CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
held at Ystalyfera Development Trust and via Zoom
on 20th April 2023 at 6:45pm

Present

Cllr. Terry Flynn (Vice-Chair) Cllrs. Alun Llewelyn, Rhian Llewelyn, Rosalyn Davies, Cathy James, Hayley Morgan, Julie Jones, Simon Prothero, Dan Davey, Ann Jenkins, Ann Lewis, Geraint Williams (online), Emyr Wyn Williams (online), Steve Thoms (online).

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Personal

		ACTION
4699.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair asked Vice-chair to Chair the meeting. Vice-chair accepted. Vice-chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Declarations of interest: Item 8, Cllr R. Davies as Member of NPTCBC Planning Committee. Cllr A. Llewelyn also declared an interest in item 8 as Member of NPTCBC to avoid pre-determination issues. Resolved.	
4700.	**Erika Lye & Bethan Knight – Pathfinders Cymru** Vice-chair welcomed both to the meeting. Erika gave overview of Pathfinders Cymru and explained their journey as a community organisation to a registered charity. She explained the aims and objectives of the charity which is supporting children with physical and/or learning disabilities as well as their families and carers. She explained that there are lots of families in our area with children and young people with disabilities including cerebral palsy and down's syndrome for example. Erika went on to explain that there is no provision for post-16 young people in our area. Their aim is to be inclusive, to negate segregation of people with disabilities and to integrate with the community and foster a community spirit. Both went on to explain their proposed projects in the community hall including the library, a resource library where people could borrow adaptive living tools to try out at home, a 3D printer and accessible garden. Erika explained that they had received lottery funding for the resource lending library and 3D printer. They have also received a grant from NPTCBC for the garden project. Members were pleased with this news. The accessible garden will have raised planters so that wheelchair users can access them for planting. They hope that the library will become a digital hub with training for the 3D printing as well as coding and VR in the future. They went on to say that this will be a good opportunity for people to volunteer from the community. Clerk explained that Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera are very keen to use the library at the hall and will arrange with her when it will be suitable to visit on a weekly	Clerk to liaise.

	basis. They are keen for their Primary section to be involved as well as years 7 and 8. Erika explained that there is very little provision for Welsh language books aimed at teenagers. Members suggested that they get in touch with Gwales, Atebol, Ty'r Gwrhyd and Ty Tawe for advice on books. They hope to have a Saturday stay and play session at the hall once every half-term with messy play, sensory play, lego play etc. They are exploring a subscription service for this. Members asked with regards to DBS checks. They explained that they are registered to do this themselves. Members were pleased with this. Cllr R. Davies asked if they have a Facebook page and website. The Facebook page is already set up and one of the young people is currently in the process of designing a website. Erika explained that it will be a bilingual website. Cllr C. James asked if they received referrals. Erika explained that they do not receive referrals but that they are in contact with the LAC (Natalia) for the area. She refers people to them. Cllr C. James stated that as they are cross-border, they could apply for funding from both NPTCBC and Powys. It was suggested that a combination lock be purchased for the main gate of the hall as there is a lot of dig mess within the grounds. Clerk will arrange this and will arrange the fence to be fixed. She will also ask Slimming World to move their cupboard out of the library room. Vice-chair thanked Bethan and Erika for their time and wished them all the best for the project. Members agreed. Erika Lye and Bethan Knight stayed to witness the remainder of the meeting.	
4701.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** <u>All agreed</u> that the minutes were a correct record - **<u>Resolved.</u>** • Following on from minute 4690 R. Revera, Clerk reported that she has amended the biodiversity policy and will place on council website. <u>Resolved noted</u>. • Following on from minute 4691 Matters Arising, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that Claire Rodgers has still not responded. As soon as new dates become available, he will check his schedule and select a date. <u>Resolved noted</u>. • Following on from minute 4693 Project Group, Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he had spoken to Rev. Nan Wyn. He told her about the situation with Jerusalem chapel remains and invited her to a meeting. She will get back to him. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Following on from minute 4693 Project Group, Clerk reported that council is on a waiting list for the MUGA lights to be fixed. She will follow up on the request for a quote for LED lights. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Following on from minute 4639 Project Group, Clerk reported that she has ordered the backboards for the MUGA in Ynysmeudwy FC. <u>Resolved noted.</u> • Following on from minute 4693 Tenders, Clerk reported that Countrywide have only just carried out their first cut. They blamed the bad weather for this. This means there will only be one cut in April. Cllr S Prothero stated that they still hadn't cut the grass in Penyrallt Park. Cllr S	Clerk to place on website. Clerk to liaise with Cllr A. Llewelyn. Cllr E.W. Williams to liaise. Clerk to follow-up. Clerk to follow-up.

