CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held online via MS Teams on 9th November 2020

Present

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

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome** Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	**Christmas 2020:** **Trees for Ystalyfera Shopfronts:** Members decided against having real Christmas trees for the shopfronts due to the cost (approx. £645) and the single-use aspect. Resolved noted. Clerk reported that she is unable to get fake Christmas trees that are 3ft tall. The only option would be 4ft trees. These would be £689.85 + VAT for the 15 trees needed. It had been mentioned in a previous meeting of council that businesses could be asked to contribute towards the cost of this but Members felt that this would be unfair this year due to the loss of income most businesses have faced during the Covid-19 pandemic. Resolved that Christmas trees not be purchased this year. Chair suggested getting Christmas flags for the shopfronts instead. He shared some photos of flags available on eBay for approx. £3.75 each. Members agreed that this was a good idea for this year. It was suggested that flags could be given to businesses that do not have flagpoles so that they could display them in their shop windows. All agreed that 30 flags be ordered. Resolved noted. It was suggested that this be advertised on Facebook. Resolved noted. **Christmas Plaques:** Chair suggested that some Christmas Plaques be purchased to brighten up some areas. These are available on eBay for approx. £5 each. It was suggested that 2 be purchased for each of the council's playgrounds as well as Parc Pencwmdu and Tiddlywinks. Resolved noted. **Christmas lights:** Clerk reported that the lights have been installed in Ystalyfera. Cllr G. Williams asked if Members would be happy to replace some of the lights used in Godre'r Graig, Cilmaengwyn and Pantteg. All agreed - Resolved noted. **Christmas tree planters:** Cllr G. Williams reported that he had ordered Christmas Tree planters form Quids In as usual. He also said he would order an extra one for the Ffynnon. All agreed - Resolved noted.	Clerk to order flags and arrange with Andrew for installation and put on Facebook. Clerk to order plaques. Cllr G. Williams to order lights. Cllr G. Williams to liaise with Lee.

	Large Christmas trees: Members decided that 5 large (15ft) trees should be purchased for Graig Newydd Green, Jerusalem Chapel, Gurnos Chapel (foodbank), Godre'r Graig School and Penyrallt Park. Resolved noted. Clerk suggested that she order battery lights for Penyrallt tree and plug-in lights for Gurnos Chapel as well as two tree stands. All agreed – Resolved noted. **Christmas competitions:** Members decided that competitions would be too time-consuming to organise and manage. All agreed that pictures of creations be sent into council via email and featured on the council's Facebook page instead. Resolved noted. Cllr C. James offered to help with this. Resolved that Clerk add Cllr C. James to Facebook admin. **Selection boxes for schools:** Members decided that selection boxes be purchased for each primary aged child in Godre'r Graig and Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera primary section as there will be no Christmas party this year. Cllrs R. Davies and A. Llewelyn to send pupil numbers to Clerk. All agreed – Resolved noted. **Message from Santa:** Cllr A. Lewis suggested that a message from Santa be put on Facebook. All agreed – Resolved noted. **Santa Train Tour:** Due to Covid-19 and NPTCBC and Welsh Government regulations, the event cannot be held this year. It was suggested that this news be put on Facebook. All agreed – Resolved noted. **Community dreams:** Cllr R. Davies stated that Community dreams will be purchasing gifts for the elderly this year. All agreed that this initiative be advertised on the council's Facebook page. Resolved noted.	Clerk to order trees, stands and lights and arrange with Andrew for installation. Clerk to add Cllr C. James to Facebook. Cllrs R. Davies and A. Llewelyn to liaise with Clerk. Clerk to order boxes. Clerk to make announcement on Facebook. Clerk to advertise on Facebook.
3.	**Forest School Project:** It was suggested that this matter be discussed during the next full meeting of council. Resolved noted.	Clerk to put on next agenda.
4.	**Pantteg Chapel:** Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he had been told that changing the use of Pantteg Chapel would be unfeasible. Members would be keen to keep at least some of the site for use in the upcoming Heritage Walk Project as this could be a focal point for the walk. All agreed that this matter be discussed further in a full meeting of council. Resolved noted.	
5.	**Repair & Reuse Fund:** It was suggested that due to the imminent closing date for this fund that the council do not have time to set up a large project such as this at this time. It was suggested that this fund be advertised to the Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre in Glanrhyd as they service our area (cross border) and repair and recycle goods. Resolved noted. Cllr R. Davies mentioned that any unwanted items could also be sent to Trysor. Any electrical donations would be PAT tested before resale. Resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to lisise with Ystrad Volunteer Centre.