CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via Zoom on

20th January 2022

Present

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

Apologies

Name	Reason	Other Absence:	
Cllr. Brian Hastie	Personal	Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working		
Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Working		
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal		
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working		

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4563.	**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. Cllr R. Davies also declared an interest in Item 6 Finance & Applications for Funding due to her involvement with Ystalyfera Development Trust. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4564.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4558, Project Group, Chair stated that at Santa Tour had gone very well. Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that the timetable be improved for next year as too much time was spent in Ystalyfera and it was fairly late by the time Santa got to Godre'r Graig and Cilmaengwyn. All agreed that this matter be discussed in the next meeting of the Project group. Resolved noted. Cllr R. Davies gave thanks to Ystalyfera RFC for lending their Santa outfit. Chair stated that Santa had been excellent and suggested that he be given a donation of £50 for his time. Members agreed with the suggested donation. Resolved. Cllr J. Jones stated that the sleigh was excellent. Members agreed with this and thanked Andrew for doing such a good job. Cllr J. Jones also asked whether Santa could say Nadolig Llawen as well as Merry Christmas on the next tour. All agreed – Resolved. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that it was excellent that the songs playing from the sleigh were bilingual. Members agreed that this should again be done for the next Santa tour. Resolved noted. • Chair asked whether or not E. Myers had received a donation for his trumpet performance at the Remembrance Sunday event. All agreed that a £50 donation be sent to E. Myers with thanks. Resolved.	Clerk to arrange payments.

4565.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James reported that December (before Christmas) had been the busiest month since April at the foodbank. They provided 65 Christmas Dinner hampers with the support of the Butcher in Ystradgynlais and Community Dreams. Members were pleased with this news and thanked the Butcher and Community Dreams. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams stated that the Co-op currently have a 'Community Fridges' scheme which could be useful to the foodbank. Cllr C. James stated that she will speak to the Co-op local representative about this. Resolved noted. • Chair thanked Cllr C. James for her report. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.
4566.	**Planters** • Chair reported that over the next few weeks more plants will be ready to be planted. He and Cllr E.W. Williams will plant. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams stated that he and the Chair are currently in the process of taking down the Christmas lights on the small trees and posts. He stated that some of the bulbs have come to the end of their lifespan as water has got into them. New ones will therefore need to be ordered before Christmas. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams stated how disappointing it had been to find that some of the Christmas lights and flags had been stolen. Members agreed and shared their disappointment. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies reported that the small potted Christmas tree near Cwmtawe Farm has been stolen. Members were disappointed with this news. It was suggested that no Christmas tree be placed there next Christmas but some lights on the Godre'r Graig sign instead. All agreed – Resolved.	Chair & Cllr E.W. Williams to plant planters. Clerk to order new lights for next year.
4567.	**Project Group** **NPTCBC Members Community Fund & Parc y Gnoll** • Clerk reported that she had received an email from G. Parker, Sutcliffe Play Ltd, stating that Penyrallt Park works are pencilled in for 28th March 2022 and that Carreg yr Afon project and Parc y Gnoll project are pencilled in for April. Clerk contacted P. Hinder, NPTCBC to find out if it was OK that the projects would be completed in April. All fine with the Member's fund projects but the Parc Y Gnoll project funding is dependant on the project being completed by 31st March 2022. Clerk contacted G. Parker to relay this information. G. Parker will find out if Parc y Gnoll can be completed w/c 28th March 2022 instead of Penyrallt Park, as there is no rush to complete the Penyrallt project. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn thanked the Clerk for all of her hard work on the three projects and suggested that updates be placed on the council's Facebook page. Resolved noted. **Project Group Meeting –** It was decided that the next meeting of the Project Group will be held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 6:30pm. Resolved.	Clerk to keep Members updated. Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play & place updates on Facebook. Cllrs to meet.

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4568. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that she has still not yet received an audit outcome from Audit Wales. Resolved noted.
- Clerk stated that it was time for her annual salary review. All agreed that Clerk should receive incremental rise as of January 2022 wages. Resolved.
- Clerk stated that the invoice for the Community Hall roof has been received. She will arrange payment and arrange copy invoice for NPTCBC Minor Projects grant so that half of the cost can be recouped. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted.
- There were 6 applications for funding received. Applications were discussed. All agreed that organisations be awarded as follows:
  1. Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park: £200.00
  2. Swansea Valley Sewing Group: £200.00
  3. Ystalyfera Bowls Club: £200.00
  4. Ystalyfera RFC Juniors: £200.00
  5. Ystalyfera Development Trust Community Garden Project: £200.00
  6. Ystalyfera Community Car: £200.00

  Resolved.

