CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
Ystalyfera Community Hall 19th May 2022

Present

Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn (Chair) Cllrs. Terry Flynn, Geraint Williams, Julie Jones, Hayley Morgan, Rosalyn Davies, Daniel Davey, Ann Lewis

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	Personal
Cllr. Rachel Vale	Sickness
Cllr. Steven Thomas	Sickness

		ACTION
4606.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting and congratulated Members on being elected to council. Cllr R. Davies declared an interest in item 7 Planning, due to her involvement with the NPTCBC Planning Committee. No late apologies. Resolved.	
4607.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** Cllr A. Lewis stated that she had sent apologies for the last meeting of council on behalf of herself and Cllr T. Lewis. All agreed that this record be amended. All agreed that the remainder of the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4593 Project Group, Clerk reported had still not heard anything from D. Phillips, NPTCBC regarding the positioning of the gym at the entrance to Godre'r Graig Country Park. She will follow up on this again with D. Phillips. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise.
4608.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr T. Flynn stated that he had spoken to B. Hastie recently and he had stated that the foodbank was very busy at the moment. Resolved noted. • Members asked if the foodbank was financially OK at the moment. Cllr J. Jones reported that they had received funds form funders including Tesco, so will be OK for the time being. Cllr D. Davey suggested that instead of giving cash funds to the foodbank, Tesco or Asda vouchers could be sent in order to help with purchasing food. Resolved that this be considered when foodbank apply for Section 137 funding.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.
4609.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that he ordered flowers for the planters which will be delivered by the end of May. He and Cllr E.W. Williams will then begin planting. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Cllr G. Williams reported that he has ordered a slow-release fertiliser this year so that it only has to be applied once. Water can be used for the remainder of the season. Resolved noted.	

	• It was suggested that each councillor take charge of watering one planter each (one that is close to their home). Chair suggested that Cllr G. Williams compile a list of the planters, and each Member can choose a planter to water. All agreed that gallon containers be ordered to pass on to Members so that they can complete the watering. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Lewis suggested that any remining planters be advertised on Facebook so that members of the public can offer to adopt a planter for watering. Resolved that Clerk add Cllr A. Lewis and Cllr H. Morgan to Facebook as administrators so that they can add content to the council Facebook page. • It was suggested that council could supply flowers for the dram and planter next to Carreg yr Afon Park. Resolved that these be offered to the Residents Group.	Clerk to order containers. Clerk to add as admins. Clerk to contact Residents group.
4610.	**Project Group** **Parks** • Clerk reported the Parc y Gnoll project has been completed. She will now write a report for NPTCBC Play Team. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that works are near completion at Carreg yr Afon Park and Penyrallt Park. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that there is a lot of rubbish being dumped at Penyrallt Park. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies suggested that a sign be placed on Carreg yr Afon Park. Resolved that Clerk cost this. **Heritage Trail** • Clerk reported that she and Cllr E.W. Williams had applied for the SPAR funding towards a heritage trail through Godre'r Graig and Pantteg. They applied for £10,000 funding. Awaiting outcome. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that it may be that the Ramblers Association could provide some signage for trails. Resolved that Clerk look into this. **Fencing** • Clerk reported that she is awaiting quotes from Black Mountain Fencing and Lewis Fencing for Penyrallt Park. Resolved noted. **Proposed Allotments** • Clerk reported that she had received a letter with 6 signatories stating that they are hoping to secure land at Carreg yr Afon Park for allotments. If this land will not be available, the letter asks for council to provide allotment land. Cllr T. Flynn stated that he has been dealing with the trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park and found that the park had not been donated to the community by the Gough Estate, but in fact bought by the community in 1932 for £250. He went on to state that, as he reads the Allotments and Small Holdings Act 1908, it would be the responsibility of NPTCBC to provide land for allotments and not the Community Council. It was suggested that Clerk obtain advice from One Voice Wales on this matter. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play. Clerk to cost sign. Clerk to liaise with Ramblers. Clerk to respond to letter and contact OVW for advice.

