CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Ystalyfera Community Hall on 20th February 2020

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Vice-chair)
Cllrs. Alun Llewelyn, Rhian Llewelyn, Julie Jones, Cathy James, Emyr Wyn Williams, Ann Jenkins, Simon Prothero, Terry Flynn

Apologies

Name	**Reason**	**Other Absence:**	
Cllr. Rosalyn Davies	Sickness	Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Brian Hastie	Working	Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Personal		
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal		

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4355.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Vice-chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Leave of absence request received from Cllr. B Lewis. All agreed that leave of absence for further 3 months be accepted. Resolved.	Clerk to inform Cllr B. Lewis of decision.
4356.	**Public Questions** Two members of the public in attendance, Mr S & Mrs J Davies. Mr & Mrs Davies informed council that they had lived in the farm next to Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera playing fields for the last 23 years. Mr & Mrs Davies wished to highlight their disappointment to council with regards to a new footpath and cycle path that was recently built running from Glantwrch to the footbridge. This path runs along the access road to the farm which is an easement. NPTCBC completed the works under permitted development. Mr & Mrs Davies objected to the new path due to the possible safety issues around pupils walking/cycling along the path next to the access road. They stated that now that the path has been built, it takes up half of the width of the entire access road. They said that the access road is now too narrow. They stated that the road was only ever made as an access to the farm and was never meant to be a footpath to the school. Mrs Davies stated that the application form for funding for this project said that Community Councillors had been consulted regarding this footpath project. Councillors stated that this had not been the case. The Community Council was unaware of the footpath plans as they hadn't come to them for planning consultation as the work was done under permitted development. Resolved noted. Mr & Mrs Davies also shared their concerns regarding the demountable classrooms currently positioned on the old hockey pitch on the school playing fields that are situated directly next to their farm. They shared their disappointment that the Community Council had not objected to a	

	planning application that requested that the temporary buildings remain for another two years. They said that the buildings are an eyesore and that they are being vandalised. Mr & Mrs Davies stated that the demountables had originally only supposed to be there for two years and now 6 years have passed. Councillors explained that the reason they hadn't objected to this planning application was that phase 3 of the school development would mean that the demountables would be needed as classrooms whilst 'Tawe' block was demolished and rebuilt. Cllr A Llewelyn stated that he hadn't seen the plans for this development as yet. Resolved noted. Mr & Mrs Davies stated that there are plans for a 3G pitch with floodlights to be built where the demountables are currently positioned after all works have been completed at the school. They object to this as it would be too near their farm, could interfere with their potential plans for livestock and couldn't be accessed easily by members of the community. Mr & Mrs Davies were concerned that the 3G pitch would go the same way as the Sports Hall, which is rarely used by members of the public. They stated that Ystalyfera RFC were interested in having the 3G pitch on their grounds. This may be a preferred option as it would be more convenient for use by the community as well as the school. Councillors agreed with this in principle. Councillors agreed to meet with Ystalyfera RFC to discuss this matter further. Resolved noted. Chair thanked Mr & Mrs Davies for their attendance and comments. Resolved noted.	Clerk to arrange meeting with Ystalyfera RFC.
4357.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All Agreed - Resolved.** Following on from minute 4351, Clerk reported that she had not received an updated letter from Ynysmeudwy FC as yet. She also stated that she had contacted Llais Y Pentre for more information with regards to their grant request and had been informed that unfortunately, the group is disbanding. Resolved noted.	
4358.	**Godre'r Graig School & Residents, Pantteg & Farteg – Update** Cllrs G. Williams & E.W. Williams declared an interest in this item due to their involvement with Tegwch. • Cllr G. Williams reported that the report on the quarry tip above the school should be released next week but Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the engineers are currently involved with the landslide in Pantteg, so this may delay matters. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the gabions had done a good job at Pantteg in stopping the landslide coming onto the road. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that investigations are currently underway at Craig Y Merched where there was a slight landslide. Carriageways have been cleared. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the Farteg had been flooded again. He explained that there seemed to be two key problems; firstly that the culvert near YGY school and Ystalyfera RFC had been damaged (NPTCBC are trying to purchase the land in order to repair this) and secondly that the culvert underneath ASDA was also damaged. It was suggested that the Clerk write a letter to NPTCBC pressing for urgent action with regards to this matter. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when information becomes available. Clerk to write letter to NPTCBC.

4359.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that Lee (Quids In) apologised that he has been unable to plant daffodil bulbs in the planters this year due to pressures after the sad loss of his father, but he suggested planting Spring flowers instead. Members agreed that this would be lovely. All agreed - Resolved. • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that one Christmas tree pot has been stolen from the A4067. Members were disappointed with this news. • Clerk reported that Wyn (Crynant Landscapes) has retired and will therefore be unable to fill the lamp-post planters with flowers. It was suggested that Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) be hired to take down the planters from the lamp-posts and take to Quids In for filling. It was also suggested that Andrew fill the planter on the corner of Alltygrug. Resolved noted.	Cllr G. Williams to liaise with Lee. Clerk to liaise with Andrew.
4360.	**Project Group** **Outdoor Gym** • Clerk reported that she had contacted David Phillips' office to arrange a site meeting near Tarenni. She is awaiting dates from NPTCBC. Resolved noted. **Flagpoles for Businesses** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he had ordered 16 flags (8 Welsh Dragon and 8 St. David's) with poles and brackets for this year at a cost of £854.40 (inc VAT). Clerk reported that she had been to pick them up from Swansea and delivered them to Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) in Abercraf. Andrew will fit the brackets and poles over the coming week. Andrew quoted £350.00 for fitting. Members were happy with this. each business will contribute £20.00 each towards the cost of the fitting. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that this project be expanded for next year to include further businesses. All agreed – Resolved. **Alltygrug Park** • Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cooke & Arkwright to state that the landowners are happy to agree a new 25 year lease. Estimated cost of arranging the new lease would be approx. £1,500.00. Members were happy to go ahead with this. All agreed – Resolved noted. **Ffynnon Cwmtwrch** • Clerk reported that she had spoken to Andrew and he is unsure as to whether there is enough wood left from the oak tree in order for Gary to be able to make a carving as most of the trunk was rotten. Andrew will update Clerk in due course. Resolved noted.	Clerk to follow up. Clerk to liaise with Andrew. Clerk to liaise with Cooke & Arkwright. Clerk to liaise with Andrew and Gary.

