CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Ystalyfera Community Hall on 19th December 2019

Present

Cllr. Ann Lewis (Chair) Cllrs. Julie Jones, Alun Llewelyn, Rhian Llewelyn, Cathy James, Geraint Williams, Emyr Wyn Williams

Apologies

Name	**Reason**	**Other Absence:**	
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Sickness	Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Brian Hastie	Working	Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Personal		
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working		
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal		

		ACTION
4333.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked members, volunteers and Santa for all of their help during the Christmas event. No late apologies.	
4334.	**Public Questions** There were no members of the public in attendance Resolved.	
4335.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All Agreed - Resolved.**	
4336.	**Godre'r Graig School & Residents – Update** Cllrs G. Williams and E.W. Williams declared an interest in this item due to their involvement with Tegwch. • Cllr G. Williams reported that Tegwch are having another meeting with NPTCBC & ESP on 16th January 2020. Resolved noted. • It was reported that the bore holes had been completed and measuring devices have been put in place. Cllr G. Williams noted that even though the weather has been particularly bad over the past few weeks, the tip has not moved. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that most of the pupils from the school are happy in their temporary location and that very few parents have sought to re-school their children. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when information becomes available.
4337.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that he and Cllr E.W. Williams had put Christmas lights around the trough planters and some street furniture. He explained that he noticed some lights were off, he suggested that this may be due to the bad weather we have been experiencing. He and Cllr E.W. Williams will visit the troughs over the next couple of days to check the batteries in the lights. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams, G. Williams & A. Llewelyn stated that they have received positive feedback regarding the lights and Winter planting.	Cllrs E.W. Williams & G. Williams to check lights.

	• Cllr G. Williams stated that the additional planter had been placed at the Ffynnon, Cwmtwrch. Resolved noted.	
4338.	**Project Group** **Outdoor Gym** • Clerk reported that she had liaised with Mollie Goatson of Dave Phillips' office regarding a site meeting at the Cycle Track, near Tarenni with NPTCBC in the New Year. Resolved noted. **Penyrallt Park Repairs** • Clerk reported that the repair works have been completed. Members stated that the work done was very good and that the new multi-play unit looks excellent. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had posted photos of the works on Facebook along with the costs of refurbishments so that local residents could see where council money is spent. Members thought this was a good idea and suggested sharing future details of costs of all projects completed, on Facebook. Resolved noted. **Farteg Park** • Clerk reported that Tai Tarian were happy with the new suggested footprint of the land. All land to the South of the footpath will now be included in the purchase but not the footpath itself. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had visited Peter Lynn & Partners Solicitors in Pontardawe in order to complete paperwork and show ID. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had spoken with Jackie Austin (park caretaker) and she is happy to trial-run the new recycling bin at the park. If this is a success, recycling bins could be purchased for the council's other parks. Resolved noted. **Carreg yr Afon Park – See-saw project** • Clerk reported that Sutcliffe Play have started works at the park. Resolved noted. • Clerk will post a 'good-news' article on Facebook once works are completed. Resolved noted. **Alltygrug Park** • Clerk reported that she had still not received an update from Cooke & Arkwright on the new lease but that an invoice for the current lease had been received. She will follow up with Cooke & Arkwright in the New Year. Resolved noted. **Ffynnon Cwmtwrch** • Clerk reported that Glantawe Landscapes have completed the removal of the Oak tree. Resolved. • Clerk reported that Gary will work on a carving from the oak that will include some of the history of the Ffynnon including: a twrch (wild-boar), Mabon, Gorsedd and a Miner (or miner's lamp).	Clerk to follow up. Clerk to liaise with Tai Tarian & Peter Lynn solicitors. Clerk to liaise with Jackie Austin. Clerk to post on Facebook. Clerk to follow up with Cooke & Arkwright. Clerk to liaise with Gary.

