CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via Zoom on

21st October 2021

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Chair) Cllrs., Rhian Llewelyn, Alun Llewelyn, Rosalyn Davies, Emyr Wyn Williams

Apologies

Name	Reason	Other Absence:	
Cllr. Brian Hastie	Working	Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working		
Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Working		
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working		
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal		
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal		
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal		
Cllr. Cathy James	Personal		
Cllr. Julie Jones	Personal		

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4533.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4534.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4527, Project Group, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the meeting regarding the footpaths funding had gone very well. 15 people attended. The Ramblers are currently looking at paths to ascertain which ones would be most suitable to start the project. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that Cllr J. Jones had suggested that some small group be put together to walk some of the footpaths in order to assess them. Members thought this was a good idea. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4527, Project Group, Clerk reported that she had looked into the Screwfix foundation funding and could not find a reason why the Community Council would be excluded from the scheme. She will therefore look at deadline dates and make speculative applications for a new floor for the kitchen and windows for the side of the hall as suggested by Members. Resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to keep members updated. Clerk to apply for funding.
4535.	**Covid-19 Situation & Foodbank Update** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he will update members as and when necessary once new information is released. Members agreed that Covid-19 need not be a standing item on the meeting agenda from here on. Resolved noted. • **Foodbank:** There were no members of the foodbank present to give a report. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that they were still very busy at the foodbank. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.

4536.	**Planters** • Chair reported that the Winter plants had arrived and were coming along well in his glasshouse. They will be ready for planting in around 2 weeks' time. Clerk stated that the plants had been slightly cheaper than initially thought at £62.91. Chair reported that he had used the remainder of the budget agreed for Winter plants on a battery-operated strimmer to cut around the planted Christmas trees and planters. The strimmer cost £53.59. Members were pleased with this. Cllr R. Davies suggested that the strimmer could be used for cutting around the signage on the verges in the area as NPTCBC only use the large grass cutter which cannot cut around or underneath the road signs. Members thought this was an excellent idea. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that photos be taken of the planters once they are planted to be placed on Facebook and website so that members of the public can see what council are doing in the area. All agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved noted.	Chair, Cllr E.W. Williams & Facilities Officer to plant planters. Cllr A. Llewelyn to take photos.
4537.	**Project Group** **NPTCBC Members Community Fund** • Clerk reported that she received a quote for a timber trail for Carreg yr Afon Park from Dragon Play for £9,999.00. She is meeting with Gary from Sutcliffe Play next week to get a further quote. Clerk is also liaising with Sovereign Play for a quote. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that she had spoken with the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park and a letter is needed stating the intentions of the council. Clerk stated that she has written a letter offering to extend the lease to include the new parcel of land. She will post the letter tomorrow. Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that she will also ask Gary, Sutcliffe Play to visit Penyrallt Park with her to obtain quotes for equipment. Gary stated that after his previous visit to the park, a zip-wire would not be suitable in this area as it is too hilly. She has contacted Dragon Play and Sovereign for quotes for various items of equipment also. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. **Tennis Courts** • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he had spoken to Rachel Patton and she is keen to set up a group that could clear the tennis courts in Ystalyfera. The courts are owned by NPTCBC but they do not maintain them. Resolved noted. **Survey** • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested running another survey to find out which project local residents would like council to work on over the next few years. All agreed that this be looked at in the near future once Covid-19 has reduced more significantly. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play, Dragon Play and Sovereign Play. Cllr A. Llewelyn to keep Members informed of developments.

	Tree works • Clerk stated that she had received quotes from Glantawe Landscapes for the tree works needed: - European Lime Tree at Allygrug Park: £1,450 - Cut back trees and overgrowth at Penyrallt Park: £1,200 - Cut and remove 6 dead ash trees, crown lift lime tree, cut hedge, bramble and overgrowth around Community Hall and Car Park and behind outdoor gym: £500.00 Clerk reported that she is awaiting further quotes for the Alltygrug and Penyrallt Park works. Resolved noted. • Members decided to go ahead with the quote for works at the Community Hall for £500. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that they be asked to cut the path leading from Commercial Street to the hall in addition. All agreed that council will pay the difference for this extra work. Resolved noted. **Ystalyfera MUGA** • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there is lots of overgrowth in Ystalyfera MUGA. Clerk suggested contacting Mark Bentley to carry out this work. All agreed – Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that after speaking with Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies regarding the glass and rubbish on the floor of the MUGA, she had spoken to Mike James, NPTCBC to find out if we could have a contract with the Street-care team for cleaning of the MUGA. She is awaiting a decision. Resolved noted. **Project Group Meeting –** It was decided that the next meeting of the Project Group will be held via Zoom on 11th November 2021 at 6:30pm. Resolved.	Clerk to contact Andrew. Clerk to liaise with Mark Bentley. Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
4538.	**Christmas 2021** • Clerk reported that she contacted Rolly Polly Entertainment as advised by City & County Swansea regarding a Santa Tour. Quote received was £1,300 including Santa or £1,000 for the carriage and car only. Members stated that this was a lot more expensive than usual but as there had been much disappointment within the community after last year, the tour should go ahead. Clerk will contact Ian Davies Plant and any other providers to find out how much it would be with them. All agreed that whichever option is cheaper, Clerk should book asap. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that he had ordered one set of 200 berry battery lights at £12 to find out if they will be any good for the planted trees. If they are suitable, all agreed that Chair order more sets for the trees. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported she had spoken to Andrew, Glantawe Landscapes regarding large Christmas trees. He stated that if council wish to place a large tree on the land next to the Wern Fawr, then he would have to fit a hole and cap into the ground. Chair suggested putting a large potted tree there instead. All agreed – Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with Rolly Polly Ents & Ian Davies. Chair to check lights. Chair to liaise with Lee, Quids In.

