CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Ystalyfera Community Hall on 16th January 2020

Present

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

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. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working		

		ACTION
4344.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies.	
4345.	**Public Questions** There were no members of the public in attendance Resolved.	
4346.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All Agreed - Resolved.**	
4347.	**Godre'r Graig School & Residents – Update** Cllr G. Williams declared an interest in this item due to his involvement with Tegwch. • Cllr G. Williams reported that Tegwch had a meeting with NPTCBC & ESP earlier that day (16th January 2020). Cllrs R. Davies and A. Llewelyn were also in attendance. Cllr G. Williams stated that it had been a very positive meeting. NPTCBC are considering remedies to this problem including removal of the tip or re-distribution of the spoil. Another meeting will be held in due course. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when information becomes available.
4348.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that he and Cllr E.W. Williams had taken most of the Christmas lights down. He suggested that next Christmas more lights be placed around the area. All agreed - Resolved. • Cllr E.W. Williams, G. Williams & A. Llewelyn stated that they received positive feedback regarding the lights and trees. • Cllr G. Williams reported that Lee (Quids In) will take the plastic Christmas tree pots back to the nursery in order to reuse for Christmas 2020. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies reported that she had spoken to David Hutchings with regards to removing the trees from Godre'r Graig school, Jerusalem Chapel and Graig Newydd Green. Resolved noted.	Clerk to order LED lights & follow up with Centregreat.

	• It was suggested that new LED lights and new tree stand be purchased for Jerusalem Chapel tree in preparation for next Christmas. All agreed- Resolved. • Members stated that the works at Ystalyfera Rugby Club should be completed asap. Members stated that they were very disappointed with Centregreat for not completing the job before Christmas. It was suggested that a discount for the works be sought due to the circumstances. Resolved noted.	
4349.	**Project Group** **Outdoor Gym** • Clerk reported that she had liaised with Elizabeth Jones regarding a site meeting at the Cycle Track, near Tarenni with NPTCBC in the New Year. E. Jones suggested that members attend a meeting at The Quays but members would prefer an on-site meeting. Resolved noted. **Farteg Park** • Clerk reported that she had received paperwork from Peter Lynn & Partners Solicitors in Pontardawe – all is now ready to sign. All agreed to go ahead with purchase. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had created bilingual signs for the new recycling bins. The bins will be delivered next week. Resolved noted. **Carreg yr Afon Park – See-saw project** • Clerk reported that the project is now completed. Resolved noted. • Clerk will post a 'good-news' article on Facebook. Resolved noted. **Flagpoles for Businesses** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that this matter had been discussed in the Project group meeting. All agreed that flagpoles, flags and brackets be bought for a selection of buildings in the first instance with more to be purchased in the future. Members suggested that the project could be completed in stages - Resolved noted. • Clerk suggested that someone with a 'Cherry picker' would be needed to install the brackets and flagpoles. All agreed that this be costed. Resolved noted. **Library** • Cllr G. Williams reported that Cllr E.W. Williams has again contacted Jonathan Parker regarding moving the library to the Clinic. He is awaiting a response. Resolved noted. **Heritage Project – localised signs** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that Cllr E.W. Williams had suggested the purchase of localised signage for the area to enhance places of interest e.g. Tai Brics etc. All agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved noted.	Clerk to follow up. Clerk to liaise with Tai Tarian & Peter Lynn solicitors. Clerk to post on Facebook. Clerk cost hire of cherry picker. Cllr E.W. Williams to follow up. Cllr A. Llewelyn to contact NPTCBC regarding this matter.

	Survey • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that as lots of projects have now been completed that a new public survey be carried out in order to ascertain the priorities of the local residents and any projects they would like to see completed (such as tennis court refurbishments etc). Projects could then be looked at over the next financial year and beyond. All agreed – Resolved.	Cllr C. James to create new survey on Survey Monkey and Clerk to print out.
4350.	**Santes Dwynwen & Burns Night Event** • Clerk reported that she had created a Facebook event for the night. It was suggested that the event be promoted as much as possible on Facebook by sharing and posting. Resolved noted. • Clerk handed out posters and flyers for advertising. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had heard from Cllr B. Hastie that he had booked the caller, band, haggis etc. • It was suggested that more bunting be purchased. All agreed – Resolved. • It was suggested that all Councillors and volunteers meet at the club to set up at 6pm. Resolved.	Cllrs to share event on Facebook. Cllrs to distribute. Clerk to order bunting.
4351.	**Finance & Grant Requests** • Clerk presented grant requests from 4 organisations. Resolved that grants be awarded as below: o Ystalyfera Bowls Club: £100.00 o Age Cymru West Glamorgan: £25.00 o Ynysmeudwy AFC: £100.00 o Llais Y Pentre: More information required as they are a new group including bank account details etc. Members will revisit this request during the next meeting of council. **Accounts:** BACS 146 G. Williams (Stamps reimbursement) £7.32 BACS 147 BT Payphone (Com. Hall) £133.32 BACS 148 NPTCBC (Lease Penyrallt Park) £200.00 BACS 149 BT Broadband (Com. Hall) £72.72 BACS 150&1 Staff Wages & Expenses £1933.07 BACS 152 HMRC (Tax & NI) £168.43 BACS 153 City & County Swansea Pensions £346.30 BACS 154 Cooke & Arkwright (Lease Alltygrug Park) £250.00 BACS 155 Sutcliffe Play Ltd (See-saw Carreg yr Afon) £13540.80 BACS 156 Dwr Cymru (Com. Hall) £94.11 BACS 157 NPTCBC (Grounds Maintenance) £3554.40 C289 158 BETA Electrical (Ystalyfera RFC Xmas lights) £656.40 C290 159 CD Beynon Plumbing (Com. Hall Boiler Service) £65.00 BACS 160 Npower (Com. Hall Gas) £947.53 BACS 161 City & County Swansea (Xmas Land Train hire) £350.00 BACS 162 Mr Flag (Flagpoles, Fixings & Flags) £854.40 Transfer from Business Account 121 to Current Account: £20,000.00	Clerk to send out cheques or make BACS payments.

	• Clerk's annual incremental rise approved. Resolved.	
4352.	**Planning** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the room. Resolved • 5693: 57 Glanrafon, Ystalyfera – extension to front porch with ramp and railings. All agreed - Planning approved. Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC planning dept.
4353.	**Community Hall** • It was reported that the sewing group based at the hall had donated £50.00 to CATCH as a contribution for the use of the hall. Members were very pleased and thanked them for this donation. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that the hand dryer in the disabled toilet had still not been fitted. She will follow up with Swift building. Resolved noted. • It was reported that tables in the hall are left dirty after being used by Tiddlywinks. Clerk will write letter to tiddlywinks to say that hall users must clean up after their sessions. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies suggested employing a handyman to fix door handle to kitchen. All agreed – Resolved noted.	Clerk to arrange fitting of hand dryer. Clerk to send letter to Tiddlywinks. Clerk to book handyman.
4354.	**Correspondence** • CATCH Cwmtawe: A happy new year message with updates. • Poppy Appeal: Note of thanks for donations towards wreaths.	
	The next meeting of council will take place at 7:00pm on 20th February 2020 at the Community Hall, Ystalyfera.	