CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held online via MS Teams on 14th January 2021

Present

Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams (Chair of Project Group) Cllrs. Rhian Llewelyn, Cathy James, Rosalyn Davies, Julie Jones, Alun Llewelyn, Geraint Williams

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome** Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	**Funding Approved for Alltygrug Playground Refurbishment:** Clerk shared the good news with regards to the approval of the funding for £20,000.00 for refurbishment to Alltygrug Park playground equipment. Members were pleased with the news. Clerk stated that a condition of the funding is that the entire project is completed by 31st March 2021. This means that the equipment will need to be installed and inspected before the end of March. Due to this, Clerk contacted Dragon Play for quote on equipment. She will arrange more quotes over the coming days. Clerk stated that the initial quote she had from Dragon Play was for timber equipment, with a 20-year warranty, in a trail/adventure-style. Clerk showed illustrations to councillors. Members were very keen on this idea and thought it would be nice to have a different type of play equipment offering in Ystalyfera. This could attract more visitors to the park. A swing (with basket) would also be included in the quote. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested adding a slide to the quotation. Clerk will liaise with Dragon Play regarding this matter as well as other suppliers. All agreed that council pay towards a slide and inclusive spinner bowl in addition to the £20,000 funding if necessary. This could be taken from council reserves. Resolved noted. Due to the urgent nature of this project, all agreed that Clerk will send updates, quotes and illustrations via email for council to consider. All agreed that final decisions on project options and quotes shall be made via email so that works can start immediately. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Dragon Play and other suppliers.
3.	**Outdoor Gym 2:** Chair and Cllr G. Williams reported that they had received complaints regarding the dumping of waste at the entrance to Godre'r Graig Park. Chair stated that due to increased footfall, this area could be suitable for the second site of the Outdoor Gym Project (as council's preferred site next to the Cilbrwyn cannot be leased to the council from NPTCBC). This would serve 2 purposes, the first to offer gym equipment to locals and passers-by, the second to block the area so that dumping could not take place. It was stated that lots of cyclists, walkers and joggers travel along the road and would benefit from an outdoor gym. Cllr G. Williams and Chair stated that	

	they had mentioned the idea to locals – responses to the proposed project were very positive and enthusiastic. <u>All agreed – resolved noted.</u> Cllr R. Davies stated that the lease will have to be checked in order to make sure that the entrance area is included within the lease, otherwise a new lease will need to be gained from NPTCBC. Clerk suggested that the gym be sited to the left of the area so that 2 push down bollards can be placed to allow access to the park for maintenance vehicles. <u>All agreed – resolved.</u> Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there may be need for planning permission. Clerk will check this. Clerk suggested that more lottery funding could be applied for in order to provide more outdoor gyms in the area as the current gym in Ystalyfera has proved a great success. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that NPTCBC Minor Projects fund can be applied for every 2 years for future projects. <u>Resolved noted</u>.	Clerk to check with David Phillips, NPTCBC. Clerk to check if change of use planning permission needed.
4.	**Christmas lights and planting of small Christmas trees:** **Christmas lights:** Chair stated that there had been positive feedback from residents with regards to the extra Christmas lights, flags and plaques. He stated that a number of bulbs were not working in some of the garlands installed by Centregreat. It was suggested that Centregreat check all of the bulbs before installation next December. Chair also stated that he and Cllr G. Williams had been around the area to change all of the batteries in the small lights before Christmas to make sure they remained bright over the Christmas and New Year periods. Members thanked them for their work. <u>Resolved noted.</u> Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that most locals were very happy with the lights provided but that some still complain that there aren't enough garlands. It was suggested that Clerk place a notice on Facebook to explain that NPTCBC will not allow any more lampposts to be used for garlands. <u>Resolved noted.</u> **Christmas flags:** Cllr J. Jones reported that she had taken down and washed the Christmas flags from around Ystalyfera. Members thanked her for this. S. Turk will take down flags from Godre'r Graig and Cilmaengwyn. <u>Resolved noted.</u> **Large Christmas trees:** Cllr J. Jones stated that the Christmas tree at Gurnos Chapel (Foodbank) had been a great success. She stated that part of the lights didn't work, so Cllr B. Hastie bought a set from Tesco. <u>All agreed</u> that Cllr B. Hastie be reimbursed – <u>Resolved.</u> Cllr C. James stated that the contribution towards the electricity had been received by the foodbank. <u>Resolved noted.</u> Cllr R. Davies stated that as the tree in Cilmaengwyn has grown, more lights will be needed for next Christmas. Clerk will arrange with Centregreat. <u>Resolved noted.</u> Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he had received requests for a tree to be put in St David's Church. <u>All agreed</u> that due to the proximity of the church to Gurnos Chapel then this would not be needed. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	Clerk to liaise with Centregreat re: bulbs. Clerk will find email from NPTCBC re: no more garlands and place on Facebook. Clerk to liaise with Centregreat.