	Members were very pleased with this suggestion. All agreed – Resolved. **River Tawe** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he has not yet had the opportunity to photograph the car dumped in the river next to Carreg yr Afon bund. He will do this over the next couple of weeks. Resolved noted. **Flagpoles for Businesses** • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that flagpoles be costed for businesses in Ystalyfera. It was suggested that this be discussed in the next Project Group meeting. All agreed - Resolved noted. **Santes Dwynwen & Burns Event** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the band have confirmed attendance as has Hywel Williams (Twmpath caller). Resolved noted. • It was suggested that the same poster as last year be used to advertise the event with updated details. This could then be put on Facebook. All agreed - Resolved. **Ystalyfera RFC:** • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that a post be placed on Facebook stating that the council has been pleased to support the youth teams at Ystalyfera RFC for the season. Resolved noted. **Project Group Meeting** • It was suggested that the next meeting of the project group be held on Monday 13th January 2020. All agreed – Resolved.	Clerk to report to Natural Resources Wales. Cllr E.W. Williams to take photo. Clerk & Councillors to cost flagpoles. Clerk to update poster & put on Facebook. Clerk to put on Facebook.
4339.	**Christmas 2019 Review** • Members agreed that the event had been a great success. The hall was full during the party and children and their parents enjoyed very much. Resolved noted. • It was reported that feedback from residents regarding the Christmas lights this year had been mostly positive. Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the driver of Santa's train commented that the lights in Ystalyfera were fantastic, particularly compared with other villages in the area. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has been contacting A. Gough, Centregreat on a daily basis trying to sort out the electric installation at Ystalyfera RFC. The lights have been placed on the tree, but A. Gough stated that he has many workers off sick at the moment and will try to get someone there asap to finish the job. It was suggested that if this work is not done in time for Christmas then a letter be sent to Centregreat explaining the council's disappointment with this matter. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he had received suggestions from local residents regarding putting a small tree with planter at the	

	corner of Penyrallt Park next year. All agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that the band from Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera had been excellent at the party. It was suggested that as there was 6 band members, the contribution should be increased slightly this year. Cllr G. Williams suggested £120.00 (£20 each). All agreed – Resolved. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the small Christmas tree in the entrance hallway of the Community Hall was donated by one of his neighbours, Christina. Members were very grateful for the tree. It was stated that the tree could be planted in the grounds of the Community Hall after Christmas. It was suggested that Andrew, Glantawe Landscapes be contacted to plant the tree. Resolved noted.	Clerk to issue cheque for band. Clerk to contact Andrew.
4340.	**Finance, Budget & Precept for 2020-21** • Clerk presented financial budget spreadsheet to council showing 6 month figures and projections for the remainder of the financial year. Budget Agreed - Resolved. • Clerk presented Bank Balances for all accounts. Resolved. • Clerk presented Precept examples to council. She explained that an increase of the Precept would cost 63p per £1 levied on council tax band D equivalent. All Agreed that Precept should be increased slightly due to increased running-costs of the Community Hall and future park projects (refurbishment of Alltygrug and Gnoll parks). Resolved that a Precept of £72,750.00 be set for 2020-21 equating to £45.47 per council tax band D equivalent. Resolved. **Accounts:** C286 134 Ystalyfera Development Trust (Xmas Printing) £30.00 C287 135 Trustees Carreg yr Afon Park (Lease) £200.00 BACS 136 Dragon Play (Penyrallt Park Refurbishment) £19557.60 BACS 137 Tonmawr Christmas Tree Farm £400.00 BACS 138 Quids In (Christmas Tree Planters) £690.00 BACS 139 Godre'r Graig School (Daffodils) £100.00 BACS 140 Cllr A. Llewelyn (Reimbursement Xmas Party) £242.82 BACS 141&2 Staff Wages & Expenses £1871.90 BACS 143 HMRC Tax & NI £155.68 BACS 144 City & County Swansea Pensions £336.41 C288 145 Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Christmas Band) £120.00 Transfer from Business Account 121 to Current Account: £24,000.00	Clerk to send precept requirements to NPTCBC.
4341.	**Planning** Cllr A. Llewelyn declared an interest and left the room. Resolved • 5618: 1 Clees Lane, Pantteg – retention of changes of parking area, raised decking, French doors & Juliet balcony. All agreed - Planning approved. • 5619: 1 Clees Lane, Pantteg – retention of changes to roof (pitched to flat) with access via French doors. All agreed - Planning approved. Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC planning dept.

4342.	**Community Hall** • It was reported that a management meeting has taken place. It was suggested that a new cleaning checklist form for the hall be created as well as a holiday form. Staff will be invited to next meeting for explanation of changes. Resolved noted.	Clerk to arrange management meeting with staff in attendance.
4343.	**Correspondence** • One Voice Wales – Reporting biodiversity, Section 6. Clerk explained that this meant that the council would need to produce a short annual report on biodiversity. It was suggested that flowers in the planters next year be filled with bee-friendly flowers. All agreed - Resolved.	Clerk to produce short report and put on website.
	The next meeting of council will take place at 7:00pm on 16th January 2020 at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera.	