CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via Zoom on

19th November 2021

Present

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

Apologies

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

		ACTION
4544.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4545.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4534, Minutes of previous meeting, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the paths are currently being assessed by the Ramblers and that the project proposal has been submitted. Kirsty Richards and Cllr A. Llewelyn walked some footpaths to ascertain their condition. Other members of the Ramblers are also doing this on a rolling basis. Chair asked which areas are included in the plans. Cllr A. Llewelyn explained that many of the footpaths in Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig are included as well as some cross-boundary paths to Diamond Park, Ystradgynlais. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he will place further information on Social Media. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4534, Minutes of previous meeting, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the invitation to the Kindness at Christmas event at Ystalyfera RFC is open to all Councillors. Cllr R. Davies stated that Ystalyfera Development Trust are donating towards the event. Members suggested that council also make a donation. All agreed that £100 be donated towards the meals – Resolved. • Following on from minute 4537, Project Group, Clerk reported that she had received further quotes for the tree works. All quotes received as below: Glantawe Landscapes: Alltygrug Tree £1,450 Penyrallt Park £1,200 Our Tree Company: Alltygrug Tree £1,384 Penyrallt Park £1,080 The Arb Team: Alltygrug Tree & Penyrallt Park £1,200 + VAT. Resolved that the tender from The Arb Team be accepted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to keep Members updated. Clerk to make payment via BACS. Clerk to liaise with The Arb team.

4546.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James stated that the foodbank had received good news from Tesco Bags for Help. They won in one store and came second in another. Total funding received from Tesco is £2,200.00. She also stated that the foodbank has received funding of £4,400.00 from NPTCBC Food Poverty Grant scheme. This will enable the foodbank to purchase a new freezer, computer and other essential items. Members were very pleased with this good news. • Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that Cwmtawe Community School are currently carrying out a collection and will share the proceeds between Ystalyfera Foodbank and Pantri Foodbank. Members were pleased with this. • Cllr C. James stated that the foodbank is still very busy. She went on to inform Members that Community Dreams were donating 65 Turkey Crowns for this year's Christmas hampers. Members were pleased with all of the good news and thanked Cllr C. James for her report. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.
4547.	**Planters** • Chair reported that he and Cllr E.W. Williams had begun Winter planting in Godre'r Graig. They will continue this in Pantteg and Ystalyfera over the coming weeks, weather permitting. Members thanked them for doing this. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn asked that Chair let him know once planters are all planted and he will take photos of them. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that Cllr E.W. Williams had strimmed the grass around the small planted Christmas trees so that they stand out, ready for the Christmas lights to be put on. Members thanked him for this work. Resolved.	Chair, Cllr E.W. Williams & Facilities Officer to plant planters. Cllr A. Llewelyn to take photos.
4548.	**Project Group** **NPTCBC Members Community Fund** • Clerk reported that both applications, for Penyrallt Park and Carreg yr Afon Park will be going to NPTCBC Cabinet on 15th December 2021. Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that she and Chair had met with the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park and they were keen for the new equipment to be fenced off from the main field. Cllr R. Davies stated that she had spoken to the Trustees and they had agreed that the equipment could be fenced off at a later date once council funds allow. Members were pleased with this. Resolved. • Clerk stated that in Penyrallt Park there will be a new zip-wire and roundabout. In Carreg yr Afon Park there will be stepping logs, a rope crossing and a zip-wire. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. **Tennis Courts** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he is trying to take things forward with regards to the Tennis Courts in Ystalyfera. He will keep Members updated. Resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to keep Members updated.

	Park Y Gnoll • Clerk stated that she had received quotes from Sutcliffe Play and Dragon Play for works at Parc Y Gnoll. She has therefore submitted a bid for funding to NPTCBC Play for £19,000. She has liaised with Dragon Play to find out if an inclusive roundabout could be included as well as a new see-saw and inclusive basket swing set. Cllr R. Davies thanked Clerk for all her work on these projects. Resolved noted. **Christmas 2021** • Clerk stated that she did not have any luck with Ian Davies Plant therefore she spoke to Andrew, Glantawe Landscapes and he will convert a trailer into a Santa Sleigh with lights etc for £500. Members were very pleased with this as it is a significant saving on the £1,000 quoted by Rolly Polly Entertainment. Cllr J. Jones stated that the seat for Santa needs to be secured correctly to adhere to Health and Safety rules. Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that a battery powered Bluetooth speaker will be needed for the trailer in order to play music. She has seen a suitable one on eBay, 300w with a microphone for £150. All agreed - Resolved noted. • Chair reported that he had met with Andrew to decide on a suitable positioning for the Christmas tree on Sgwâr Godre'r Graig. Resolved. • Cllr E.W. Williams asked if more lights had been ordered for the tree in Cilmaengwyn. Clerk will chase this up with Centregreat. It was suggested that the lights from Godre'r Graig School could be placed on the tree. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that Ystalyfera Development Trust are purchasing 2 trees to place outside Trysor. Members were pleased with this. Resolved. • Cllr J. Jones stated that she and her husband will put up the Christmas flags over the coming weeks. Members thanked her for this. 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 Andrew to make sure trailer meets H&S rules. Clerk to order speaker. Clerk to liaise with Centregreat. Cllr J. Jones to put up flags.
4549.	**Review of Remembrance Sunday 2021** • Chair thanked Cllr A. Llewelyn for attending the ceremony in Ystalyfera with him. He stated that the event had gone very well and was well-attended. Chair thanked Howard Williams (Scouts) for organising the event, and thanked all of the attendees and the trumpeter. Chair also thanked Cllr E.W. Williams for laying the wreath in Godre'r Graig. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that Howard Williams had approached him after the event to suggest getting together in advance of next year's event to try and arrange it so that it will be slicker and better next year. Resolved. • Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that Cllrs E.W. Williams, Chair and Cllr R. Davies be reimbursed for the cost of the silhouette at Sgwâr Godre'r Graig. All agreed – Resolved. • Cllr R. Davies stated that she will try to get the plaque of remembrance placed on the wall behind the bench on the Sgwâr in readiness for next	Meeting be arranged for next October in order to improve arrangements. Clerk to make BACS payment.

