CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via Zoom on

15th December 2021

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Chair) Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Alun Llewelyn, Rhian Llewelyn, Emyr Wyn Williams, Terry Flynn, Julie Jones, Brian Hastie

Apologies

Name	Reason	Other Absence:	
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal	Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working		
Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Working		
Cllr. Cathy James	Personal		
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal		
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working		

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4554.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr R. Davies declared an interest in item 7 Planning, due to her involvement with the NPTCBC Planning Committee. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4555.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4545, Minutes of previous meeting, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that Welsh Government have approved the footpaths project and the paths have now been highlighted on a map. Volunteers will be recruited in the new year. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4545, Minutes of previous meeting, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the Kindness at Christmas event at Ystalyfera RFC had gone well. Not everyone who had been invited attended due to Covid-19. The event had been organised by NPT College students and was a nice event. The Community Council and Ystalyfera Development Trust were thanked for their contributions. Y Gegin Fach provided the meals, and the Rugby Club was nicely decorated. All enjoyed. Cllr R. Davies stated that there were some people from outside our area in attendance. She stated that YDT will be organising events for people in our area in the future. Resolved noted.	Clerk to forward maps to Cllrs.
4556.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr B. Hastie reported that the foodbank had received wonderful support from Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera and the building company currently working at the school. They received 783 individual items which have filled all the shelves in the foodbank. Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that Cwmtawe Community School had also been collecting and will deliver their items to the foodbank on Friday. Members were pleased with this news and thanked all involved.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.

	• Cllr. B Hasite stated that Community Dreams in Ystradgynlais had kindly provided the bulk of the meat for the Christmas Hampers. Members were thankful to Community Dreams for this. • Cllr. B Hasite stated the generosity shown by local people has been amazing. Some people have donated money in addition to food items which has been very helpful. Members were pleased with this news and Chair thanked everyone involved in the running of the foodbank. Resolved noted.	
4557.	**Planters** • Chair reported that he and Cllr E.W. Williams had carried out more Winter planting, but the work is not yet completed due to the changeable weather. Chair reported that the planting work will be completed in the new year. Cllr A. Llewelyn thanked both Members for their hard work. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that he and Cllr E.W. Williams have been busy with placing lights on the small Christmas trees and flags on the railings around the area. Members thanked them for doing this. Chair reported that unfortunately some of the Christmas flags have been stolen. Members were angered by this. Cllr J. Jones suggested that this should be reported to the Police so that they are aware. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that Christmas lights have been placed on the trees near the Wern Fawr and the Community Hall today in preparation for Santa's visit tomorrow. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there has been lots of positive feedback on Facebook regarding the Christmas trees. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that some of the lights are no longer working and will need replacing for next year. Cllr B. Hastie stated that he had heard lots of compliments regarding the effort put in to provide Christmas lights in the area. Cllr B. Hastie thanked Chair and Cllr E.W. Williams for their efforts. Resolved noted.	Chair, Cllr E.W. Williams & Facilities Officer to plant planters. Clerk to report thefts to Police. Clerk to order new lights for next year.
4558.	**Project Group** **NPTCBC Members Community Fund** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that both applications, for Penyrallt Park and Carreg yr Afon Park were approved by NPTCBC Cabinet today. Members were very pleased with this news. It was suggested that this good news be shared on Facebook. Resolved noted. **Park Y Gnoll** • Clerk reported that she had received good news from NPTCBC Play Team. £19,000.00 funding for improvements to Parc Y Gnoll has been approved. Members were very pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that Dragon Play have stated that they will not be able to complete the project before 31st March 2021 as per funding requirements. Clerk has contacted Sutcliffe Play to find out if they could complete the proposed project within the timescale allowed. She is awaiting a response. Resolved noted.	Clerk to post news on Facebook. Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play.

