CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via Zoom on

17th February 2022

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Chair) Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Ann Jenkins, Cathy James, Emyr Wyn Williams, Rhian Llewelyn, Alun Llewelyn, Julie Jones, Terry Flynn

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Brian Hastie	Working
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Working
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working

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4572.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Chair informed Members of the sad news that Cllr Bryan Lewis sadly passed away last week due to cancer. He will be sadly missed. Members passed on condolences to his family and friends. Chair also informed Members that Cllr R. Davies' sister had sadly passed away. Members gave condolences to Cllr R. Davies and her family for their loss. Cllr R. Davies declared an interest in item 7 Planning, due to her involvement with the NPTCBC Planning Committee. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4573.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4571, Correspondence, Clerk will not be taking adoption leave at this time as the adoption fell though. Resolved noted.	
4574.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James reported that the foodbank is still very busy. She stated that there are lots of new people using the foodbank as well as the regulars, the reason for this could be that benefit caps are affecting more people. The foodbank supplied 64 parcels during January. Cllr C. James stated that the foodbank has received further funding from Powys County Council. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that the increase in energy costs are likely to make things worse for lots of people and as such, the foodbank may unfortunately become even busier. Resolved noted. • Chair thanked Cllr C. James for her report. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.
4575.	**Planters** • Chair reported that he and Cllr E.W. Williams have not had the opportunity to plant more pots at the moment, but the planting is an ongoing process. Resolved noted.	Chair & Cllr E.W. Williams to plant planters when possible.

	• Cllr R. Davies stated that there is much interest in the Community Garden Project run by Ystalyfera Development Trust. She stated that some of the people involved in the project could help with growing flowers and planting the planters. Members were very pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that one of the small planters on Gurnos Road, Ystalyfera had been damaged. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that a car or van may have reversed into it and knocked it over. Resolved noted.	Planter to be re-planted when possible.
4576.	**Project Group** **NPTCBC Members Community Fund & Parc y Gnoll** • Clerk reported that she liaised with G. Parker, Sutcliffe Play Ltd to ensure that Parc Y Gnoll is completed before 31st March 2022. G. Parker agreed to this and Parc Y Gnoll will be completed before the end of March. Penyrallt Park and Carreg yr Afon Park will be completed during April 2022. Funding will therefore be able to be used for all 3 projects. Members were pleased with this news and thanked Clerk for her work on this. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn asked whether a new fence for Penyrallt Park could be costed. Clerk will do this asap. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that a fence will need to be costed for Carrey Yr Afon Park also. Resolved noted. **Project Group Meeting – Minutes Resolved.** • Cllr E.W. Williams read through the minutes of the Project Group Meeting including Christmas 2022 plans, St David's Day plans and new projects. It was suggested that Andrew be asked to make a canopy for the Santa Sleigh in case of rain. Christmas lights 'switch-on' events were also discussed. New projects were also discussed as was a new community survey. Clerk reported that she ordered new bunting and she will liaise with Andrew to install the new flags throughout the area. Resolved noted. **Remembrance Bench, Ystalyfera.** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that a local resident, Ellis Wyn had sadly passed away. He stated that local residents wanted to dedicate the bench that he was always seen sat upon to his memory. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that someone has already placed a plaque of remembrance on the bench. Council agreed in principle to support financially any renovation work needed to improve the condition of the bench and surrounding area. Cllr A. Llewelyn will liaise with Tai Tarian regarding this. Resolved noted. **Carreg Yr Afon Park & Trustees.** • Cllr T. Flynn reported that he had met with the Trustees of Carreg Yr Afon Park regarding the future of the park which has been left in trust to the Community. He stated that there are currently 4 trustees.	Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play. Clerk to arrange fence quotes. Clerk to liaise with Andrew. Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise with Tai Tarian. Cllr T. Flynn to keep members informed of any developments.

