# CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Meeting held online via MS Teams on

# 18th March 2021

**Present**

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| Cllr. Geraint Williams (Vice-chair)<br>Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Ann Jenkins, Alun Llewelyn, Julie Jones, Cathy James, Terry Flynn, Brian Hastie, Rhian Llewelyn (late arrival), Ann Lewis (late arrival) |

**Apologies**

| Name | Reason | Other Absence: |
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| Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams | Sickness | Cllr. Bryan Lewis Leave of Absence |
| Cllr. Tristian Lewis | Working | Cllr. Arwel Hughes Leave of Absence |
| Cllr. Simon Prothero | Personal Reasons | |

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| 4469. | **Welcome and late Apologies**<br>Vice-chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Resolved. | |
| 4470. | **Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.**<br>• Following on from minute 4461, Minutes of Previous Meeting re: Proposed New Primary School at Pontardawe, Cllrs R. Davies and A Llewelyn stated that the consultation report with a summary of what has been said should have been released 2 weeks ago but due to the issues with NPTCBC Leader at the moment matters are being looked at internally and externally within the council. This has held up the report. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the matter is due to go to cabinet in April, he will keep Members updated on this. Cllr R. Davies stated that the ESP report on the tip/mountain has been released but that there has been no final announcement regarding the school itself. Resolved noted. | Cllrs to keep Members informed. |
| 4471. | **Covid-19 Situation & Foodbank Update**<br>Cllr A. Llewelyn reported the following:<br>• All-Wales Covid figures as at 16.03.2021: Recorded Cases 206,795; Deaths 5,4555 including 1 in past 24 hours. These figures are a considerable slow-down of cases and deaths in Wales since the beginning of the year.<br>• As at 16.03.21, NPT had 34.9 cases/100k population (compared with 94.2 cases /100k in our February report and 263.1 cases/100k population in our January report).<br>• All Wales continues to be under Tier 4 restrictions and public health rules on hand hygiene, social distancing and masks remain in place. The "stay home" rule has now been replaced by "stay local" with an approximate travel distance of 5 miles. Up to four people from two households can now meet up outdoors.<br>• Welsh Government have indicated further changes to non-essential retail, travel within Wales and staying in self-contained accommodation by the end of March or mid-April if figures continue to improve. | Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available. |

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| | • All Primary school age children have returned to school. There is a phased return for secondary school children with a complete return planned for the summer term.<br>• More information on the rules is available on:<br>https://gov.wales/alert-level-4-frequently-asked-questions<br>• 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.<br>https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection?fbclid=IwAR2yivxRv_O_iQ_70MnIuvsG9W3PRkX0fGtxOweCLiJkvAde51bAKuWqAMI#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/CasesbyMSOA<br>• The new Pfizer and AstraZenica vaccines have been introduced in Wales and are progressing through the priority categories.<br>• 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.<br>• The health Boards' regular Coronavirus newsletters can be found at:<br>https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/the-second-edition-of-our-covid-19-vaccination-newsletter-is-now-available/<br>https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/news/news-categories/coronavirus-covid-19-news/<br>• 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 help identify support needed.<br>• Further information can be circulated to Community Council members by email in between meetings.<br><u>Resolved noted.</u><br><br>• **Foodbank:** Cllr C. James reported that Ystalyfera Foodbank is still extremely busy. She stated that February was the second busiest month they had thus far and explained that they are now getting referrals from Social Services and Pobl group. Cllr J. Jones reported that this week has been a little quieter but stated that the foodbank now services a wide area. Cllr B. Hastie stated that the foodbank is serving large families with 3/4/5 children. He stated that this matter was concerning. Members agreed. <u>Resolved noted.</u> | |
| 4472. | **Planters**<br>• Clerk reported that council is spending a large sum of money annually on the planters, including planting and watering. She suggested that as funds need to be spent elsewhere on Community Facilities this coming year, that an alternative could be looked at. £1,240.06 is usually spent with Quids In per planting season (i.e. Summer and Winter Planting). Clerk stated that she had received a quote of £1,000 from Glantawe Landscapes for Summer planting of the planters this year and £700 for planting of the lamp post baskets.<br>• Cllr G. Williams explained that he had started costing plants online and suggested that if the plants were bought online that the job could be completed 'in-house' with councillors and/or council staff planting the flowers and completing the watering. <u>All agreed</u> that buying plants online was a good idea. | Cllr G. Williams to cost plants. |