Clerk to make BACS payments.

Accounts: Resolved.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
173	BACS	NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax)	£273.00
174	PayPal	Paddle.com - music software for events	£13.54
175	BACS	BT Broadband (Community Hall)	£56.70
176	BACS	NPTCBC Japanese Knotweed (Alltygrug Park)	£581.16
177	BACS	Cooke & Arkwright (Alltygrug Park Lease)	£250.00
178	BACS	Alpha Roofing - B E Pugh (Com Hall Roof)	£14,300.00
179	BACS	BT Broadband (Community Hall)	£96.70
180	BACS	Viking Office Depot (Ink, stamps, gloves)	£115.86
181-83	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,190.19
184	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£465.41
185	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£352.78
186	BACS	Ystalyfera Bowls Club	£200.00
187	BACS	Ystalyfera RFC Juniors Donation	£200.00
188	BACS	YDT Community Garden donation	£200.00
189	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
190	Chq 307	Trustees Carreg yr Afon Park Grant Donation	£200.00

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4569. **Planning** Cllr R. Davies left the meeting due to declaration of interest. Cllr A Llewelyn left the meeting to avoid predetermination issues. Resolved.

- P2022/0009: Single storey detached garage - 35 Clare Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2AJ. No objection: Resolved.
- P2021/1259: Proposed external store within Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera campus - Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera, Ynysydarren Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2DY. No objection: Resolved.
- P2021/1234: Proposed first floor side extension with under croft. Retention and completion of secondary vehicle access with retaining

Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.

	works plus alterations to existing garage - 311 Graig Road, Godre'r Graig SA9 2NZ. No objection: Resolved.	
4570.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Alpha Roofing are currently renewing the roof. They should be completed tomorrow. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that there are red bugs around part of the skirting in the entrance foyer and hall. Clerk stated that she has ordered DeathLac to spray around the edges and leave overnight. Caretaker will then hoover and clean the skirtings before a group is due in. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had received a call from Jonathan, Dance Group to state that someone had driven into his car whilst it was parked in the Community Hall car park. He stated that the parents of the 6th Former, Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera, had turned up after he had finished teaching his dance class and offered to pay for the damage to Jonathan's car. Members were shocked to hear this news. Jonathan had stated that the hall car park is so full every time he goes there, that he rarely gets a space to park. He stated that the parents of the children who attend his dance class do not have space to park either. Clerk stated that lots of the 6th Formers from Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera park in the car park during the daytime. There is also a Motorhome parked in the car park without permission. Members stated that this was unacceptable, and that the car park should only be used by hall users. Chair suggested that a barrier could be placed on the entrance to the car park. After much discussion, it was decided that signage be ordered in the first instance to state that the car park is for hall users only as well as CCTV to monitor the situation. It was also suggested that Clerk write to Mrs L. Davies, Head of Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera to state that 6th Formers are not allowed to park in the Community Hall Car Park. Members suggested that a notice be placed on the Motorhome asking them to move it from Community Council land. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the potholes in the car park need filling asap. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that now that works are being completed in the hall, that it be advertised to new groups on Facebook. Resolved noted.	Clerk to order signage and CCTV. Clerk to write to L. Davies and print notice to place on Motorhome. Clerk to liaise with Swansea Valley Tarmac. Clerk to place info on Facebook.
4571.	**Correspondence** • G. Parker, Sutcliffe Play Ltd – Parks update. Resolved noted. • A. Sully-Williams – NPTCBC Play Sufficiency Assessment 2022-25. Cllrs C. James and R. Davies stated that they had attended the online workshop earlier in the week. They stated that it was a useful session. Cllr C. James reported that she had stated that it is not funding for equipment only that is needed, but funding for maintenance. Members agreed with this. Chair thanked both for attending on behalf of the Community Council. Cllr C. James stated that she has forwarded a Community Council survey to Clerk for completion. Resolved noted.	Clerk to complete survey.

	• Clerk – Adoption leave. Clerk stated that if all goes to plan with the adoption, she will be taking her adoption leave from 14th February 2022. She suggested that the February meeting be held a week early (10th February). Members agreed with this – Resolved. Cllr C. James suggested that the March meeting could be recorded within Zoom so that Clerk can complete minutes at a later date. Cllr E.W. Williams offered to record the meeting. Chair stated that he will monitor the council mobile whilst the Clerk is off work. Clerk will continue to set up meetings, make BACS payments etc whilst she is off on adoption leave. Members wished Clerk and her partner well with the adoption. Resolved noted.	
	Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place via Zoom on 10th February 2022 at 7:00pm.	