CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Ystalyfera Community Hall on 21st November 2019

Present

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

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	Working		

		ACTION
4321.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies.	
4322.	**Public Questions** There were no members of the public in attendance Resolved.	
4323.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All Agreed - Resolved.** • Chair reported that there was a low turnout at the Remembrance Sunday event. Very few attended the church service but more people watched the parade and laying of wreaths. Representation was lower than usual from the Cadets, Guides, Scouts etc. It was suggested that more groups be invited to next year's event. Resolved noted. • Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Llewelyn reported that the Vicar had been in the 'Llais Y Bobol' meeting in Ystalyfera and that he had suggested that the Community Council take over the Remembrance event but members felt that this would not be suitable as it includes the church service, which should be arranged by the church. The Community Council will continue to support the event by paying for the buffet and helping out where necessary. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that the buffet in Ystalyfera RFC was excellent. • Cllrs G. Williams and E.W.Williams placed wreath on the bench at Godre'r Graig Square. A vote of thanks was given to Les Jones, G. Williams and E.W. Williams for placing poppies on the lamp-posts in Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig respectively. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that a member of the public had requested a memorial bench be placed at the cenotaph. All agreed that this was a good idea and could be looked into at a later date. It was suggested that a fundraising campaign could be started to fund this. Resolved noted.	Clerk to cost bench.

4324.	**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 R. Davies reported that the school governors meeting had been cancelled due to the sad passing of R. Long. Resolved noted. • Cllr G. Williams reported that Tegwch are working with NPTCBC and that replies to questions had now been received. Resolved noted. • Cllr G. Williams reported that a non-member of Tegwch had sent a letter to the BBC in the pretence of being a member of Tegwch which was not true. He went onto say that all correspondence to and from Tegwch should go through the secretary of Tegwch, L. Williams. Resolved noted. • Cllr G.Williams reported that the Tegwch committee have a meeting with Bethan Sayed AM on Monday evening to look at the way forward for both the school and residents. Resolved noted. • It was reported that many people wanted to join Tegwch at first but now interest has subsided. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he had spoken to the leader of NPTCBC, Cllr Rob Jones who stated that meetings between Tegwch and NPTCBC are very beneficial. He reported that technical questions should be directed at Matthew Eynon from ESP and Dave Griffiths, Head of Engineering NPTCBC. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn also reported that the final report from ESP on the Pantteg and Cyfyng landslide area is to be published imminently. It is thought that there will be similar recommendations as before in the report but more emphasis on landowners to maintain the water courses on their land. The report will be on the NPTCBC website in due course. It was reported that tests on Graig Road and above Church Road may be included in this report. Monitoring will continue over the entire area. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when information becomes available.
4325.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that Winter planting has been done. 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. It was suggested that the tree which is normally placed by the Ystalyfera sign, be placed next to the Band Room this year to avoid being stolen and that a tree be placed at the Ffynnon, Cwmtwrch. All agreed - Resolved. • It was suggested that a post be placed on Facebook stating that the Community Council hopes that the trees will be respected this year. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams suggested putting battery Christmas lights around the trough planters. All agreed that this was a good idea – Resolved.	Cllr G. Williams to liaise with Quids In. Clerk to put post on Facebook. Cllrs E.W. Williams & G. Williams to place lights.
4326.	**Project Group** **Outdoor Gym** • Clerk reported that the National lottery are happy for the Godre'r Graig gym to be placed in an alternative area within Godre'r Graig. Resolved noted.	Clerk to follow up.

	• Clerk reported that a site meeting will be carried out at the Cycle Track, near Tarenni with NPTCBC. Resolved.	
	Penyrallt Park Repairs • Clerk reported that the repair works were due to start today. • It was suggested that this be put on Facebook as a 'good news' post. Resolved noted.	Clerk to post on Facebook.
	Farteg Park • Clerk reported that Tai Tarian have now changed the footprint of the land they are willing to sell to the Community Council. The new plans would exclude the two pieces of land at the North of the park. Councillors are happy to go ahead with the purchase but would like to change the plans so that all land to the South of the footpath was included but not the footpath itself. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that recycling bins for the had been ordered and will be ready in approx. 6 weeks. Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with Tai Tarian.
	Carreg yr Afon Park – See-saw project • Clerk reported that she has yet to receive a works start date from Sutcliffe Play. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play.
	Alltygrug Park • Alltygrug Park: Clerk reported that she had still not received an update from Cooke & Arkwright on the new lease. Resolved noted.	Clerk to follow up with Cooke & Arkwright.
	Ffynnon Cwmtwrch • Clerk reported that she had received a quote for tree removal from Glantawe Landscapes, £1,650.00. All agreed – Resolved. • It was suggested that some small trees be planted there to replace the removed trees. All agreed – Resolved. • Clerk reported that Wyn, Crynant Landscapes is retiring next year. He is prepared to continue with works at the Ffynnon. All agreed to keep Wyn on to service the Ffynnon – Resolved.	Clerk to contact Andrew and Wyn.
	River Tawe • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that a car has been dumped in the river next to Carreg yr Afon bund. Resolved noted.	Clerk to report to Natural Resources Wales. Cllr E.W. Williams to take photo.
	Handyman • Clerk suggested that having a handyman on call a few times a month would be advantageous as jobs could be completed in a timely manner as they crop up. Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that she is aware of a local handyman who would charge on an hourly basis. All agreed – Resolved noted.	Cllr R. Llewelyn to follow up.

