CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held online via MS Teams on 11th March 2021

Present

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

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Julie Jones	Unavailable
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Personal Reasons

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting and apologised for having to cancel last month's meeting due to sickness. Resolved.	
2.	**St David's Day Flags and Bunting review** • Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cllr J. Jones stating that she thought that more bunting could be placed around Ystalyfera next year. Members agreed with this. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that positive comments had been received in relation to the flags and bunting. He stated that locals have shown gratitude for what the Community Council does to celebrate St David's Day. Chair went on to state that Penycae had a village display for St David's Day where every house had flags and daffodils, some even had mannequins on Welsh Lady costumes. He suggested that this could be done in some of our areas next year. Members thought this was a lovely idea. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Lewis suggested that council purchase extra flags next year to give out to local residents. Members thought this was a good idea. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies suggested that photo's of this year's event at Penycae and flags and bunting around our area could be used to advertise our event for next year in order to give local residents an idea of what can be done. Resolved noted.	Clerk to order more bunting for next year.
3.	**Christmas Tree Planting** • Chair reported that S. Turk has now planted ¾ of the small Christmas trees around the area. All of Godre'r Graig and Cilmaengwyn have been done, Ystalyfera and Pantteg still to do. Resolved noted.	
4.	**Signage on Cycle Track at Tarenni** • Clerk reported that she has tried to get copies of the original PDF's for the signage from NPTCBC. Unfortunately, the graphics department has been permanently closed down and all files lost. A completely new design will therefore be needed. Clerk suggested that the basic layout be reproduced i.e. map in centre with photos and interesting information surrounding the	Clerk to look at potential designs.

	map. <u>All agreed</u> that this was a good idea and that content could be agreed in a future Project Group meeting. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he has a copy of the old footpaths map – it may be possible to use this. Cllr C. James stated that maps can be licenced from Ordinance Survey website. • Clerk reported that the original signs had been funded by the Rural Development Fund. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested contacting Bethan Blackmore, NPTCBC to find out if this funding would still be available. Cllr A. Lewis suggested contacting Tesco for funding. Cllr C. James stated that this could be sought under 'Bags of Help' scheme. • Cllr R. Davies suggested that as part of any bid for funding that new footpaths maps also be included. Members thought this was a good idea. <u>Resolved noted</u>.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to send copy of map to Clerk. Clerk to investigate funding options and cost project.
5.	**Outdoor Gyms** **Ystalyfera Site:** • Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from a lady living on St David's Road. The back of her house backs onto Ynysydarren Road. She complained that people using the gym can see straight into her living room and suggested that the gym be turned around to face the other way. • A number of Members stated that they had visited the area and said that the gym is quite a distance from the lady's house. They stated that they could not see into anyone's house from the gym. They also stated that as the gym is along a public footpath that has been there for many years, that pedestrians could look over to the houses opposite whenever they walk along the path. Therefore, members of the public could stand on the path and look over to the houses if they so wished. • Members stated that moving the gym would be much too expensive – council does not have the resources to do this. They felt that screening off they gym would be impractical, as the whole point of it being out in the open is so that people feel safe using the equipment. Screening it off could make it a hotspot for anti-social behaviour. • It was suggested that a letter be sent to the lady to explain the council's position on this matter. <u>Resolved noted.</u> **Godre'r Graig Site:** • Clerk reported that having liaised with M. Goatson, NPTCBC, that the parking area outside the gate of Godre'r Graig Country Park is not currently included in the lease to the Community Council. It was suggested that a cost to lease this land be obtained. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that she and Cllr A. Llewelyn had visited the park recently and spoken to the volunteers. They stated that they were keen to work on the boardwalk as it is rotten in parts. It was suggested that Members meet the volunteers at the site over the coming weeks, lockdown allowing. Alternatively, an MS Teams meeting could be arranged to discuss with the volunteers. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	Clerk to send letter to resident. Clerk to liaise with M. Goatson. Clerk to arrange meeting.

6.	**Alltygrug Park Refurbishment** • Clerk reported that the playground refurbishments have begun. She stated that Dragon Play suggested leaving the toddler swings in situ as they can be painted and new seats purchased. <u>All agreed</u> – <u>Resolved.</u> • Clerk reported that Dragon Play had originally planned to run the timber adventure trail in a circular layout. The problem with this would be that the trail might encroach onto the football pitch. Dragon Play suggested that the trail be placed in a straight line, in front of the current play equipment instead, this way it would not encroach at all. <u>All agreed</u> – <u>Resolved.</u> • Clerk reported that a car was blocking the entrance to the park. She contacted A. Handford (park caretaker) and she will ask the owner of the car to move it so that machinery can be taken into the park. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that Clerk check with NPTCBC to find out the arrangements for Knotweed treatment at the park. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Cllr A. Llewelyn asked if Glantawe Landscapes could do a good low cut of the grass in the park once works are completed. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Trespassing – a complaint regarding trespassing on Alltygrug Park was received by Cllr A. Llewelyn. It seems that a local resident is using part of the park as a hobby area to carve wooden items. The resident has erected a shed and fenced off an area within what seems to be park grounds. Clerk will check to see if this area falls within the 'Cooke & Arkwright' lease for the park and if it does, then legal advice will need to be taken. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	Clerk to liaise with Dragon Play. Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC and Andrew. Clerk to check lease and liaise with Cooke & Arkwright.
7.	**Farteg Park** • Clerk reported that she had spoken to J. Austin, park caretaker. She reported that there is anti-social behaviour during weekday evenings at the park. There are youths visiting the park after dark and they are there until 2am. The noise is keeping residents awake and the mess left in the park is terrible including cans and bottles. Clerk reported that she had liaised with PCSO Chris Rees regarding the matter and he will visit the park before the end of his shifts at midnight. He suggested that resident's phone 101 or 999 to report the anti-social behaviour whilst it is happening so that the Police can visit the park. Cllr A. Lewis stated that she will pass on this message to residents. Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that once schools re-open, young people will not be up all night as they will need to go to school the next day therefore it may be that this problem will sort itself out soon. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Clerk reported that J. Austin had asked for a second bin so that she can put out park rubbish. Cllr A. Lewis suggested that as she lives near J. Austin that she could put some park bin bags in her bin for collection. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that someone be hired to take the bags to the recycling centre. Alternatively, they could be placed in the Community Hall trade waste bin. It was decided that the situation be monitored and if necessary, a trade waste contract be taken out with NPTCBC for the park. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	Residents to monitor situation. Cllr A. Lewis to liaise with J. Austin.

	• It was suggested that a dog mess bin be ordered for Farteg Park. All agreed that a bin be placed near the base for the old OAP hut if possible – Resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to order dog bin.
8.	**Playgrounds** • Clerk reported that she received a quote from Signs Express for the new legislation 'No Smoking' signs for the playgrounds and for the dog mess signs for Alltygrug Park: £286.51 + VAT. All agreed to go ahead and order signage. Resolved.	Clerk to order signage.
9.	**Planters for Gurnos Road** • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he will ask NPTCBC for permission to place new planters on Gurnos Road and on Farteg Road near bus stop. Resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise with NPTCBC.
10.	**Wooden Furniture for Ffynnnon** • Cllrs C. James, R. Llewelyn and A. Llewelyn reported that they had been to have a look at the area near the Ffynnon. Cllr C. James pointed out that the area is very slanted and not a flat surface. She showed photos so that Members could see the area. It was agreed that one of the metal benches be removed and a new, carved wooden bench be placed there instead. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with G. Turler.
	The next meeting of the Project Group will be arranged during the council meeting on 18th March 2021 at 7:00pm.	