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| | • Cllr T. Flynn suggested that an 'Adopt a Planter' scheme be started where local residents could plant and water the planters. Members thought this was a good idea. It was suggested that Clerk advertise the scheme on Facebook. All agreed that any planters left unadopted should be planted and watered by council staff as this could equate to a potential saving of up to 50% per year. Resolved noted.<br>• All agreed that planting of the lamp-post planters be carried out by Glantawe Landscapes due to the need for a cherry-picker. Resolved noted. | Clerk to advertise scheme on FB.<br><br>Clerk to liaise with Andrew. |
| 4473. | **Project Group** (Cllr A. Lewis (Chair) joined the meeting at this point but instructed Vice-chair to continue chairing the meeting. Resolved).<br><br>• Clerk read through the minutes of the Project Group Meeting. All agreed that the minutes were a correct record. Resolved.<br>**St David's Day Review**<br>• In addition to the points raised during the Project Group meeting, Cllr A. Lewis stated that she will take photos around Penycae so that council will be able to advertise a similar scheme for next year's festivities. Resolved noted.<br>**Playgrounds**<br>• Clerk reported that she has ordered the new legislation 'No Smoking' signs for the playgrounds as well as 'No dog mess in park bin' signs. Resolved noted.<br><br>**Alltygrug Park**<br>• Clerk stated that the playground works are progressing well at the park. Resolved noted.<br>• Cllr A. Llewelyn asked as to the situation with regards to the knotweed at the park. Clerk will follow up with NPTCBC knotweed team. Resolved noted.<br>• Clerk explained that an email had been received with regards to possible trespass at the park. Clerk will investigate. Resolved noted.<br><br>**Outdoor Gym**<br>• All agreed that a letter be sent to the resident who raised an issue regarding the placement of the gym next to the Community Hall. Resolved noted.<br><br>**Sign on Cycle Track**<br>• Clerk reported that she is currently looking for a designer to re-design the footpaths map. Resolved noted. | Cllr A. Lewis to take photos.<br><br>Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.<br><br>Clerk to investigate.<br><br>Clerk to send letter.<br><br>Clerk to liaise with designers. |
| 4474. | **Finance**<br>• A new Finance Committee was elected. Members elected: Cllrs C. James, A. Lewis, and E.W. Williams. Resolved.<br>• All agreed that a Finance Committee meeting be set up at the end of the financial year to review 2020-21 accounts and budget for 2021-22, and to review where savings could potentially be made. Resolved noted. | Clerk to set up online meeting. |

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| | **Accounts:** Resolved.<br><br>**Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £**<br>195 BACS EON (Community Hall Gas) 235.72<br>196 BACS NPTCBC Lease Godre'r Graig Park 164.40<br>197 BACS NPTCBC Lease Footbridge 1.00<br>198 BACS SSE Swalec - Electric (Community Hall) 140.80<br>199 BACS SSE Swalec - Electricity (Ystalyfera MUGA) 144.81<br>200 BACS Signs Express Swansea (NS signs & Dog signs) 343.81<br>201 BACS Glantawe Landscapes Ltd. (Christmas trees & stands) 1,970.00<br>202 BACS Glantawe Landscapes Ltd. (Put up St David's Flags) 215.00<br>203 BACS Glantawe Landscapes Ltd. (Xmas Flags) 30.00<br>204 DD Survey Monkey 29.17<br>205 BACS Treecreepers (Simon Turk - Xmas Tree Planting) 330.00<br>206 BACS Viking Office Depot 64.54<br>207 BACS BT Broadband (Community Hall) 56.34<br>208 BACS One Voice Wales (Membership Renewal) 842.00<br>209 BACS Dragon Play & Sports (Alltygrug Park Refurb) 29,998.80<br>210-12 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses 2,479.38<br>213 BACS HMRC Tax & NI 404.89<br>214 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions 455.85<br>215 BACS Cllr. G. Williams (Reimbursement Summer Flowers) 113.95<br>216 BACS Ystalyfera Development Trust (grant foodbank) 250.00<br>217 BACS Audit Wales (External Audit) 251.95<br>218 BACS Tai Tarian 100.00<br>Transfer from Business Account 121 to Current Account: £32,000.00<br>Transfer from Reserves Account 564 to Current Account: £3,000.00<br>Resolved. | Clerk to make BACS payments. |
| 4475. | **Planning** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the meeting. Resolved.<br>• P2021/0173 – 2 dwellings and associated works: Land at Graig Road Godre'r Graig SA9 2NZ. No objection: Resolved.<br>• P2021/0160 – Change of roof type to flat roof to include 2 lanterns and a roof light plus a balcony to the rear elevation: 10 Clare Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2AJ. There was no data on this planning proposal therefore a decision could not be made. Resolved noted.<br>• P2020/1099 – Part change of use from Pub (class A3) to Hotel (class C1), 2 storey rear extension with external staircase and ancillary car park: The Old Swan, 54-58 Gurnos Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2HY. No objection: Resolved.<br>• P2021/0216 – Work to 1 European Lime covered by TPO: Alltygrug Park, Clyngwyn Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2AE: This is the Community Council's application so no comment can be made. Resolved noted. | Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC. |
| 4476. | **Community Hall**<br>• 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. | |

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| | • Clerk reported that she has received 4 quotes for a new roof thus far:<br>T&M Building Contractors: £23,000 (Rubber Roof)<br>Chris (Roofer): £20,000 (Rubber Roof)<br>£15,500 (Fibreglass Roof)<br>£19,150 (Felt Roof)<br>Clerk stated that she will get more quotes over the coming weeks. Resolved noted.<br>• Cllr T. Flynn stated that although a rubber roof would expand and contract with the different temperatures and weather, a fibreglass roof could be patched up and repaired quite easily if needed. Cllr R. Davies asked how long the guarantee would be on each type of roof. Clerk will find out from roofers. Cllr J. Jones stated that a rubber roof has a longer life than fibreglass. Resolved noted.<br>• Clerk reported that the budget for the Community Hall for 2021-22 is £18,000. This means that additional funding will be required to carry out the roof works. Savings may also be able to be made over the year to go towards this project as well as use of council reserves. Resolved noted. | Clerk to liaise with roofers. |
| 4477. | **Correspondence**<br>• Wales Air Ambulance – letter of thanks for donation. Resolved noted.<br>• Welsh Hearts – defibrillator grants of £250.00. Resolved noted.<br>• One Voice Wales – membership renewal notice. All agreed that membership of One Voice Wales be renewed at £842.00 Resolved noted. | Clerk to pay membership fee via BACS. |
| | **The next meeting of council will take place via MS Teams on 15th April 2021 at 7:00pm.** | |