	Heritage Project • Cllr G. Williams reported that he will attend a session with the National Lottery Heritage Fund next month to gain advice. Resolved noted. **Farteg Park** • Clerk reported that all is going through with regards to the purchase of the land. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) will make a concrete base for the new recycling bin and fit it. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Jenkins reported that the old hut had been demolished. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. **Library** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he had received a response from Jonathan Parker. He stated that he will organise the lease. Resolved noted. **Cilmaengwyn Christmas Tree** • It was reported that the Christmas lights from the tree have been dumped in the middle of the tree. Clerk will contact Centregreat for an explanation. Resolved noted.	Clerk to follow up. Clerk to liaise with Jonathan parker. Clerk to contact Centregreat.
4361.	**Santes Dwynwen & Burns Night Event Review** • Members reported that the event had been a success even though there were less attendees than last year. It was suggested that the event be run again next year and that dance groups and young families be targeted to attend. Resolved noted. • Cllr T. Flynn stated that Côr Y Gyrlais had enjoyed the event very much and that they will put it in their calendar of formal events for next year. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. • It was stated that the band and twmpath caller had not been paid. Clerk will send out cheques. Resolved.	Clerk to send cheques.
4362.	**Finance** • Clerk stated that the membership renewal for One Voice Wales was due: £818.00 based on 2436 dwellings at 0.336p per dwelling. All agreed that membership should be renewed. Resolved. **Accounts:** BACS 162 Mr Flag (Flagpoles, Fixings & Flags) £854.40 Chq 163 Ystalyfera Bowls Club (Grant) £100.00 Chq 164 Age Cymru West Glam (Grant) £25.00 Chq 165 J. Austin (Honorarium Farteg Park) £100.00 Chq 166 S. Mansell (Honorarium Gnoll Park) £100.00 DD 167 Survey Monkey £29.17	Clerk to make BACS payments.

	BACS	168	N. Prothero (Honorarium Penyrallt Park)	£100.00	
	BACS	169	W. Jones (Honorarium Carreg Yr Afon Park)	£100.00	
	BACS	170	T.A. Handford (Honorarium Alltygrug Park)	£100.00	
	BACS	171	G. Williams (Reimbursement Toilet Brushes)	£4.90	
	BACS	172	Viking (Stationery & Stamps)	£98.42	
	BACS	173	A. Llewelyn (Reimbursement Dwynwen Event)	£82.40	
	BACS	174	BT Broadband (Community Hall 3 months)	£225.44	
	BACS	175	One Voice Wales (Membership Renewal)	£818.00	
	BACS	176&7	Staff Wages & Expenses	£1914.81	
	BACS	178	HMRC (Tax & NI)	£168.23	
	BACS	179	City & County Swansea Pensions	£346.30	
	DD	180	Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile)	£24.57	
	BACS	181	G. Williams (Reimbursement Flags)	£29.88	
	BACS	182	NPTCBC (Lease Footbridge)	£1.00	
	BACS	183	Viking (Stationery)	£2.84	
	BACS	184	Chubb (Fire Safety – Community Hall)	£117.70	
	BACS	185	Streetmaster Ltd (Recycling Bin - Farteg)	£1052.40	
	Transfer from Business Account 121 to Current Account: £3500.00				
4363.	**Planning** Cllr A. Llewelyn declared an interest. Resolved • Use of Common Land – Gwaun Cae Gurwen. All agreed. • Use of Common Land – Mynydd Y Gwrhyd. All agreed. Resolved.				Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4364.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported the good news that the Tai Tarian Community Challenge application for refurbishment of the main hall had been approved. The Community Hall will be Tai Tarian's first project for 2020. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she and Cllr G. Williams will meet with Tai Tarian representatives in the hall tomorrow to discuss options and schedule of works. Resolved noted.				Clerk to liaise with Tai Tarian.
4365.	**Correspondence** • Age Cymru: Letter of Thanks for donation. • CATCH Cwmtawe: AGM information. • Cllr R. Davies: Email stating that the fence of Godre'r Graig Park had again been damaged. Members agreed that concrete bollards be costed to stop dumping outside the gates to the park. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies: Forwarded email re: Keep Britain Tidy, Local Places for Nature Scheme. Members were keen to get involved with this. Resolved noted.				Clerk to cost bollards. Clerk to look into this.
	The next meeting of council will take place at 7:00pm on 19th March 2020 at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera.				