CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
held via Zoom on 17th December 2022 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn (Chair)
Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Terry Flynn, Julie Jones, Rachel Vale, Alun Llewelyn, Hayley Morgan, Ann Jenkins, Ann Lewis, Dan Davey, Geraint Williams, Emyr Wyn Williams, Cathy James

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working

		ACTION
4664.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Declarations of interest: Item 7, Cllrs. C. James & R. Davies as Members of NPTCBC Planning Committee. Cllr A. Llewelyn also declared an interest in item 7 as Member of NPTCBC to avoid pre-determination issues. Chair declared and interest in item 6 due to being a member of the committee at MICNPT. Resolved.	
4665.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4654 Members of the Public, Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he has now sent contact details for Claire Rodgers to Clerk in order to arrange a joint PACT meeting with the Police and Community Council. Resolved noted. He also reported that the NPTCBC biodiversity team are happy to meet with council. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4655 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that Penyrallt Park fence has now been completed. Members were pleased with this news and stated that it looks much better and is more functional. Resolved. • Following on from minute 4663 Other Urgent Business, Cllr T Flynn reported that the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park are keen to have the outdoor gym as it will be of benefit to the community. He suggested holding a site meeting to discuss details of location, lease etc. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones asked whether Cllr E.W. Williams had received any of the contact information that she had sent to him. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that the contact information is the same as he previously had. He has contacted them again but still no response, he will contact again. Cllr J Jones stated that lots of local residents have been complaining about the pile of rubble left at the site. Cllr E.W. Williams agreed that this needs sorting ASAP. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Claire Rodgers and biodiversity team. Clerk to arrange site meeting in the new year. Cllr E.W. Williams to contact again.
4666.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James reported that the Christmas hampers will be delivered next Wednesday/Thursday. They are doing this in conjunction with Community Dreams. There are 50 hampers ready, but they have enough food for 65 hampers if needed. Cllr C. James went on to say that support from the community has been excellent. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted.	Cllr C. James to provide updates.

	• Chair thanked Cllr C. James for her report. Resolved noted.	
4667.	**Project Group** **Christmas 2022** • Chair read out plan for the Christmas event. Clerk confirmed that all is arranged. Santa has found an elf. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that D.A. Crisp (First Responder) will attend as main first aider. Resolved noted. • PCSOs have confirmed attendance. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn will update the Godre'r Graig and Ystalyfera Facebook page during the event. Clerk will update the Community Council Facebook page and Cllr R. Davies will share. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams, Cllr G. Williams and Facilities Officer have placed lights on the small trees and cleared around them. Chair thanked them for doing this. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had to urgently find new Christmas trees for Graig Newydd Green, Sgwâr Godre'r Graig and Penyrallt Park as the trees donated from Pearsons were only 7-8ft tall. Clerk managed to get in touch with Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) and Lee (Old School Nursery) and they managed to get 3 new 17ft trees for council. Members were very grateful to Andrew and Lee for sorting this out at such short notice. Clerk stated that the original 7ft tree from Graig Newydd Green was now in the grounds of the Community Hall. S. Mattick placed it in the ground and Facilities Officer placed lights on the tree. It looks lovely and can be seen from the road. The tree donated by Pearsons for Gurnos Chapel was just the right size and looks lovely. All agreed that Pearsons be thanked for their donation of trees for the Community Hall and Gurnos Chapel. Andrew and Lee also be thanked for their work. Cllr J. Jones suggested going back to usual arrangements for next year and not rely on donations. All agreed - Resolved. • Chair thanked Cllrs J. Jones, G. Williams and E.W. Williams for putting up the Christmas flags in Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig. Resolved noted. • Clerk explained that she had to contact Centregreat every day for 3 weeks in order to get the tree at Cilmaengwyn working. They eventually came out to look at it and found that the electrics inside the box had been ruined by ice. They replaced the box and the tree is now lit. Cllr R. Davies thanked Clerk for keeping on at Centregreat. Clerk reported that Centregreat had said that they would get new lights for the tree at Ystalyfera RFC. This did not happen. They came out today to fix the lights already on the tree, but the club have reported that the lights are not very good and only some are working. It was suggested that Centregreat could give a discount on their work this year due to all of the problems encountered. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that photos of the trees provided by the community council be placed on the council's Facebook page in order to promote the council's work. Resolved noted.	All to meet at Junction Café at 4:15pm. Clerk to thank Andrew, Lee and Pearsons. Clerk to liaise with Centregreat. Clerk & Members to place photos on Facebook.
4668.	**Finance, Budget and Precept for 2023-24** • Clerk went through minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting and answered questions. She explained the budget and precept options. Resolved that 2023-24 budget be accepted and approved.	