4539. **Remembrance Day 2021**

- Clerk reported that she had spoken to Rev. Tim Hewitt and he will not be arranging a service in the church again this year. He suggested doing the same as last year and holding the service at the cenotaph. All agreed that last year's ceremony went very well. Members were happy to do the same this year. Resolved noted.
- Clerk reported that she had spoken to Howard Williams, Scouts, and he had stated that he cannot arrange it all himself this year. Clerk stated that she and Members could help with this. Cllr A. Llewelyn offered to contact the Police and Cllr R. Llewelyn offered to contact the trumpeter. Clerk will contact Les Jones to order 2 wreaths and lamp-post poppies. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise with Howard Williams.

- Clerk reported that she had received a call from Noir James, Ystalyfera RFC stating that Howard Williams had asked him if he could arrange pop, crisps and a pasty for the cadets after the service. Members stated that this may not be suitable due to Covid and the fact that the RFC will be screening the Wales v Fiji match on the same day. It was suggested that water and crisps be handed out to the cadets after the service instead. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise with Noir James.

- Chair stated that he, Cllr E.W. Williams and Cllr R. Davies will personally purchase a silhouette of a soldier to place at the Sgwâr, Godre'r Graig for remembrance Sunday at a cost of £25 each. Resolved.

4540. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that she has not yet received an audit outcome from Audit Wales. She sent all of the additional documentation as requested and is awaiting a response. Resolved noted.

Accounts: Resolved.

Clerk to make BACS payments.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
114	DD	Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile)	£35.46
114b	DD	NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax)	£273.00
115	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
116	BACS	Viking Office Depot (Stationery, stamps)	£63.31
117	BACS	BT Payphone (Community Hall)	£133.32
118	BACS	E-ON (Gas Community Hall)	£72.60
119	BACS	Cllr G. Williams (Reimbursement Strimmer)	£53.59
120	BACS	BT Broadband (Community Hall)	£56.70
121-3	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,155.34
124	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£339.96
125	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£460.86
126	DD	Vodafone (Clerk's Mobile)	£35.46
127	DD	NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax)	£273.00
128	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
129	BACS	Mr Flag (St David's Day Flags)	£99.00
130	BACS	Glantawe Landscapes Ltd (Gnds Maint.)	£625.00
131	BACS	Glantawe Landscapes (Mem. bench slab)	£572.00
132	BACS	Cllr G.Williams (reimburse lights & batteries)	£105.43
133	BACS	H.M. Williams (Scouts & Cadets Donation)	£50.00

Resolved.

4541.	**Planning** Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Davies declared an interest and left the meeting. Resolved. • P2021/0945 - Proposed single storey rear extension, the works for which will include the full demolition of an existing single storey rear extension, the setting back of an existing retaining garden wall to the rear, and the partial demolition and re-building of an existing outbuilding - 25 Cilmaengwyn Road, Cilmaengwyn SA8 4QL. No objection: Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4542.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Alpha Roofing, have not yet started on the roof due to the bad weather over the last week. They are hopeful that they will be able to start later this week and into next week. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested that once the roof is done, that photos are taken of the hall, inside and out in order to advertise it for hire on Facebook and website. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Alpha Roofing. Clerk to take photos and advertise.
4543.	**Correspondence** • Cllr R. Davies – cabinet meeting minutes on proposed new Primary School in Pontardawe to replace Alltwen, Godre'r Graig and Llangiwg Primary Schools. Members stated that they were all very disappointed with the outcome of the cabinet vote to go ahead with the new super primary school. It was stated that objections and the feelings of the three local communities had not been considered at all. It was stated that a public meeting had not taken place and the views of parents and local residents in the 3 areas were not sufficiently considered. A Member asked, 'what is the point of a consultation if they don't listen?'. It was stated that the cabinet have no idea what our area is like as they all live outside the area. It was stated that Godre'r Graig and Ystalyfera have always been historically linked and neither are linked with Pontardawe. The people of the area do not feel alliance with Pontardawe therefore having to send their children to school in Pontardawe could be uncomfortable for parents. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the full Welsh Government report on the Impact on the Welsh Language which should be shared, has in fact, not been shared. The full results of this are therefore unknown. It was stated that Welsh Government need to step in and do something about this possible lack of democracy. Resolved noted. • Godre'r Graig Primary School – school governor vacancy. Clerk reported that the school had emailed to state that Cllr B. Hastie had resigned his role as governor. There is now a vacancy on the board of governors. Members decided to think about whether to put themselves forward. Resolved noted. • Noir James – Homeless Food Day. Clerk reported that there was an invitation to Cllr A. Llewelyn and the Ystalyfera councillors to attend the Homeless Food Day at Ystalyfera RFC on 9th December 2021 arranged by	Members to consider opportunity. Cllr A. Llewelyn to attend.

	Kirstie Richards. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he will attend. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies – online meeting for Graig Road, Godre'r Graig residents regarding the spoil tip. Cllr R. Davies stated that 3 people had signed-up for the meeting so far. Resolved noted. • Cllr T. Lewis – Tiddlywinks. Cllr T. Lewis emailed to ask whether or not the Community Hall would be available for hire for an afterschool club between 3:30-5:15pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Unfortunately, the hall is used already during these times on the requested days. Cllr R. Davies suggested that Tiddlywinks contact Ystalyfera Development Trust to see if their hall is free during those times. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Lewis – email of thanks for the beautiful sympathy flowers sent to her from council. Resolved.	Clerk to contact Cllr T. Lewis.
	The next meeting of council will take place via Zoom on 18th November 2021 at 7:00pm.	