	Thomas stated that they have not cut the grass in Carreg yr Afon Park either. Clerk will follow up on this. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4693 Tenders, Clerk reported that Andrew Jenkins (Glantawe Landscapes) had asked if there is a particular colour scheme council would like for the planters this year. Members do not mind. A colourful medley should look good. Members asked if the planters could be weeded now in preparation for planting. Clerk will liaise with Andrew. Cllr E.W. Williams asked if the planter at the bottom of Cilmaengwyn could be moved to next to the sign for Cilmaengwyn. Clerk will liaise with Andrew. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise.
4702.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James reported that the foodbank was still very busy. She explained that March had been the busiest month since the pandemic. 93 parcels were handed out as opposed to the usual of 60-70 per month. They are currently applying for lottery funding, but funds are OK at the moment. Resolved noted.	Cllr C. James to provide updates.
4703.	**Planters** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the residents of Graig Twrch asked if a planter could be placed near them, on the hill on the way up to Rhiwfawr. Members suggested that two be placed there. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Jenkins reported that the small Christmas tree in the Farteg is leaning over. Clerk will speak to Andrew about removal. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Lee OSN and order 2 planters. Clerk to liaise.
4704.	**Project Group** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that she is awaiting the go-ahead from NPTCBC. She has sent a map of the route so that they can see the planned walk and potential sites for signage. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that John Skinner and the Heritage Society are keen to be involved. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. • Cllr S. Thomas reported that he had spoken to Charterbrook signs and they will arrange a further quote once they know exactly what we want. They can also design the artwork. Resolved noted. **Defibrillators** • Clerk reported that she had received 2 quotes for defibrillators for the kiosks in Ystalyfera. - Severnside Defibrillators: £3,198.00 - Calon Hearts: £3,099.00 Members agreed to purchase from Calon Hearts. Resolved noted. **Outdoor Gym at Carreg yr Afon Park** • Clerk reported that she has received an updated quote for the three items previously agreed for a gym for Carreg yr Afon Park, Godre'r Graig of £5,193.00 + VAT. This is for a waist twister, double overhead arm-pull and a bike. Members agreed that as this project had been agreed previously that the project should go ahead as soon as possible to utilise the remainder of the National Lottery funding. Members agreed that the additional funds be taken from Council Reserves. Resolved noted. • It was reported that the sign for the Outdoor Gym at the Community Hall had been stolen. Members were disappointed by this news. Clerk will order new sign. She will also order a new sign for the new gym. Resolved noted.	Clerk to keep Members updated. Cllr S. Thomas and Clerk to liaise. Clerk to order. Clerk to order. Clerk to order.

Penyrallt Park

- Cllr S. Prothero reported that children are climbing up to the top of the container in the park. Cllr S. Thomas thinks he may have keys for the container. A local resident is interested in having the container, but it is important to find out what is in there first. Cllr A. Llewelyn will send details of the person interested in having the container to Clerk. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise.

Footpaths

- Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the Ramblers project is finishing in May. He stated that the walks have been very popular. Cllr A. Llewelyn feels that it is important that the project to clear the paths keeps going even after the Ramblers funding runs out. The tools are kept in YDT and can be easily accessed. It would be great if volunteers could continue this project. Clerk will contact Z. Richards to find out the best way of moving forward and continuing with the project. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise.

- Cllr J. Jones stated that the steps near the Ffynnon need clearing. Clerk will speak to Z. Richards about this. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise.

4705. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that she is currently completing the 2022-23 accounts and will take to Ferguson's and Peters for internal audit shortly. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise.

Accounts: Resolved.

Clerk to make BACS payments.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
001-3	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,368.49
004	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£400.96
005	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£528.12
006	BACS	NPTCBC Trade Waste	£276.79
007	BACS	BT Broadband (Com Hall)	£107.45
008	BACS	KDY Electrics - Sensor Floodlight	£150.00
009	BACS	Audit Wales - 2021-22 Audit Fees	£200.00
010	BACS	LA Alarms	£90.00
011	BACS	BT Payphone	£133.32
012	BACS	EON Gas	£316.25
013	BACS	One Voice Wales - Training	£105.00
014	BACS	Old School Nursery	£240.00
015	BACS	Old School Nursery	£300.00
016	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
017	DD	iD Mobile – Clerk's mobile	£38.54

4706. **Planning**

Resolved that there were no objections to the following Planning Application:

- P2023/0195 - Removal of existing shopfront and development of new shopfront with two windows and two doors - 60 Commercial Street Ystalyfera SA9 2HS

Clerk to email NPTCBC with decisions.

4707.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that the library room needs painting. She has spoken to S. Mattick, and he is happy to carry out the work. Members agreed to the works. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that a few items are needed for the hall. A large sweeping brush, a mat for inside the kitchen door, new tables and a bar on the rear of the disabled toilet door. Members agreed to purchase. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to order.
4708.	**Correspondence** • L. Davies, Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – school are keen to use library with Primary pupils and years 7 & 8. Clerk will pass on opening hours information. Resolved noted. • Countrywide Ltd – delay in first cut. Apologies from the company. Resolved noted. • R. Headon, NPTCBC – Welsh Language promotion strategy consultation. Resolved noted. • Cllr T. Flynn – Canal feeder between Hodgeson's Road and A4067. Vice-chair reported that the trees had been taken down and left in a mess. Cllr S. Thomas stated that 2 skips had been filled with rubbish from the site. It was reported that the knotweed is treated on a regular basis. It is hoped that foliage will start growing soon and the area will look better. Resolved noted. • Cllr T Flynn – Garage compound opposite Carreg yr Afon Park. Vice-chair stated that a van in the middle of the site has been abandoned for many years. Lots of people have been dumping rubbish at the side of the garages. The van could be dangerous and a health and safety issue. It was reported that the garages are on private land and there is nothing that the Community Council can do about this. Cllr S. Thomas stated that he has the details of the landowner which he will pass on to Cllr R. Davies to see if NPTCBC can do anything about the situation. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that there are rats in Farteg Park. Clerk has already spoken to C. Handford about this, and he will visit the site to see if anything can be done. Cllr A. Llewelyn will try to speak to the owner of the garages to see if overgrowth can be cut back. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones reported that A. Phillips has carried out a lot of work at the Ffynnon. Some works need to be done at the site including fixing loose paving slabs on Ffynnon walls, fixing/replacing the slab over the drain. Clerk will ask S. Mattick if he would complete the works. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to forward to Members. Cllr R. Davies to follow-up. Cllr A. Llewelyn to follow-up. Clerk to liaise with S. Mattick.
	The meeting ended at 8:25pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The AGM and next meeting of council will take place at YDT on 18th May 2023 at 6:30pm.	