CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
held via Zoom on 16th February 2023 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Terry Flynn (Vice-chair)
Cllrs. Hayley Morgan, Dan Davey, Alun Llewelyn, Ann Jenkins, Rosalyn Davies, Emyr Wyn Williams

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Illness
Cllr. Steve Thomas	Working
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn	Sickness
Cllr. Rachel Vale	Personal
Cllr. Julie Jones	Personal

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4681.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Declarations of interest: Item 6, Cllr R. Davies as Member of NPTCBC Planning Committee. Cllr A. Llewelyn also declared an interest in item 6 as Member of NPTCBC to avoid pre-determination issues. Resolved.	
4682.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4674 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that she has received dates for PACT meeting from Claire Rodgers. Cllr A. Llewelyn will check his schedule and select a date. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4674 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that R. Revera, NPTCBC Biodiversity will attend the next meeting of council. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4674 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that she and Vice-chair met with the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park. They have agreed to let council place the outdoor gym in front of the zip-wire, therefore doubling the size of the plot leased by council. It was suggested therefore that the current lease be doubled to reflect this. All agreed that a lease of £400 be paid to the trustees for the land annually. Resolved. Vice-chair stated that the group are having difficulty growing the trustee group and state that there are concerns for the long-term future of the trust. Cllr R. Davies stated that if the trustees fall bellow 3, then the park could be lost. It was suggested that council work with the trustees on a long term basis to ensure the future of the park and if needs be, take over the park in the future. Chair stated that the legalities of taking over the park could be complex. It was therefore decided that a meeting with the trustees be held to discuss future options. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Cllr A. Llewelyn. Clerk to send link to meeting. Clerk to order outdoor gym equipment for stage 2 development as agreed previously. Cllr T. Flynn to ask trustees if they would like a meeting with council.

	• Following on from minute 4676 Project Group, Clerk reported that Centregreat have agreed to give a discount for the festive lights. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4677 Finance, Clerk reported that the online VAT return had been straightforward to submit. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4680 Correspondence, Clerk reported that Z. Richards had advised not having the hedgehog boxes at the Community Hall as they may attract rats. She suggested having the bird boxes. Members agreed that this was a good idea. Resolved. • Following on from minute 4680 Correspondence, Clerk reported that S. Mattick will clear the overgrowth at Ystalyfera MUGA. She explained that she has added the maintenance of both MUGAs to the new grass-cutting contract. Members were pleased with this. Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he had received complaints regarding the lights not working at Ystalyfera MUGA. Clerk explained that she and Facilities Officer have visited the MUGA on various occasions to check the fuse box. The lights were working when they checked but they seem to be tripping off. Clerk has asked KDY Electrics to look at the fuse box and the lights to ascertain the problem. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewleyn reported that NPTCBC have informed him that they will not be able to tender for the grass-cutting contract due to their commitments with NPTCBC itself this year. NPTCBC will write to Clerk to inform her of this. Vice-chair stated that he may have a contact for an additional tender quotation. He will pass on details to Clerk. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Z. Richards. Clerk to put post on Facebook to explain problem with MUGA lights.
4683.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James reported via email to Clerk that the foodbank is still very busy. Resolved noted.	Cllr C. James to provide updates.
4684.	**Project Group** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he and Clerk have completed the National Lottery Heritage Fund pre-application form for the heritage walk. Awaiting response from National Lottery as to how to move forward. Clerk reported that they will complete and submit the NPTCBC Heritage grant forms next week. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has sent a letter to ASDA House regarding the Ironworks Wall. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has sent a letter to the Presbyterians regarding Jerusalem Chapel remains. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that he hopes they will respond. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he will look into the sign translations with Cllr E.W. Williams. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that A. Jenkins will replace the flags in Ystalyfera in time for St. David's Day. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that the bunting has arrived. Cllr E.W. Williams will decorate Godre'r Graig. Cllr A. Lewis offered to decorate Ystalyfera in the last meeting of the Project Group. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has received a quote for defibrillators from a company for the 2 kiosks in Ystalyfera. She will also contact Calon Hearts for a quote. Clerk is liaising with D. Thomas regarding defibrillators that	Clerk to liaise. Cllrs to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

