • It was suggested that 3 wreaths should be purchased (2 for Ystalyfera and 1 for Godre'r Graig). All agreed - Resolved. • It was suggested that poppies could be put on lamp-posts. Permission from NPTCBC would need to be sought for this. • Councillors suggested that the text on the cenotaph be re-guilt. Clerk to cost and arrange this. All agreed - Resolved. • Cllr A. Lewis stated that she will contact Scouts and schools for inclusion in the day's events. • It was suggested that St. John's Ambulance also be invited.	Clerk to contact Rev. Hewitt. Cllr A. Lewis to order wreaths. Clerk to cost poppies, contact NPTCBC & stone mason. Cllr A. Lewis to contact. Clerk to contact.

	• It was suggested that a plaque of thanks be made and fitted within the cenotaph to Nigel and Doreen Thomson for their very generous gift to the community. All agreed that this should be done no matter the cost. Resolved.	Clerk to order plaque.
4152.	**Park Visits & Signage** • Cllrs C. James, G. Williams and clerk explained some of the issues in Ystalyfera MUGA and Farteg Park. All agreed that repair work needs to be carried out asap. Resolved. • Cllr G. Williams stated that he had spoken to Jay Philips regarding welding repair of the MUGA in Ystalyfera. He will visit and give a price for the work. Resolved noted. • Cllr E. W. Williams stated that there is a lock on the entrance to Ynysmeudwy FC MUGA. MUGA is currently accessed through goals. All agreed that this should be cut off. Resolved. • Chair suggested that 'No Dogs' signs should be made for each playground. All agreed - Resolved. • Clerk presented options for a notice board for the Ystalyfera MUGA. All agreed that the Green Traditional 30 External Notice Board with header should be ordered. Resolved.	Clerk to arrange repair works and order signage and notice board.
4153.	**Planning** (Cllr R. Davies declared an interest and left the room). • Mr Roper, 11 Llys Cambrian – No objection. Planning agreed - Resolved. • Mr Nigel Doyle, Plot B Graig Road - No objection. Planning agreed - Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4154.	**Letters of thanks for grants** • Clerk reported that letters of thanks for grants and donations were received from: 1. Bobath 2. CATCH 3. Teenage Cancer Trust 4. Wales Air Ambulance Resolved.	
4155.	**Bins – Penyrallt & Carreg yr Afon** • Clerk presented bin options to council. All agreed that the people who actually empty the bins should choose a suitable bin. Resolved.	Chair to report back to clerk on this matter. Clerk to order bins.
4156.	**Cenotaph** • Clerk stated that she is awaiting instructions from solicitors re: land registry.	Clerk to follow up.
4157.	**Community Hall** • Clerk stated that she has ordered the Broadband from BT. Price is £39 p/m plus line rental. New line and broadband will be installed on Wednesday 3rd October 2018. Resolved. • Clerk stated that the Caretaker had reported that she had been asked on numerous occasions regarding the possibility of renting the hall for children's parties on a Saturday. All agreed that this	Clerk to be in hall for installation of broadband on 3rd October. Clerk to purchase cleaning kit for

	was a good idea and that a charge of £20 for two hours should be charged, with each extra hour being charged at £5 per hour. The hall users will need to clean up after themselves otherwise they will not be allowed to use the hall again. Resolved. • All agreed that a cleaning kit should be purchased for hall users use. Resolved. • Cllr E.W. Williams suggested that some chairs and tables may be available after the closure of Pantteg Chapel and Vestry. All agreed that councillors should meet with trustees. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams stated that he had received an email from Jonathan Parker regarding the relocation of the library. A meeting with Jonathan Parker needs to be arranged so that the work of moving the library can start.	use by hall users & advertise on website & Social Media. Cllr R. Davies to arrange meeting with trustees. Cllr E.W. Williams to arrange meeting.
4158.	**CATCH** • Cllr B. Hastie stated that volunteers were delighted with the Community Council's donation. He stated that the generosity of the people from our local community has been excellent. • An in-depth report was received by the council regarding the work done by the foodbank. • Cllr B. Hastie stated that more volunteers are needed, particularly for pick-ups and deliveries. • It was suggested that pupils from Cwmtawe and Ystalyfera schools could use volunteering at the foodbank towards their Welsh Baccalaureate or Duke of Edinburgh awards. Cllrs R. Llewelyn and A. Lewis will spread the word in the schools. Resolved.	Clerk to advertise need for volunteers on website and social media. Cllrs R. Llewelyn and A. Lewis to inform schools of opportunity.
4159.	**Accounts - External Audit** • Audit has not yet been approved. Clerk awaiting decision from auditors.	Clerk to follow up.
4160.	**Councillor Remuneration Payments** • Clerk handed out opt-out forms and stated that these should be returned by 4th October 2018. If they are not returned by this date, the clerk will arrange for cheques/BACS to be made out to Councillors. Resolved.	Clerk to prepare cheques.
4161.	**Accounts –** 704193 Ystalyfera Development Trust (Cakes) £45.00 704194 Margaret's Flowers (Sympathy) £25.00 704195 SSE (MUGA Ynysmeudwy FC) £105.92 704196 & 197 September Staff Wages & Expenses £1450.65 704198 HMRC (Sept. Tax & NI) £438.67 704199 City & County Swansea Pensions £301.28 704200 SSE (Community Hall) £116.92 704201 SSE (Unmetered Supply - Xmas) £17.34 704202 Glasdon (Frog Bin Penyrallt) £322.33 Resolved.	
	The next meeting of the Council will be held at 6:30pm on 18th October 2018 at Godre'r Graig School.	