CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via MS Teams on

18th February 2021

Present

Cllr. Ann Lewis (Chair), Cllr. Cathy James (Temporary Chair) Cllrs. Rhian Llewelyn, Alun Llewelyn, Rosalyn Davies, Julie Jones, Simon Prothero, Tristian Lewis, Ann Jenkins

Apologies

Name	Reason	Other Absence:
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Sickness	Cllr. Bryan Lewis Leave of Absence
Cllr. Brian Hastie	Working	Cllr. Arwel Hughes Leave of Absence
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Personal Reasons	
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal Reasons	

		ACTION
4460.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair had technical difficulties at the start of the meeting. Cllr C. James was elected to Chair. Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4461.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.** Following on from minute 4452, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Proposed New Primary School at Pontardawe, Cllrs R. Davies and A Llewelyn stated that they will let Members know when the next stage of consultation is ready for comment. Resolved noted. Following on from minute 4452, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Clerk reported that she has submitted the TPO Planning Application for the European Lime in Alltygrug Park. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep Members informed.
4462.	**Covid-19 Situation & Foodbank Update** Cllr A. Llewelyn reported the following: • All-Wales Covid figures as at 17.02.2021: Cases 200,166 Deaths 5,175 including 30 in past 24 hours. As at 17.02.21 NPT had 94.2 cases/100k population (compared with 263.1 cases/100k population in last month's report). Therefore, cases have decreased significantly during the most recent lockdown, but remain comparatively high with continuing pressures on health and social services. • All Wales continues to be under Tier 4 restrictions and public health rules on staying home, hygiene and social distancing remain in place. https://gov.wales/alert-level-4-frequently-asked-questions • It is expected that the First Minister will give further indications on the future of restrictions at the Welsh Government press conference at the end of this week, and the youngest school years will return to classes on 25.02.21.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.

	• Public Health Wales produce an interactive map of covid incidents on a weekly basis which can be searched on a national, county, health board or locality basis. https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection?fbclid=IwAR2yivxRv_O_iQ_70MnIuvsG9W3PRkX0fGtxOweCLiJkvAde51bAKuWqAMI#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/CasesbyMSOA • The new Pfizer and AstraZenica vaccines have been introduced in Wales and are progressing through the priority categories. • In the Ystalyfera community area the vaccines are being administered through Powys Local Health Board, Ystradgynlais Group Practice, Swansea Bay Health Board and Aman-Tawe Practice. The health Boards' Coronavirus newsletters can be found at: https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/the-second-edition-of-our-covid-19-vaccination-newsletter-is-now-available/ https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/news/news-categories/coronavirus-covid-19-news/ • Over winter the county council and health board revised plans for Safe and Well schemes. In our area, Ystalyfera Food Bank, community groups and support mechanisms such as LACs and Age Connect will help identify support needed. • Further information can be circulated to Community Council members by email in between meetings. • **Foodbank:** Cllr C. James reported that Ystalyfera Foodbank is still very busy. During January, they provided 50 parcels to 169 people. They are still seeing new people at the foodbank every month. There are already 8 new families needing support since the start of February. She reported that the Christmas parcels had been a great success, but it has left the foodbank with a financial shortfall. Members agreed that another £250.00 be donated from the Community Council to the foodbank. <u>Resolved.</u>	Clerk to make BACS payment.
4463.	**Planters** • Clerk reported that S. Turk is currently still planting the small Christmas trees around the area. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Cllr R. Davies reported that Tai Tarian need to know the exact areas that the Community Council would like to plant the small Christmas trees before allowing planting. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Clerk reported that she has asked both Quids In and Glantawe Landscapes for quotes for planting this year. Awaiting quotes. <u>Resolved noted</u>.	Cllr G. Williams to liaise with S. Turk. Cllr R. Davies to liaise with Tai Tarian.
4464.	**Project Group** **Alltygrug Park Refurbishment** • Clerk reported that the playground refurbishments will take place w/c 8th March 2021 and could take up to 2 weeks to complete. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested putting a post on Facebook to share the good news and to let local residents know about the works. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	Clerk to post on Facebook.