	do not need electricity for other areas of the community. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies reported that she has booked Godre'r Graig Workingmen's club for the 17th March 2023 for a twmpath or comedy evening in conjunction with Menter Iaith Castell-nedd Port Talbot. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Vice-chair stated that he had an idea regarding using the power of the water in our area (weirs etc) to create electricity. He suggested that a Community Interest Company could be started. Members thought this was a good idea and suggested it be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Project Group. Resolved noted. • It was agreed that the next meeting of the Project Group be held after the next meeting of council on 20th or 27th of March 2023. Cllr A. Llewelyn asked if the footpaths could be added to the agenda as the Ramblers funding is coming to an end. It would be good if the project could continue once funding ends. Members agreed. Resolved noted.	Cllr E.W. Williams to confirm date of meeting. Clerk to send out link.
4685.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Audit Wales for more information on the grants received in 2022. She has emailed information over to them. All is fine. Resolved. • Clerk reported that she will contact Ferguson Peters to arrange the Internal Audit for April. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that the renewal for One Voice Wales Membership this year is £950. All agreed that Membership is important, therefore renewal approved. Resolved noted. **Accounts:** Resolved.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to renew. Clerk to make BACS payments.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
171	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
172	BACS	Ystalyfera Bowls Club Sponsorship	£500.00
173	BACS	Ystalyfera RFC Juniors Sponsorship (Youth Fund)	£200.00
174	BACS	Ystalyfera RFC Grant	£200.00
175	BACS	Menter Iaith CNPT Grant	£200.00
176	BACS	Wales Air Ambulance Grant	£100.00
177	BACS	Kids Cancer Charity Grant	£50.00
178	BACS	Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera - Yr 6 Leavers Trip	£100.00
179	BACS	Centregreat Limited - Xmas Lighting	£7,250.40
180	BACS	KDY Electrics - New lighting - Com. Hall	£1,620.00
181	BACS	NPTCBC - Japanese Knotweed Removal	£863.08
182	BACS	Starboard Systems Limited - Scribe Accounts	£676.80
183	BACS	NPTCBC - Penyrallt Park Lease	£200.00
184	BACS	BT Broadband	£172.70
185	C. 314	Dwr Cymru	£73.20
186	BACS	One Voice Wales - Membership	£950.00
187	DD	iD Mobile	£33.99
188-90	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,351.21
191	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£412.24
192	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£524.61
193	BACS	E-ON Gas	£381.65

4686.	**Planning** Resolved that there were no objections to the following Planning Applications: P2023/0034 - Removal of existing garage door and installation of upvc window to match front elevation - 14 Llys Yr Afon, Godre'r Graig SA9 2BL P2023/0055 - Change of use of parcel of land to form part of the residential curtilage of No.10 Llys Harry, Godre'r Graig, SA9 2EQ. P2023/0070 - Single storey rear extension - 79 Varteg Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2EN Resolved that objection and comments for consideration be submitted to NPTCBC regarding the following application due to parking issues at the site and main road: P2022/0952 - Change of use of ground floor shop (A3) to create three self-contained apartments together with a three storey rear extension with juliet balcony, two storey flat roof rear extension, single storey flat roof rear extension and ancillary parking (amended description and drawings) - 17 Wern Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2LX.	Clerk to email NPTCBC with decisions.
4687.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that that the groups are going well. The Korean Karate club is thriving. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has emailed Erika Lye and she is now awaiting a start date for the new group. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has emailed Hannah, Slimming World to inform her of the hire rate increase starting April 2023. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that S. Mattick will clear the side of the driveway and behind the wall near the Police Station. Council can then decide if they want it landscaped etc. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise.
4688.	**Correspondence** • R. Revera – confirmation of March meeting attendance. Resolved noted. • C. Rodgers – PACT meeting possible dates. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 8:05pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place on 16th March 2023 at 6:45pm via Zoom.	