	• Cllr R. Davies thanked the Clerk for all of her hard work on the three projects. Resolved noted. **Penyrallt Park** • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the fence in Penyrallt Park will need repairing/replacing as soon as possible due to storm damage. Cllr R. Davies suggested contacting the insurance company to see if a claim could be made. Resolved noted. **Carreg yr Afon Park** • Cllr R. Davies stated that a fence around the new equipment in the park will be needed to adhere with the terms of the development permission from the trustees. Resolved noted. **Christmas 2021** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that Andrew has now tied the Christmas trees on the Sgwâr, Godre'r Graig and Penyrallt Park so that they do not fall during a storm. Resolved noted. • Clerk explained arrangements for Santa tour. Members involved to meet Andrew and Police at Junction Café car park at 4:15pm. Chair stated that many people are pleased that the tour will go to extra streets this year including up to the Cilbrwyn in Godre'r Graig. Resolved. **Project Group Meeting –** It was decided that the next meeting of the Project Group will be arranged via email. Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with Came & Company. Clerk & Cllrs to meet.
4559.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she has still not yet received an audit outcome from Audit Wales. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that the Finance Committee meeting had gone well. Members approved the minutes. Resolved. • Clerk presented budget summary, bank balances, and precept options to council as per Finance Committee meeting. All agreed that the Clerk's report on estimates for 2022-23 be accepted and approved. Resolved. • All agreed that a Precept in the sum of £88,750.00 be levied for the financial year 2022-23. Resolved. • Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that due to the potential for a by-election at any point during the council term, some funds should be held back each year to cover the potential cost of this. Members agreed this was a good idea. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones suggested that all projects completed, and facilities maintained by council should be advertised on Facebook so that local people become aware of what council provides. Cllr R. Davies stated that some people are unaware of what is provided by Ystalyfera Community Council and what is provided by NPTCBC. This needs to be communicated to the local people. Members thought this was a good idea. Resolved noted.	Clerk to create Facebook posts.

	Accounts: Resolved. **Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £** 150 BACS Viking Office Depot (Batteries, Memory Sticks, mop) £130.37 151 BACS SSE Swalec (Godre'r Graig MUGA) £170.16 152 PayPal eBay - Santa Costume £29.69 153 DD Survey Monkey £44.17 154 PayPal eBay - Loudspeaker for Santa Tour £149.99 155 PayPal eBay - 12v adapter leads for Santa Tour £17.99 156 PayPal Paddle.com - music software for Santa Tour £14.15 156b DD Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile) £35.46 157-9 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2307.98 160 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £372.61 161 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £485.90 162 BACS E-ON (Gas Community Hall) £204.60 163 BACS Ystalyfera Development Trust (Kindness at Xmas Event) £100.00 164 BACS T.A. Handford - Honorarium Alltygrug Park £100.00 165 BACS S. Mansell - Honorarium Gnoll Park £100.00 166 BACS N. Prothero - Honorarium Penyrallt Park £100.00 167 BACS W. Jones - Honorarium Carreg yr Afon Park £100.00 168c Chq J. Austin - Honorarium Farteg Park £100.00 169 BACS Viking Office Depot (Batteries, Stamps, pens) £91.33 170 BACS Cllr G. Williams (Mileage Reimbursement) £31.50 171 BACS Cllr B. Hastie (Mileage Reimbursement) £6.30 172 BACS Cwmtawe Brass (Donation Gleision Event) £50.00	Clerk to make BACS payments.
4560.	**Planning** Cllr R. Davies left the meeting due to declaration of interest. Cllr A Llewelyn left the meeting to avoid predetermination issues. Resolved. • P2021/1182: Prior Notification Application for the demolition of Jerusalem Chapel - Former Chapel, Wern Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2LX. Clerk explained that the building is not listed but is considered a building of local importance. Members were concerned that in the last meeting of council it was stated that the building was unsafe and could collapse. As much as council would like to keep the chapel, Members acknowledged that this would not be possible. No objection: Resolved. • P2021/1168: Single storey side extension - 1 Glantwrch, Ystalyfera SA9 2JN. No objection: Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4561.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Alpha Roofing contacted her to state that the rubber for the roof has been delivered. They will complete the job once weather allows. They need 5 dry days to complete the works. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that Slimming World will be using the hall weekly 5-7pm each Monday from 27th December 2021. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that some extra mops and brushes be purchased for the hall so that groups can clean up before they leave. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that the hall be advertised to new groups in the new year as it is now an excellent facility for the community. Resolved noted.	Clerk to order items. Clerk to advertise on Facebook & website.

4562.	**Correspondence** • PCAC PEDW – Footpath from Y Gilfach to rear of Clare Road, Ystalyfera. Members stated that they would support the creation/reforming of the footpath. Resolved noted. • Jane Hutt MS – Shaping Wales' Future Programme. Resolved noted. • Nerys Owens, Welsh Government – Councillor remuneration and Citizen engagement in Wales. Resolved noted. • Katie Powis, Keep Wales Safe – Covid safety advice. Resolved noted. • Zoe Richards – Ramblers Maps. Resolved noted.	Clerk to send letter supporting footpath to PEDW. Clerk to forward emails to Cllrs. Clerk to post on Facebook. Clerk to forward email to Cllrs.
	Chair thanked all for attending the last meeting of 2021 and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The next meeting of council will take place via Zoom on 20th January 2022 at 7:00pm.	