CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held online via Zoom on 30th September 2021

Present

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

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome & Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: Cllrs Rhian Llewelyn	
2.	**NPTCBC Members Community Fund:** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies stated that they have access to £10,000 each of funding to spend in our local communities. Members were pleased to hear this. Project options discussed: **Carreg Yr Afon Park, Godre'r Graig – Cllr R. Davies** Timber adventure trail similar to that in Alltygrug Park. This would be suitable for older children (many local parents have asked for equipment for their older children). It would also add some alternative equipment in the park to cater for children of all ages and families. Members agreed that this was a good idea. Paul Hinder, NPTCBC Funding is not keen on timber as he stated that it does not last, but all timber products for play usually have a 20-year guarantee. This needs to be checked when obtaining quotes. <u>All agreed</u> to proceed with this project. <u>Resolved noted.</u> **Penyrallt Park, Ystalyfera – Cllr A. Llewelyn** Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he had spoken to Cllr S. Prothero and some local families and suggestions for improvements to the park were as follows: • Zip-wire • Nest swing • Trampoline in ground • Roundabout • New picnic tables • Comfortable benches for parents to sit and watch their children play It was stated that the area may be unsuitable for a zip-wire as it isn't flat, but Clerk will discuss this with potential contractors. It was also stated that a trampoline could be easily slashed. <u>All agreed</u> that Clerk discuss all options with contractors and obtain quotes. <u>Resolved noted.</u> It was stated that the blue basketball unit is never used. This item could be moved to a different park. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	Clerk to obtain quotes. Cllr R. Davies to meet trustees at park and take photos. Clerk to obtain quotes. Clerk to cost moving item.

3.	**Christmas Trees & Lights:** Chair stated that more battery lights will be needed for the small Christmas trees. He stated that there are some bauble LED lights that are priced at approx. £12 per set. Cllr G. Williams stated that he will further cost these. Resolved noted. Cllr R. Davies stated that it could be a good idea to plant a tree on the green in Graig Newydd as this could grow and in future years council would not need to purchase a new tree every year. Resolved noted. Chair suggested that a holder for a large tree be placed behind the wall at the Sgwâr, Godre'r Graig as it is unlikely that a tree will be able to be placed in Godre'r Graig School this year. Resolved noted. It was suggested that a large tree could be placed at the corner of Alltygrug in the large planter but Cllr J. Jones stated that many people complain of poor road visibility in that area so perhaps just leaving the small tree there would be a better option. Resolved noted. It was suggested that a large tree could be placed near the planter outside the Butcher's shop in Ystalyfera. Members to check this area and see if it would be suitable. Cllr R. Davies stated that Ystalyfera Development Trust could possibly place a tree there. Resolved noted. It was suggested that a small tree be placed at the Ffynnon, Cwmtwrch and at other suitable areas within our communities. All agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved noted. Cllr J. Jones stated that she has 12 of the Christmas flags and some plaques. She offered to install these in Ystalyfera. Cllr G. Williams also stated that he has a few of the flags that he can place in Godre'r Graig. Resolved noted. Clerk stated that she had received an email from City & County of Swansea stating that they are no longer hiring out their Christmas Land Train out of county. Clerk tried convincing them but to no avail. C&C of Swansea suggested Roly Poly Entertainment – Clerk will contact for costs. Cllr A. Llewelyn also stated that Ian Davies Plant do a similar thing for Crynant and Seven Sisters. Cllr R. Davies stated that she will find out what usually happens in Bryncoch as they have a Santa Tour there too. Resolved noted.	Cllr G. Williams to cost lights. Clerk to arrange tree planting. Clerk to liaise with Andrew. Cllr R. Davies to liaise with Clerk. Cllr G. Williams to liaise with Lee. Cllrs to place flags. Clerk to order cable-ties. Clerk, Cllr R. Davies and Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise on this matter.
4.	**St David's Flags:** Chair stated that some new flags and bunting will be needed for St David's Day. All agreed. He will contact Mr Flag for the new flags and Clerk will order the same bunting as last year from eBay. Resolved noted. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that a notice be placed on Facebook to offer flags to any businesses in Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig who had not previously opted into the project. Resolved noted.	Chair to contact Mr Flag. Clerk to post on FB.

5.	**Mobile Post Office:** Chair stated that since the Post Office has closed in CIlmaengwyn, Royal Mail are offering a Mobile Post Office in Cilmaengwyn. Cllr R. Davies stated that she has not heard about this, or ever seen the Mobile Post Office. Chair stated that on the Royal Mail website, it states that there is a Mobile Post Office in Cilmaengwyn but if this is not the case, this matter needs to be addressed. All agreed - Resolved noted. Chair stated that if this service was available, then it may be advantageous if it were offered at the top of Godre'r Graig and at Graig Newydd, as these areas, like Cilmaengwyn, do not have access to a Post Office. All agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved noted.	Chair to contact Royal Mail.
6.	**Iron Works at ASDA:** Chair stated that there is much overgrowth on the old blast furnace wall at ASDA. He stated that this was a historical feature and should be kept free of overgrowth so that it can be seen and appreciated by all. Members stated that it was ASDA's responsibility to keep the wall in good condition. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the store manager in the first instance. Resolved noted. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he had spoken to John Skinner, Ystalyfera Heritage Society. He stated that the interpretation board outside ASDA is starting to bubble and crack. It was suggested that this matter also be included in the letter to store manager. Resolved noted. Chair had to leave the meeting at this point and gave his apologies. Cllr G. Williams took over as Chair. Resolved noted.	Clerk to write to store manager.
7.	**Armistice Day 2021:** Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that Howard Williams (Scouts) be contacted again this year regarding organising the Remembrance Day event as it was such a good event last year. All agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved noted. It was stated that it would not be appropriate to offer a buffet in Ystalyfera RFC this year due to the on-going pandemic. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with H. Williams.
8.	**Calonnau Cymru:** Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he had received an email from Calonnau Cymru offering grants towards defibrillators. Clerk stated that she still has not received an invoice from BT for the kiosks – once this is received it will be paid and the kiosks will be transferred over to the Community Council. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with BT.
9.	Cllr G. Williams closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.	