	• The £94,750.00 (increase of 6%) possible precept option advised by the Finance Committee was considered but council decided to add £1,000 to the precept in order to reinstate the council's Youth Fund. The Youth Fund will support youth projects in the area as well as youth sports teams and youth activities. Resolved that the precept for 2023-24 be set at £95,750.00 (an increase of 7.9%). **Accounts:** Resolved. **Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £** 149 DD NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax) £273.00 150 DD Survey Monkey £44.17 151 C313 J. Austin - Honorarium Farteg Park £100.00 152 BACS S. Mansell - Honorarium Parc Y Gnoll £100.00 153 BACS T.A. Handford - Honorarium Alltygrug Park £100.00 154 BACS G. Griffiths - Honorarium Penyrallt Park £100.00 155 BACS W. Jones - Honorarium Carreg Yr Afon Park £100.00 156 BACS SSE - Ystalyfera MUGA Electric £542.67 157 BACS SSE - Community Hall Electric £565.67 158 BACS Cooke & Arkwright - Alltygrug Park Lease £250.00 159 BACS E-ON Gas £0.00 (acc in credit) 160 BACS SSE - Godre'r Graig MUGA Electric £498.04 161 BACS E-ON Gas £179.86 162 BACS A & R Llewelyn - Reimbursement Rem Event £21.27 163 BACS N. Parr-Williams - Reimbrsement Xmas Lights £43.80 164 BACS G. Williams - Reimbursement Flags £15.00 165-7 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,403.55 168 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £423.73 169 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £533.79 170 BACS iD Mobile £33.99 171 BACS D.A. Crisp - First Responder Christmas Event £60.00 172-6 BACS Member Remuneration £750.00	Clerk to inform NPTCBC of Precept requirements for 2023-24. Clerk to make BACS payments.
4669.	**Financial Assistance Grants** Resolved that the following grant donations be awarded: • **MICNPT: £200** with conditions added that event be held in Ystalyfera or Godre'r Graig • **Ystalyfera RFC Youth Teams: £200** • **Kids Cancer Charity: £50** • **Wales Air Ambulance: £100** • **Ystalyfera RFC: £200** It was also agreed that Chunky 7's be sponsored by council in 2023 to the sum of £200. This payment will be made in June 2023**.** Resolved.	Clerk to make BACS payments.

4670.	**Planning** Resolved that there were no objections to the following Planning Application: • P2022/0239 - Two storey detached dwelling with attic room together with detached garage and parking provision for donor property (No. 42 Gnoll Road) (Amended plans received 06.12.22) - 42 Gnoll Road, Godre'r Graig SA9 2PA Resolved that comments be submitted to NPTCBC supporting the objections made by neighbours with regards the following Planning Application: P2022/0988 - Detached split level dwelling, with associated engineering works and off street car parking (outline with all matters reserved) - Land Adjacent To 189 Graig Road, Godre'r Graig SA9 2NZ Resolved that no objection be made to the following Planning Application but that loss of commercial space in the centre of Ystalyfera should be considered: P2022/0952 - Proposed change of use and three storey rear extension - 17 Wern Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2LX	Clerk to email NPTCBC with decisions.
4671.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that A. Williams has still not submitted a quote for the lighting works at the Community Hall. All agreed that KDY proceed with works in January. Resolved. • Clerk reported S. Mattick has carried out more work at the hall. There are damp parts on some of the door frames. He has hacked some of these off to see if the areas will dry and will replace with new wood. S. Mattick also plated the spare Christmas tree in the grounds of the hall. Members thanked S. Mattick for all of his work. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that K. Williams will start the Korean Karate club at the hall on 12th January 2023. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with KDY.
4672.	**Correspondence** • K. Davies, The Orchard Project – email received regarding setting up a Community Orchard in the area. Some sites were considered but are now unavailable. K. Davies will be in touch next Summer/ Autumn to arrange. Members to think of spaces where an orchard could be started. Cllr T. Flynn stated that the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park have not heard from Aled Jenkins in a while. Resolved noted. • A. Gough, Centregreat – Nothing they can do about Ystalyfera RFC tree this year. Resolved. • Cllr H. Morgan reported that she had written to Rev. T Hewitt to ask if there was any way she could help with retaining St. David's Church. He informed her that it is too late to save the church as £300,000 of work needs carrying out on the building. Cllr T. Flynn asked if there were any plans for the church and church hall. Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the authorities are not looking to demolish the building – it may be used for alternative usage such as commercial use or a community asset. Cllr R. Davies suggested that a climbing centre or similar would be ideal in the church. Cllr E.W. Williams asked what had happened to the records kept at the church. Cllr T. Flynn stated that these would have been moved to	Clerk to liaise.

	another church in the 'group' and are probably kept in Ystradgynlais. Resolved noted.	
	The meeting ended at 8:35pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The next meeting of council will take place on 19th January 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.	