CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via Zoom on

17th March 2022

Present

Cllr. Ann Lewis (Temporary Chair) Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Alun Llewelyn, Julie Jones, Terry Flynn, Cathy James, Rhian Llewelyn (late arrival)

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Brian Hastie	Working
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Working
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Personal
Cllr. Tristian Lewis	Working
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working

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4581.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair and Vice-chair were both absent from the meeting therefore Cllr A. Lewis was elected as chair for the meeting. Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr R. Davies declared an interest in item 6 Planning, due to her involvement with the NPTCBC Planning Committee. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4582.	**Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed- Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4575 Planters, Members stated that the little daffodils look lovely in the pots and planters throughout the area. Chair gave thanks to Cllrs E.W. Williams and G. Williams for planting the bulbs. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4576 Project Group, Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he is currently in talks with Tai Tarian regarding the Remembrance Bench. He will update Members in due course. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4580 Correspondence, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the Planning Application in question had not been released when he checked with NPTCBC. Clerk stated that the planning application has now been received. Resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to keep members informed.
4583.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James reported that the foodbank is as busy as always. She stated that February was as busy as January and the foodbank is still seeing new people every week. They are receiving more referrals from outside agencies e.g. Pobl. Resolved noted. • Chair asked if the foodbank was financially OK at the moment. Cllr C. James reported that the foodbank has sufficient funds for the time being due to grants received. Resolved noted. • Chair asked as to the situation with volunteers. Cllr C. James stated that there is a core of reliable volunteers. They have also had a new volunteer	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.

	this week. She stated that drivers are the most relied upon volunteers as the parcels need to be delivered to families. Resolved noted. • Cllr C. James reported that the foodbank had won the Tai Tarian Community Challenge and the chapel will be painted. Members were very pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Chair thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work and thanked Cllr C. James for her report. Resolved noted.	
4584.	**Project Group** **NPTCBC Members Community Fund & Parc y Gnoll** • Clerk reported that the funds for the Parc y Gnoll project have come through. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has asked Sutcliffe Play to look at the zip-wire in Farteg Park at the same time as they are doing the work on Parc y Gnoll as Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that it is stiff. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she is not sure of the funds have come in for the Members Fund projects as yet. She will chase this up with Paul Hinder, NPTCBC. Resolved noted. **MUGA Ystalyfera** • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that a child had received a scratch on his face due to the inner fence of the MUGA, Ystalyfera. Members were concerned about the boy. Clerk will ask Andrew to have a look at and fix this asap. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that D. Hutchings, NPTCBC will now be dealing with council's request for a sweeping/maintenance contract for the MUGA. She will forward details to Clerk. Resolved noted. **Proposed Allotments Project** • Clerk read out proposal for allotments written by Aled Jenkins. Members were supportive of the idea but thought that it would be the County Council's responsibility to provide land for allotments rather than the Community Council. The unused part of Carreg yr Afon Park was suggested as a possible location for allotments, but this would need to be agreed with the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park. A feasibility study would need to be carried out in the park before any decision could be made. Cllr R. Davies stated that the field near Tarenni bridge was suggested many years ago. She is unsure as to whether or not this option could be revisited. • It was suggested that the initial steps should be to find out how many people would like an allotment and then look at suitable land. Members stated that it would not be appropriate for them to attend the public meeting arranged by A. Jenkins for 5th April 2022 as we are currently in political purdah due to the upcoming elections. All agreed that this matter be revisited after the elections. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play. Clerk to liaise with P. Hinder. Clerk to liaise with Andrew. Clerk to liaise with D. Hutchings. This matter to be looked at after the elections. Clerk to write letter to A. Jenkins.

	Carreg Yr Afon Park litter picking • Cllr T. Flynn requested that a litter picking hoop be ordered. <u>All agreed – Resolved.</u> **Fence quotes** • Clerk reported that she has received fencing quotes for Carreg yr Afon Park (around the new zip-wire) and a complete new fence for Penyrallt Park from Glantawe Landscapes ltd. Carreg yr Afon Park: £4,581.50 Penyrallt Park: £15,400.00 • Clerk reported that she is meeting with Black Mountain Fencing on 28th March for further quotes. <u>Resolved noted.</u> **Penyrallt Park litter picking** • Clerk reported that Andrew had stated that there is a lot of mess in Penyrallt Park. My Green Valley may be able to help. Cllr R. Davies suggested getting a litter picking kit for the park. Cllr R. Llewelyn asked where could it be stored? Cllr R. Davies suggested getting the local children involved. It was suggested that Clerk contact Nadine in the first instance to find out more about the situation. <u>Resolved noted.</u> **Alltygrug Park Tree Planting** • Clerk reported that S. Todd had been in touch to offer trees for Alltygrug Park. She explained that council do not own the land and would need to check with Cooke & Arkwright whether or not tree planting would be allowed under the lease. Cllr C. James stated that S. Todd already has the trees. It was suggested that if Alltygrug Park wouldn't be suitable, then an alternative location could be found e.g. in the grounds of the Community Hall. Members thanked S. Todd for the offer of trees. <u>Resolved noted.</u> **Godre'r Graig MUGA** • Clerk reported that she and the Facilities Officer had visited the MUGA on two occasions to try to get the lights working. She reported that they tried everything but still could not get them to work. Clerk stated that there may be a fuse tripped in the main electric supply coming from the clubhouse. Cllr R. Davies will ask Ynysmeudwy FC to check of there is a tripped fuse in their box. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	Clerk to order hoop. Clerk to liaise with BM Fencing. Clerk to liaise with Nadine. Clerk to liaise with S. Todd. Cllr R. Davies to check with Ynysmeudwy FC.
4585.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she has still not yet received an audit outcome from Audit Wales but has received details of when a full audit will be carried out. A full audit will be carried out in 2023-24. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Clerk reported that she received a letter from HMRC stating that as the council's turnover is more than £85,000 we now have to comply with Making Tax Digital for our VAT from 1st April 2022. Clerk will research software and find out more on this and get advice from One Voice Wales.	

