CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Ystalyfera Community Hall on 17th October 2019

Present

Cllr. Ann Lewis (Chair) Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Alun Llewelyn, Rhian Llewelyn, Ann Jenkins, Cathy James, Brian Hastie, Julie Jones

Apologies

Name	**Reason**	**Other Absence:**	
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Sickness	Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working	Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working		
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Sickness		
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working		

		ACTION
4309.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies.	
4310.	**Public Questions** There were no members of the public in attendance Resolved.	
4311.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All Agreed - Resolved.** • Clerk reported that she had found difficulty in adding the owners of Y Gegin Fach as editors on the Ystalyfera Business Forum page due to technical difficulties but stated that they can become members of the page instead. Resolved noted. • Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Llewelyn reported that they had attended the residents and businesses group meeting in Ystalyfera. They offered the assistance of the community council with projects to the group. The offer of help was well-received. Resolved.	
4312.	**Godre'r Graig School & Residents - Update** • Cllr R. Davies reported that the school governors met at the temporary school a couple of weeks ago. Governors agreed that the situation is not ideal but most were happy with the temporary arrangements thus far. Resolved noted. • It was reported that Tegwch have a follow-up meeting with the Leader of NPTCBC, Rob Jones during October. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had been informed by local residents that the brambles had been cut outside the school but not within the school steps. Cllr R. Davies reported that this was because NPTCBC workmen did not have a key for the school gates but that this matter will be resolved shortly by NPTCBC. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the access track to the quarry-tip site is currently being cleared. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that the £100 donation previously agreed should be offered to the school for planting of daffodil bulbs by the pupils. All agreed - Resolved.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when information becomes available. Clerk to contact Godre'r Grag school.

4313.	**Planters** • Clerk reported that Winter planting had begun. Lee, Quids In suggested that this year's Christmas trees be placed in pots next to the planters to avoid having to take away the Winter plants from the planters . All agreed - Resolved.	Cllr G. Williams to liaise with Quids In.
4314.	**Project Group** **Outdoor Gym** • Clerk reported that she had contacted the National lottery to see if an alternative area in Godre'r Graig would be acceptable to them. She is awaiting a response. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies reported that a site meeting at the Cilbrwyn had been rejected by NPTCBC and they will not consider any alternative action with regards to this matter. Members expressed their disappointment at this decision by NPTCBC. Resolved • The Clerk and councillors suggested alternative areas for the outdoor gym, including at the top of Godre'r Graig Park, on Graig Newydd Green, on the cycle path. All agreed that the cycle path (near Tarenni) was the best option as the equipment could be used by walkers, joggers and cyclists. Resolved noted. **Farteg Park** • Clerk reported that the solicitor is now pushing ahead with the purchase. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had checked with Tai Tarian and due to the fact that the community council is now purchasing the land, a fence surrounding the park will no longer be necessary. Some members suggested that some fencing may be useful in some areas of the park, this to be revisited at a later date. Resolved. • Cllr A. llewelyn reported that he had received correspondence from Mrs Williams stating that she is happy for the OAP hut to be demolished. Resolved. • Clerk reported that recycling bins for the playground would be in the region of £900. All agreed to purchase. Resolved. **Penyrallt Park Repairs** • Clerk reported that she had ordered the repair works at the park from Dragon Play & Sports as agreed previously: Dragon Play: Rubber Mulch: £10,999.00 Replacement of play unit: £5,299.00 TOTAL: £16,298.00 + VAT. Resolved. • The Clerk reported that Dragon Play had offered the replacement multi-play unit in red and grey or multi-coloured. All agreed that the multi-coloured unit be selected. Resolved. **Carreg yr Afon Park – See-saw project** • Clerk reported that the funding has been received from NPTCBC Members Fund for the project. Clerk is awaiting works start date from Sutcliffe Play. Resolved noted.	Clerk to follow up. Clerk to contact NPTCBC. Clerk to liaise with solicitor and Tai Tarian. Clerk to order bin. Clerk to liaise with Dragon Play re: schedule of works. Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play & Paul Hinder.