	Small Trees: Cllr E.W. Williams stated that the small Christmas trees can now be planted next to the planters. S. Turk will carry out this work and invoice the council for his time. It was stated that in order to plant the trees in Tanydarren, Maengwyn, Ffordd Emlyn and Glantwrch then permission would need to be sought from Tai Tarian. Resolved that Cllr R. Davies request permission. Clerk stated that the tree at the Ffynnon can be planted in the flower bed on top of the small wall. She also stated that trees cannot be planted along the bypass A4067 so these can be planted elsewhere in the community. All agreed – resolved.	Cllr R. Davies to liaise with Tai Tarian.
5.	**St David's Flags:** Cllr E.W. Williams stated that the flags on the buildings in Ystalyfera will need replacing as they have faded. All agreed that Clerk order new flags from Mr Flag, Swansea. Resolved noted. It was stated that the bunting will also need replacing. All agreed that Clerk order bunting from eBay or Amazon. Resolved noted. It was suggested that the spare flagpole be fitted to the Community Hall. All agreed – resolved noted. It was decided that due to the Covid pandemic, that expansion of the flagpole scheme be delayed until 2022. Resolved noted. It was suggested that Swansea Valley Tyres be offered a flag as they already have a pole fitted. All agreed – resolved.	Clerk to order flags. Clerk to order bunting. Clerk to arrange fitting. Clerk to offer flag to garage.
6.	**Slab on Graig Road:** It was suggested that the Clerk make enquiries with NPTCBC as to the ownership of the small piece of land where an electricity box used to stand with a bench on Graig Road. If NPTCBC own it, then council would like to lease it. If not, permission to place a slab there will need to be sought from the owners. A bench can then be purchased to be placed on the land. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
7.	**Santes Dwynwen/Burns night** It was decided that as council cannot put on an event this year that an interesting information article be put on the council's website and Facebook pages with regards to Santes Dwynwen and Robert Burns. Photos could be added of previous council events. Resolved noted.	Clerk to put info on website and Facebook.
8.	**Planters for Gurnos Road, Ystalyfera** Chair suggested that as the trees have been cut down on Gurnos Road, that 4 planters be placed there instead in order to beautify the area and help with biodiversity. All agreed that this was a good idea – resolved.	Cllr G. Williams to liaise with Quids In.

	Cllr A. Llewelyn will contact the Street Team at NPTCBC to gain permission. Resolved noted. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that planters be placed next to the bus stop on Farteg Road, Ystalyfera. All agreed – resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise with NPTCBC.
9.	**Defibrillators:** Clerk reported that BT now have the contract for the kiosks in Penyrallt and next to the Wern Fawr. She is awaiting further guidance from them as to payment. Resolved noted. Cllr A. Llewelyn had information from Welsh Hearts with regards to defibrillator installation and training. £200 grant is available towards the cost of these. All agreed to proceed once kiosks have been transferred to the Community Council. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with BT and Welsh Hearts.
10.	**Benches:** Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he had received messages on Facebook asking for more benches in the area. All agreed that council will look at this matter in the near future once suitable areas for benches are identified. Resolved noted.	
11.	**Playground at Glantwrch:** Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested a playground be placed at Glantwrch. The land is owned by Tai Tarian so permission/lease would need to be sought. All agreed that this matter be revisited in the future. Resolved noted.	