	Members agreed that if software is needed, then Clerk should go ahead and arrange. Resolved noted. **Accounts:** Resolved. **Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £** 211 Chq 309 Llangollen International Eisteddfod (Grant) £25.00 212 PayPal Paddle.com - software for events £14.27 213 BACS BT Broadband (Community Hall) £56.70 214 BACS E-ON (Gas Community Hall) £235.03 215 BACS SSE Swalec (Godre'r Graig MUGA) £199.61 216-8 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses) £2,614.52 219 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £585.40 220 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £483.96 221 BACS One Voice Wales Membership Renewal £876.00 222 BACS Viking Office Depot (gloves, stamps, multiplug) £98.60 223 BACS Sutcliffe Play Ltd (Parc y Gnoll Equipment) £24,236.40 224 BACS YDT (Grant S.Valley Sewing group) £200.00 225 BACS YDT (Grant Ystalyfera Community Car) £200.00 226 BACS Signs Express (Com. Hall Car Park Signage) £283.23 227 BACS Scribe Accounts £915.00	Clerk to make BACS payments.
4586.	**Planning** Cllr R. Davies left the meeting due to declaration of interest. Cllr A Llewelyn left the meeting to avoid predetermination issues and declared an interest in planning application P2022/0090 due to his involvement as a school governor at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera. Cllr J. Jones also declared an interest in P2022/0090 due to being a school governor at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera. Resolved. • P2022/0052: P2022/0033 - First floor and two-storey rear extensions - 131 Graig Road Godre'r Graig SA9 2NY – no objection – Resolved. • P2022/0090 - Retention and completion of 4.5m high perimeter fence to multi use games area - Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera, Ystalyfera SA9 2DY – no objection – Resolved.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4587.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that LA Alarms are visiting the hall tomorrow to carry out a service on the alarm. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she met with Swansea Valley Tarmacadam and Kain agreed to carry out the works on the potholes free of charge. Members were very pleased with this news and thanked Swansea Valley Tarmac for doing this for the community. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that parking has improved at the Community Hall but there is still a motorhome parked in the car park. Clerk will put a letter on the motorhome. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has received a quote for the signage for the car park from Signs Express, Swansea. £236.03 +VAT. All agreed that Clerk order the signage. Resolved. • Clerk reported that some of the skirtings and doorframes need replacing in the hall as they are rotten. Members agreed that this work needs completing. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones stated that the trees inside the enclosure for the hall need cutting back. Resolved noted.	Clerk to put letter on motorhome. Clerk to order signage. Clerk to instruct carpenters.

	• It was suggested that a Management Committee meeting be held to discuss hall bookings etc. Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that there had been a mix up where Tiddlywinks had locked the bottom lock on the door. Clerk had to go up to open the bottom lock for the Yoga class. Clerk suggested asking for the bottom lock key to be returned from Tiddlywinks as the no longer need it. All agreed – Resolved. • Cllr T. Flynn asked whether or not meetings would be held at the Community Hall once Covid restrictions are scrapped. Clerk explained that online meetings are now legal in Wales so there is no rush to go back to physical meetings. She asked members to think about what they would like to do as Covid numbers are still very high and unless everyone is in agreement to return to the hall, then online meetings can still be carried out. Resolved noted.	Clerk to ask Andrew to cut back trees. Clerk to set up meeting. Clerk to ask for key.
4588.	**Correspondence** • Z. Richards, Rambers Cymru – Wildflower planting. It was suggested that wildflowers could be planted on the lower part of the path at the outdoor gym. Cllr R. Davies also suggested that some wildflowers could be planted at the Cilbrwyn, Godre'r Graig. All agreed that these two sites would be suitable. Resolved noted. • Llangollen Eisteddfod – letter requesting financial support. All agreed that £25 be donated to the festival. Resolved noted.	Clerk to respond to Z. Richards. Clerk to send cheque.
	Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place via Zoom on 21st April 2022 at 7:00pm.	