	• Clerk reported that she had received an email from A. Handford regarding dog mess in the rubbish bins at the park. Her husband has kindly made temporary signage to ask people to place dog mess in the allocated dog bin. Members suggested that official signs be costed and installed. Members thanked A. Handford and her husband for notifying council of this matter. Resolved noted.	Clerk to cost & order signage.
	Playgrounds • Clerk reported that new legislation comes into place on 1st March 2021 – smoking will not be allowed in any children's playground, hospital grounds etc. Signage will need to be made for each playground area. All agreed that signs be ordered and installed as soon as possible. Resolved noted.	Clerk to order signage.
	Wooden Furniture for Ffynnnon • G. Turler (woodcarver) has sent a rough drawing of what could be produced from the old oak tree. A bench, low level table, 2 stools and a low seating bench could be included. An estimate for these works was also quoted at between £2,000 - £2,500. Members suggested visiting the site to see where the items could be placed before making a firm decision before the next Project Group meeting. Members will visit when they can over the next month. It was suggested that rough measurements be obtained in order to ascertain where the items could be placed. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Gary.
	Outdoor Gyms • Clerk reported that she had contacted David Phillips (NPTCBC) with regards to the possibility of the second gym being installed at the entrance to Godre'r Graig Park. M. Goatson is now looking into the possibility of this with regards to possible planning and/or change of use. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that she had a call from a resident to say that someone had reversed into the fenceposts at the entrance to Godre'r Graig Park. Resolved that this matter be discussed further in the next Project Group meeting. • Clerk reported that Sunshine Gyms had been in touch asking about the second gym site. Clerk has updated them with the situation. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn and Clerk reported that a resident had contacted them to complain about the site of the first gym. The lady stated that gym users are looking into her home whilst using the equipment. It was stated that the site of the gym is next to a public footpath and stopping people looking into the lady's house was impossible. Members agreed to discuss this matter further in the next Project Group meeting. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with M. Goatson.
	St David's Day • Clerk reported that Andrew will replace the flags in Ystalyfera, once they arrive, in preparation for St David's Day. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that an article about St David be placed on the council website and Facebook page similar to what was done for St Dwynwen and Burns night. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Andrew. Clerk to put article on website and Facebook.

Sign on Cycle Track

- Clerk reported that Andrew had been to collect the broken sign from the Cycle Track near Tarenni. He took it to Signs Express to see if they could fix or copy it. Unfortunately, there is nothing that they can do to fix it. Clerk contacted NPTCBC to find out if they had any details of who designed the original sign, but the member of staff has left and there are no PDF files of the sign. This means that a new sign will need to be designed. Members agreed that this be discussed further during the next Project Group meeting. Resolved noted.

Christmas Tree at Gurnos Chapel

- Cllr J. Jones requested that the Clerk let the Committee know when the tree is to be removed so that they can meet Andrew on site to assist him. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise with committee.

Project group Meeting

- It was suggested that the next meeting of the project group be set up for 11th March 2021. All agreed – Resolved.

Clerk to set up online meeting.

4465. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that all grant payments had been paid. Park honorarium payments and Member remuneration payments also due. Resolved.

Clerk to make BACS payments.

Accounts: Resolved.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
185-7	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	2,163.58
188	BACS	NPTCBC Penyrallt Park lease	200.00
189	BACS	Centregreat (Christmas 2020)	8,034.96
190	BACS	EON (Com. Hall Gas)	773.18
191	C302	Beta Electrical Ltd (Electrics YRFC Xmas lights	129.00
192	BACS	BT Broadband (Com. Hall)	56.34
193	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	232.03
194	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	455.85

Transfer from Business Account 121 to Current Account: £ 10,300.00
Resolved.

4466. **Planning** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the meeting. Resolved.

- P2020/0999 – Single storey side extension, part single, part double rear extension and detached garage: Nant Y Deri, 129 Cilmaengwyn Road, Cilmaengwn SA8 4QN. No objection: Resolved.

Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.

4467. **Community Hall**

- Clerk reported that as the tier level 4 lockdown is still in force, the hall is still closed to the public but NPTCBC Mental Health / Child Welfare are using it twice a week to work with a vulnerable young person. This is deemed as an essential service. Resolved noted.
- Clerk reported that Andrew has looked at the Community Hall roof, but he said it is very patchy and cannot be easily fixed. A new roof may be needed. Cllr J. Jones stated that she had a number for a roofer – she will

Clerk to liaise with roofers.

	forward to Clerk. Resolved that Clerk speak to roofers and obtain quotes for repair/new roof. • Clerk reported that the alarm system has been serviced. Resolved noted.	
4468.	**Correspondence** • A. Handford – email regarding dog mess at Alltygrug Park. Resolved noted. • Urdd Gobaith Cymru – letter of thanks for donation. Resolved noted. • Wales Air Ambulance – email of thanks for donation. Resolved noted. • W. Myers – email of thanks for donation (Ystalyfera Public Band). Resolved noted. • E. Jones – email enquiry as to the David Vaughan Thomas plaque at the Community Hall. Cllr T. Lewis has photos of the plaque. He will forward to Clerk to forward to E. Jones. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he remembers the presentation and talk given. Resolved that Clerk respond to E. Jones. • L. Williams (Ombudsman Wales) – draft guidance on new Code of Conduct for Members of County, Town and Community Councils Consultation. Resolved that Clerk forward to Members. • Ynysmeudwy FC – email of thanks for donation. Resolved noted. • Ystalyfera Bowls Club – letter of thanks for donation. Resolved noted. • A. Gough (Centregreat) – conformation that they will check all of the garlands before installation this year. Resolved noted.	
	The next meeting of council will take place via MS Teams on 18th March 2021 at 7:00pm.	