4327.	**Christmas 2019** • Clerk reported that the Christmas decorations agreement had been received from NPTCBC. Resolved noted. • It was reported that lights have been placed on columns already. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that A. Gough, Centregreat is sorting out the installation at Ystalyfera RFC. He is awaiting the civils team to install the cables. He has the lights ready for installation. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Jenkins reported that she had been asked why there is only one lit garland on the A4067 near ASDA. Clerk reported that only some of the lamp-posts have the electricity supply to power the garlands. It was suggested that this be explained on Facebook. Resolved noted. • It was stated that as the roadworks are likely to still be going ahead on Ynysydarren Road during the Santa Train Tour Event that the train stop on the bridge on Commercial Street so that Santa can walk down the path to the hall. All agreed that this was a good idea – Resolved. • Cllrs R. Llewelyn and A. Llewelyn stated that they are prepared to do the food-shopping for the party. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that the band from Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera has been booked. It was suggested that the same contribution as last year be given. All agreed – Resolved. • It was suggested that volunteers meet at 3:30pm on 13th December at the Community Hall to prepare party. Resolved. • It was reported that there would not be a community carol concert this year as the Vicar had stated that there was no heating in the church and that it would be too cold. Members were disappointed at this. Resolved noted.	Clerk put explanation on Facebook. Clerk to inform Dave Osbourne of changes. Cllrs R. Llewelyn & A. Llewelyn to do shopping. Volunteers to meet at hall.
4328.	**Library** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that there had been no response from Jonathan Parker, NHS regarding moving the library. • It was suggested that if no response is received during the next few weeks that an alternative home be found for the library. All agreed – Resolved.	Cllr E.W. Williams to follow up.
4329.	**Planning** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the room. Resolved • 5570: Land adj. Greencroft, Ynysydarren Road, Ystalyfera – discharge of condition 2, enclosure & landscaping. All agreed - Planning approved. • 5502: 79 Alltygrug Road, Ystalyfera – single storey side & rear extension. All agreed - Planning approved. • 5532: 30 Commercial Street, Ystalyfera – Change of use from club to 5 apartments, plus 2 semi-detached dwellings and 2 detached dwellings. Members wished to make an objection to this application due to the increased traffic on the lower road access to the site as well as parking issues on Commercial Street. Members	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC planning dept.

	felt that although parking spaces on the site have been considered, convenience of parking on Commercial Street for access to the flats may be of preference to future residents and the Community Council would oppose this. Drainage, surface water and sewage at the site was also a concern to members. Resolved. Resolved.	
4330.	**Community Hall** • It was reported that the hall is not very clean. It was suggested that a vacuum cleaner and steamer are purchased in order to enable easier cleaning of the floors. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she covered the caretaker during her 3 weeks off, opening and closing the hall as well as sweeping the main hall floor. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that 2 cleans had been carried out by 2 separate companies during the caretaker's absence. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that due to members work commitments, a management meeting had not yet taken place. She will arrange a meeting asap. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had received a quote of £500.00 from Jack, the handyman, to paint the main hall. She stated that she had completed the Tai Tarian Community Challenge application form and added painting to the flooring request. All agreed to wait for outcome of application before going ahead. If application is unsuccessful, then Jack be hired to complete the job. Resolved.	Clerk to arrange management meeting. Clerk to contact Jack the handyman.
4331.	**Finance** **Accounts:** DD 111 NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax) £268.00 C282 112 Poppy Appeal (Wreaths & Poppies) £80.00 C283 113 Ystalyfera RFC (Remembrance Buffet) £100.00 BACS 114&5 Staff Wages & Expenses £1963.52 BACS 116 HMRC (Tax & NI) £197.28 BACS 117 City & County Swansea Pensions £368.81 BACS 118 Wattech (PAT Testing) £50.00 BACS 119 Sglein Cleaning £40.00 BACS 120 B. Hastie (First Aid Cert. Reimbursement) £30.00 BACS 121 G. Williams (First Aid Cert. Reimbursement) £30.00 BACS 122 SSE (Community Hall Electric) £129.53 BACS 123 SSE (Ystalyfera MUGA Electric) £124.91 BACS 124 BT Broadband (Com. Hall) £72.72 BACS 125 Wales Audit Office £234.30 C284 126 Crynant Landscapes (Planting Ystalyfera) £603.00 C285 127 Crynant Landscapes (Ffynnon Cwmtwrch) £195.00 BACS 128 Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile) £24.57 BACS 129 Survey Monkey (Nov) £29.17 DD 130 NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax) £268.00 BACS 131 Survey Monkey (Dec) £29.17 BACS 132 G. Williams (Xmas lights Reimbursement) £93.80 BACS 133 SSE (Godre'r Graig MUGA Electric) £120.6 Transfer from Business Account 121 to Current Account: £3500.00	

4332.	**Correspondence** • Godre'r Graig Primary School – thanks for £100 donation. They will be unable to sing at Christmas Party due to a clash with their Christmas Fair. Resolved noted. • Local Democracy Boundary Commission – notice of period of representation. Proposals for NPTCBC. Ystalyfera Ward may be amalgamated with Cwmllynfell. Resolved noted. • NPTCBC – lease of Godre'r Graig Park. All agreed - Resolved. • Bethan Blackmore – LEADER funding. This could be used for information boards etc. It was suggested that a meeting be held regarding this after Christmas. Resolved noted.	Clerk to contact Bethan Blackmore.
	The next meeting of council will take place at 7:00pm on 19th December 2019 at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera.	