	year's Remembrance Day. Chair stated that the wall will have to be built up in order to accommodate the plaque. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that 60 people had turned up at Ystalyfera RFC for snacks after the event even though the buffet was only supposed to be for the Scouts and Cadets. Resolved noted.	Cllr R. Davies to liaise with NPTCBC.
4550.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she has still not yet received an audit outcome from Audit Wales. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she will arrange a Finance Committee meeting before next meeting of council as the Council Tax Base for 2022-23 has come through today. Resolved noted. **Accounts:** Resolved. **Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £** 134 PayPal Ebay (Christmas Lights for Penyrallt Tree) £50.99 135-137 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,154.22 138 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £345.17 139 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £465.87 140 BACS SSE Swalec (Ystalyfera MUGA) £176.50 141 BACS SSE Swalec (Community Hall) £182.77 142 BACS E-ON (Gas Community Hall) £137.62 143 BACS Cllr G. Williams (Reimbursement Xmas Lights) £51.90 144 DD Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile) £35.46 145 BACS BT Broadband (Community Hall) £56.70 146 BACS Glantawe Landscapes Ltd (Gnds Maint.) £625.00 147 BACS Ystalyfera RFC (Pitchside Board Donation) £100.00 148 DD NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax) £273.00 149 Chq Poppy Appeal (Wreaths) £80.00	Clerk to make BACS payments.
4551.	**Planning** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the meeting. Resolved. • P2021/1078 - Retention of change of use of ground floor from shop to residential use associated with existing first floor residential use at 28 Wern Road so the property can be used as a single dwelling house - 28 Wern Road Ystalyfera SA9 2LY. No objection: Resolved. • P2021/1054 - Proposed demolition of Dutch-barn to include conversion and extension of existing barn to create separate holiday accommodation - Cilmaengwyn Uchaf Farm, Maen Gwyn, Cilmaengwyn SA8 4TX. No objection: Resolved. • P2021/1113 - Retention and completion of detached single storey building (for dry storage of vehicles) to rear of existing MOT and repair centre - Carters MOT & Auto Repair Centre, 40 Cilmaengwyn Road, Cilmaengwyn SA8 4QL. No objection: Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4552.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Alpha Roofing, contacted her to state that the rubber for the roof will not be delivered until 24th November due to supply issues. They will do the job as soon as it arrives. Resolved noted.	

	• Clerk reported that some hall users had noticed that the main floor is very dirty. Clerk will liaise with Caretaker regarding this. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn asked if the hall needs to be closed for the roof works. Clerk explained that there will be scaffolding around the hall but that the hall will still be accessible. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Caretaker.
4553.	**Correspondence** • R. George, NPTCBC – Estimated cost of 2022 Election is £8,750.00. This will need to be budgeted for in next year's budget. Resolved noted. • Boundary Commission Wales – Public hearing, 10th February 2022, Grand Hotel Swansea. Resolved noted. • Noir James – Pitch-side boards. £100.00 renewal fee. All agreed that £100 should be donated to Ystalyfera RFC for the pitch-side board – Resolved. • A. Hinder, NPTCBC – Council Tax Base for 2022-23. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn – Jerusalem Chapel, Ystalyfera. Cllr A. Llewelyn explained that the chapel has now closed due to the risk of the roof collapsing. He stated that from reports he has received from G. George, there would be the chance of the roof collapsing and the walls falling inwards, or outwards, which would be very dangerous. Cllr. A. Llewelyn has contacted the Presbyterian Church to find out what the plans are for the site once the chapel is sadly demolished. It was suggested that the site could be a useful open space within the centre of the village. Cllr J. Jones suggested a piazza where there could be benches and interpretation boards around the site with space in the centre for craft markets or a Christmas tree. Members thought this was an excellent idea, but Cllr A. Llewelyn explained that the site is not flat due to the vestry underneath. The future of the vestry would need to be determined in the first instance. Cllr J. Jones suggested that any congregation could use the Community Hall as a place to meet. Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that there were only a few worshipers left. Members decided that they will support any proposed project that could make the site useable for the public. Resolved noted.	Clerk to forward email to Cllrs. Clerk to make payment via BACS. Cllr A. Llewelyn to keep Members updated.
	The next meeting of council will take place via Zoom on 15th December 2021 at 7:00pm.	