	Alltygrug Park • Alltygrug Park: Clerk reported that she had not received an update from Cooke & Arkwright on the new lease. Awaiting response. Resolved noted. **Ffynnon Cwmtwrch** • Clerk reported that Jack the handyman had completed clearing and bench refurbishment works at the Ffynnon. It was suggested that photos be placed on Facebook and council website. All agreed - Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that Andrew, Glantawe Landscapes had stated that the Oak tree in question was quite far away from the Ffynnon itself and may not be suitable for a carving in situ. It was suggested that the tree be taken down and a carving be made from the trunk of the tree to be placed at the Ffynnon. All agreed – Resolved.	Clerk to follow up with Cooke & Arkwright. Clerk to place photos on Facebook & Website. Clerk to contact Andrew.
4315.	**Christmas 2019** • Clerk reported that she had completed all forms for NPTCBC regarding the Christmas lighting, Santa Tour and party at the Community Hall. She reported that NPTCBC want a 'rolling road closure' for the Santa Tour this year. Clerk and Cllr A. Llewelyn had sent route information to NPTCBC. Members highlighted that a Police car will follow the land-train therefore the rolling closure will be carried out safely during the tour. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that Godre'r Graig School pupils be invited to sing at the Christmas party. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that she is awaiting news on the Christmas trees ordered this year as sadly the owner of Tonna Christmas Tree farm has passed away. Members expressed their condolences. Resolved noted.	Clerk to arrange project group meeting prior to event. Clerk to contact school. Cllr R. Davies to follow up.
4316.	**Remembrance Sunday 2019** • Clerk reported that she had liaised with Rev. Tim Hewitt regarding the event. The buffet is booked, as are the band and buglers. £100 from the community council (previously agreed) to be sent to Ystalyfera RFC to pay for the buffet. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that she had received two wreaths, one for the cenotaph at Ystalyfera and one for the square at Godre'r Graig. All agreed that £50 be donated to the Poppy Appeal for the wreaths. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that Les Jones offered to place poppies on the lamp-posts in Ystalyfera again this year, with some also to be put around Godre'r Graig square. All agreed that a further £30 be donated to the Poppy Appeal for this. Resolved noted.	Clerk to send cheque of £100 to Ystalyfera RFC. Clerk to create centrepieces for wreaths. Clerk to send cheque of £80 to Poppy Appeal.
4317.	**Planning** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the room. Resolved • 5459: Dan Y Coed, Tirbach Road, Ystalyfera – removal of existing roof, velux windows & dormers, replacement with new roof and rear extension. All agreed - Planning approved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC planning dept.

	• 5390: Y Gegin Fach, Wern Road, Ystalyfera – New shopfront & accommodation entrance. All agreed - Planning approved. Resolved.	
4318.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that she had checked with Swift and a hand-dryer for the disabled toilet was not included in the original quotation. To buy and install a hand-dryer would be £205.00 + VAT. All agreed to purchase. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that a new handle be purchased for the door from the main hall into the kitchen. All agreed – Resolved. • Clerk reported that the PAT testing had been completed at a cost of £50.00. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that the caretaker is taking 3 weeks off over the coming month. Clerk offered to cover 1st week. It was suggested that L. Bentley be contacted to see if she is able to cover the 2nd and 3rd weeks as she has covered holidays before. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that she had received complaints regarding the cleanliness of the flooring in the main hall. All agreed that a one-off deep-clean service be ordered. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that the piano be advertised on Facebook. All agreed – Resolved noted. • It was suggested that a management meeting be arranged for the community hall. Resolved noted.	Clerk to inform Swift of decision. Clerk to order handle. Chair to contact L. Bentley. Clerk to arrange deep-clean. Clerk to advertise piano on Facebook. Clerk to arrange management meeting.
4319.	**Finance & External Audit** • Clerk reported that the audit report had been received. There were no queries. External Audit is now complete. Resolved. • Clerk will display notice of conclusion of audit on the community hall notice board. Resolved. • Clerk presented 6 month interim financial report. Members happy that budget is being monitored effectively. Reserves used for toilet refurbishments at community hall. **Accounts:** DD 093 NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax) £268.00 DD 094 Survey Monkey £29.17 BACS 095 Npower (Gas) £59.82 Chq281 096 LA Alarms £162.00 BACS 097 Quids In (Planting) £1240.06 BACS 098 Viking Office Depot. £192.04 BACS 099 J. Smith (Handyman) £265.00 BACS 100 BT Payphone £133.32 BACS 101 NPTCBC (Trade Waste) £293.02 BACS 102 J. Gunther (Grass cutting Farteg) £45.00 BACS 103 T. Sparnon (Mural donation) £200.00 BACS 104&5 Staff Wages & Expenses £1937.90 BACS 106 HMRC (Tax & NI) £175.24 BACS 107 City & County Swansea Pensions £351.53 BACS 108 Quids In (Planting) £732.00 BACS 109 BT Broadband (Com. Hall) £72.72 BACS 110 Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile) £24.57	

	INCOME NPTCBC (Members Fund – See Saw) £10000.00 INCOME VAT Reimbursement £5271.85 Transfer from Business Account 121 to Current Account: £2000.00	
4320.	**Correspondence** • Pontardawe Town Council – invitation to Annual Civic Service. Resolved that Chair or Vice-chair attend if available. • Steve James NPTCBC – knotweed removal plan for Alltygrug Park. 5 year plan. All agreed – Resolved noted. • Email: David B. Rees – thanks from Ystradgynlais Town Council re: Wales in Bloom achievements. Resolved. • Tai Tarian – Community Challenge. All agreed that an application be made to the fund for a new floor for the community hall. Resolved noted.	Clerk & Chair to complete application form.
	The next meeting of council will take place at 7:00pm on 21st November 2019 at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera.	