CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held online via Zoom on 24th June 2021

Present

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

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome & Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: Cllrs Rhian Llewelyn, Julie Jones	
2.	**Godre'r Graig Country Park:** Reg Atherton tried to join the meeting but could not get Zoom to work so he emailed the Clerk with his comments below: • Wooden walkway has fallen into disrepair and we are dismantling it piece by piece to prevent accidents • Post and rail fence has been repaired • Concrete post and wire mesh fence by entrance needs replacing (expensive) and a line of large stones immediately adjacent to prevent further damage required this will also allow current car parking • Main path ...we've had complaints from mothers with pushchairs that current gravel surface is awkward ..we have swept surface clear of loose stone but would like to re asphalt this together with a machine landscaped disabled access to replace current rotting boardwalk • Pond will be cleaned at seasons close • I have applied for a co-op grant and will be applying for Tesco and Asda grant monies as well • To apply for lottery funding we apparently need to be trustees (which we are not) and I was wondering if the community council could apply on our behalf? Clerk read out email to Members. Clerk stated that if National Lottery Community Fund Money is applied for by the Community Council for this project, then there would be no possibility of applying for funding for new play equipment in Carreg yr Afon Park this year. Cllr R. Davies stated that they should be able to apply for grant funding themselves as they are a fully constituted organisation. She will look into this. Resolved noted. Cllr A. Llewelyn said he will speak to his son for advice on applying for lottery funding as he works for the National Lottery. Resolved noted. Members agreed that the works need to be completed, particularly the boardwalk as it is starting to rot in parts. It was suggested that a site visit be held on Thursday 1st July 2021 to assess the required works. Resolved.	Cllr R. Davies to check constitution. Cllr A. Llewelyn to speak to Iwan. Members to meet with Reg at the park.

3.	**Pantteg Chapel:** Chair stated that Gareth George had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. He will attend the next meeting as he has lots of ideas for Pantteg Chapel. It was suggested that Members could meet with G. George at site to discuss plans. Resolved noted.	Chair to liaise with G. George.
4.	**Planters:** Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he has received the go-ahead from NPTCBC to place planters on Gurnos Road. Members were pleased with this. Cllr G. Williams suggested that he and the Facilities Officer visit Gurnos Road to decide on the best positions for the planters. Resolved noted. Members had previously discussed planters being placed on Farteg Road next year and agreed to uphold this decision. Resolved. Chair stated that planters may not be necessary for the Ffynnon. Plants could be placed in the beds already there. Resolved noted. Cllr G. Williams stated that some more plants may be needed for the planters and beds. He will order these and be reimbursed. Resolved noted. It was suggested that stickers with the council logo be ordered for the planters. All agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved.	Cllr G. Williams and Jo to visit Gurnos Road. Chair to visit the Ffynnon to assess. Cllr G. Williams to order plants. Clerk to order stickers.
5.	**Alltygrug Park:** Chair stated that the Facilities Officer has painted the swing frame in Alltygrug Park. She has also fitted the spare swing from Carreg yr Afon Park in Alltygrug Park. Members were pleased with this. Unfortunately, she couldn't fit the new tyre swing as it doesn't have the correct attachment. Clerk will order attachment. Resolved noted. Clerk stated that she had correspondence from B Hughes stating that between each section of safety surfacing needs filling with chippings/bark or similar. She stated that children are falling between the sections as they run as the safety surfacing is slightly higher than the ground in between sections. Members stated that chippings could be unsafe, and bark could end up full of cat/dog mess, so they weren't keen to go down this route. It was stated that no issues have been raised by any parents and the safety surfacing meets ROSPA requirements therefore unless deemed officially unsafe, this matter be noted and shelved. Resolved.	Clerk to order attachment.
6.	**10th Anniversary of Gleision Disaster 11 September 2021:** Clerk stated that she had spoken to G. Turler and he is happy to carve a wooden bench. Clerk had a quote for a metal bench with miners in the back (as suggested by Cllr J. Jones), the cost for this would be £2,500+VAT therefore more expensive than a carved wooden bench. All agreed that a carved wooden bench be commissioned. Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with Garry Turler.

	Cllr R. Davies stated that she has requested a sign for the memorial site to be put on the A4067. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted.	Cllr R. Davies to liaise with NPTCBC.
7.	**Penyrallt & Farteg Parks:** Clerk stated that she had received a call from Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) stating that another set of his mower blades had been shattered due to rubbish left in Penyrallt Park. This has also happened in Farteg park in the past. He stated that if rubbish, including metal bars, bits of brick etc are not cleared then he won't be happy to keep cutting the grass as it costs him too much to replace the blades. Members stated that he should check the grass before mowing and stated that if he does not want to adhere to the contract then he needs to let council know so that an alternative can be sought. Resolved that Clerk speak further to Andrew on this matter.	Clerk to liaise with Andrew.
8.	**MUGA Ystalyfera:** Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that NPTCBC have been sweeping the MUGA free of charge for the last year. They cannot get in to do the works at the moment as the gates are locked. Clerk will speak to Andrew to see if he has a key for the lock. An alternative needs to be found as NPTCBC may not be willing to do this work for much longer – Clerk will look into this. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Andrew.
9.	**Ystalyfera:** Chair stated that he has noticed a rise in anti-social behaviour in Ystalyfera particularly outside the shop. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested setting up an online PACT meeting asap. Resolved noted. It was stated that people need to phone 101 one report online any unruly behaviour so that the Police and PCSO's visit the area more often. Resolved noted.	Clerk to set up meeting.
10.	**Christmas Tree at Community Hall:** Cllr G. Williams stated that the tree donated by a lady from Ystalyfera has been stolen from the grounds of the Community Hall. Members were very disappointed with this news. It was suggested that the gate be locked overnight to deter people from entering the grounds. Resolved. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there are potholes on the entrance to the car park that need filling. Resolved that Clerk contact a contractor to carry out the works.	Clerk to order lock. Clerk to liaise with contractors.