4611. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that Ferguson & Peters are currently carrying out the Internal Audit. Once this is completed, she will present Financial Statement and Annual Return to council in the next meeting. Resolved noted.

Accounts: Resolved.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
001	DD	NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax)	£271.50
002	BACS	Tai Tarian	£100.00
003	BACS	LA Alarms	£87.60
004	BACS	E-ON Gas	£219.70
005	BACS	BT Payphone	£133.32
006	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
007-9	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,170.54
010	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£367.48
011	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£473.56
012	BACS	BT Broadband	£57.35
013	DD	Vodafone	£38.28
014	DD	NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax)	£273.00
015	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
016	BACS	E-ON Gas	£151.18
017	BACS	G. Williams - Reimbursement Flowers	£170.99
018	BACS	Glantawe Landscapes Ltd (Gnds Maintenance)	£1,250.00
019	BACS	SSE Unmetered Supply (Festive Lighting)	£125.56
020-22	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,234.57
023	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£396.10
024	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£494.37
025	BACS	Viking Office Depot (files, inks etc)	£101.42
026	BACS	BT Broadband	£57.35
027	BACS	Chubb Fire & Security Ltd	£193.10
028	BACS	Ystalyfera RFC Chunky 7's Sponsorship	£200.00
029	BACS	Gallagher Insurance (Council Insurance)	£2,664.30

Clerk to make BACS payments.

4612. **Planning** Cllr R. Davies left the meeting due to declaration of interest. Resolved.

- P2022/0412 - Discharge of condition 3 (Parking Management Plan) of planning permission P2020/0752 for new 2G sports pitch, confirming parking management arrangements, details of how community groups are granted access, a plan for monitoring and addressing individual organisations and complaints procedure - Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera, Ynysydarren Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2DY – no objection – Resolved.
- P2022/0356 - Proposed ground floor side extension together with first floor side extension to include increasing the roof height to accommodate new space - 26 Graig Newydd Godre'r Graig Swansea Neath Port Talbot SA9 2DG - no objection – Resolved.
- P2022/0309 - Installation of 10 x 365w solar panels (1052mm x 1769mm) and battery storage system - 28 Graig Newydd, Godre'r Graig SA9 2DG DECISION ALREADY MADE – Resolved.
- P2022/0312 - Non-Material Amendment to planning application P2021/1054 (approved 28 January 2022) revising the rear/south elevation fenestration and omitting the timber cladding - Cilmaengwyn

Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.

	Uchaf Farm, Maen Gwyn, Cilmaengwyn SA8 4TX - no objection – Resolved.	
4613.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that the potholes have been filled, free of charge, by Swansea Valley Tarmacadam. Members were very grateful to them for this and thanked the company for their contribution to the community. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that the car parking signs from Signs Express, Swansea are ready to be picked up. Facilities Officer will pick up and install ASAP. Resolved. • Cllr A. Lewis suggested that the hall be advertised on Facebook. Resolved noted.	
4614.	**Correspondence** • Cllr A. Llewelyn forwarded an email from Z. Richards, Rambers Cymru regarding a Balsam Bash. Clerk to advertise on Facebook. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn – Fencing and defibrillator training. Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that defibrillator training had taken place in Ystalyfera RFC. Members suggested that training also be held at the Community Hall. Resolved noted. • Chunky 7's – request received for sponsorship of the event. All agreed that £200.00 be donated. Resolved. • Godre'r Graig primary School – allotments project. Query regarding local allotments. Clerk will respond stating that there are allotments in Rhos Park. Resolved noted. • Godre'r Graig School – request for donation towards flowers for planters. All agreed that £100 be donated and photos of the planters requested. Resolved noted. • It was reported that the Ystalyfera Bowls Club will be celebrating 100 years this year. Resolved noted.	Clerk to advertise. Clerk to liaise with D. Thomas. Clerk to arrange payment. Clerk to respond. Clerk to arrange payment.
	The meeting ended at 8:20pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place via Zoom on 16th June 2022 at 7:00pm.	