- Cllr T. Flynn stated that there are 3 main areas to the park: sports pitch, children's play area and upper field. The upper field is currently overgrown and unused. Cllr T. Flynn was asked by the trustees to come up with ideas for use of the upper field. Option 1 could be to do nothing i.e., leave it as overgrowth. Option 2 could be to clear the field for allotments. The soil would need to be inspected for this. Option 3 would be to create a planned nature reserve. This would need expert maintenance and leadership. Option 4 would be to make a greenspace including something like a maze for children etc. He stated that whatever option chosen would have an impact on parking, as there is currently no allocated parking for the park. An option here could be to redraw the boundary so that parking could be accommodated in one part of the field nearest the road.
- Cllr R. Davies stated that it is a concern that there are only 4 trustees. She suggested that the park could be transferred to Community Council ownership. Cllr T. Flynn stated that the trustees do not wish to do this at the current time but would consider this in the future. Resolved noted.
- Cllr T. Flynn stated that whichever option they decide to take, the trustees would like to ask for support from the Community Council. Cllr T. Flynn would be happy to become the liaison between the trustees and the council. All agreed that Community Council work with Trustees to ensure the future of Carreg Yr Afon Park. Resolved.
- Chair and Cllr A. Llewelyn thanked Cllr T. Flynn for bringing this matter to the attention of the Community Council. Resolved noted.

4577. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that she has still not yet received an audit outcome from Audit Wales. Resolved noted.

Accounts: Resolved.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
191	PP	eBay - Welsh Flag Bunting (St Davids Day)	£99.80
192	DD	Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile)	£35.46
193-5	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses)	£2,188.45
196	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£369.34
197	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£480.75
198	Chq 308	Dwr Cymru (Community Hall)	£58.35
199	BACS	NPTCBC Penyrallt Park Lease	£200.00
200	BACS	Centregreat (Christmas Lights)	£6,150.00
201	BACS	Old School Nursery Ltd (Christmas tree barrells)	£300.00
202	BACS	E-ON (Gas Community Hall)	£519.75
203	BACS	BT Payphone (Community Hall)	£133.32
204	BACS	Currys PC World Business (Council laptop)	£969.00
205	BACS	BT Broadband (Community Hall)	£56.70
206	BACS	SSE Swalec (Community Hall)	£205.93
207	BACS	SSE Swalec (Ystalyfera MUGA)	£211.68

Clerk to make BACS payments.

	208 BACS Glantawe Landscapes(Xmas float,trees,Flags) £2,898.67 209 BACS NPTCBC (Godre'r Graig Park lease) £160.00 210 BACS NPTCBC (Footbridge rent) £1.00	
4578.	**Planning** Cllr R. Davies left the meeting due to declaration of interest. Cllr A Llewelyn left the meeting to avoid predetermination issues. Resolved. • P2022/0052: Demolition of former Jerusalem Chapel - Wern Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2LX. No objection: Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4579.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Alpha Roofing have completed the new roof. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she and Facilities Officer sprayed DeathLac all around the skirtings to kill the red bugs. This problem should now be rectified. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had received a call from Jonathan, Dance Group to state that there were less cars parking in the car park since the school were informed. He stated that there were 2 Motorhomes parked in the car park. Clerk will put letters on these vehicles to ensure they are removed. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there will be a new small car park in the school soon. This will enable some pupils to park on site. Resolved noted. • Cllr C. James stated that Action for Elders had put on some events in Ystradgynlais and wondered if they would like to use the Community Hall to put on some events in Ystalyfera. Clerk will look into this. Cllr R. Davies stated that Ystalyfera Development Trust have put on events for elders in the past and hope to do more once Covid pandemic subsides. Resolved noted.	Clerk to put letters on vehicles. Clerk to contact Action for Elders.
4580.	**Correspondence** • J. Davies, Swansea Valley Sewing Group – Thanks for donation. Resolved noted. • J. Davies – letter regarding school playing fields. Mrs Davies stated that there has been an additional MUGA built on the school playing fields that was not included in the initial plans and was not covered under permitted development. She believes that there will be another planning application coming to council for consideration. Mrs Davies and her husband are opposed to the additional MUGA. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he was unaware of an additional planning application. He will look into this. Members stated that the Community Council has very little say on planning matters and any objections would need to be because of breaches of planning law, not on personal opinions. There has to be a material planning reason for any objection. Resolved noted. • NPTCBC – Quote of £569.04 received for Japanese Knotweed Treatment 2022 at Alltygrug Park. All agreed to proceed with treatment and accept quotation -Resolved. • Clerk – council laptop. Clerk reported that the council laptop is now approaching the end of its life at 5 years old. She is getting electric shocks from it and it is running very slowly. All agreed that Clerk order new laptop - Resolved.	Clerk to respond to J. Davies. Clerk to respond to NPTCBC. Clerk to order laptop.

	• Cllr T. Flynn – political purdah. Request if due to the upcoming elections that purdah is now in force. It is believed that this is the case but Clerk will check with One Voice Wales. Resolved noted.	Clerk to contact OVW.
	Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place via Zoom on 17th March 2022 at 7:00pm.	