CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
held via Zoom on 21st July 2022 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn (Chair)
Cllrs. Hayley Morgan, Rosalyn Davies, Daniel Davey, Julie Jones, Ann Jenkins, Rachel Vale, Alun Llewelyn, Emyr Wyn Williams, Geraint Williams, Steven Thomas, Ann Lewis

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Cathy James	Working

		ACTION
4624.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. No declarations of interest. Resolved.	
4625.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4616 Minutes of Previous Meeting, Clerk reported that she had again contacted D. Phillips and M. Goatson, NPTCBC regarding the positioning of the gym at the entrance to Godre'r Graig Country Park but is still yet to receive a response. Cllr R. Davies stated that she will also contact them to obtain an update. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4619 Project Group, Cllr A. Jenkins reported that she had visited Farteg Park whilst there was a boy of 3-4 years old riding a motorbike on the park. She reported that she had approached the father and stated that motorbikes were not allowed in the park. He responded with little interest. Cllr A. Jenkins stated that the Police would become involved if this was to continue to which the man answered 'bring it on'. The motorbikes have not been seen since. Cllr R. Vale asked if there is anywhere local that children can go to ride their motorbikes. Cllr S. Thomas stated that there are a couple of places, one near The Aubrey Arms, as well as places in Powys and Carmarthenshire. Cllr A. Lewis suggested that people could ask the Police where the correct places to ride a motorbike for children could be. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4619 Project Group, Cllr S. Thomas reported that the dog mess problem at Carreg Yr Afon Park has not improved. There are still lots of dog walkers attending the park. Chair suggested that the perpetrators can be reported and receive a warning from the dog wardens. Cllr R. Davies stated that she has had a dog bin placed at the end of Ffordd Danygraig to encourage people to pick up after their dogs. It was suggested that posters be designed by school children to ask people to pick up after their dogs. The posters could then be made into signs for the park. Members thought this was a good idea. Godre'r Graig	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

	Primary, Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera and Cwmtawe Community School be invited to ask pupils to design posters. Resolved noted. • Clerk asked whether or not Penyrallt Park works had been completed as the invoice has been received. Chair stated that she will check over the weekend. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she is awaiting a third quote for Penyrall Park fencing. As soon as this is received, she will forward to Members. Resolved noted.	Clerk and Chair to liaise.
4626.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr J. Jones stated that there hadn't been a collection at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera as yet. She will suggest to the Head that this be carried out as part of Harvest celebrations. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that Cwmtawe Community School have made a collection. She is currently trying to arrange delivery of the donations with the foodbank. Resolved noted.	Cllrs to keep everyone updated as and when more information becomes available.
4627.	**Planters** • Clerk reported that the 5ltr containers had arrived. If anyone needs them for watering, they can call in with Clerk to pick them up. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that Facilities Officer's Van had been out of action therefore Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) had to complete the watering of the hanging baskets. He will need to continue doing this until the van is repaired. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that the dram and planter next to Carreg Yr Afon Park have still not been planted. Clerk stated that she contacted Andrew regarding this and he will complete asap. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams stated that Members have been out watering the planters. They are now starting to look lovely. He stated that Lee (Old School Nursery) stated that he will plant the troughs at the Godre'r Graig and Ystalyfera signs free of charge but this is yet to happen. Cllr R. Vale stated that she will chase this matter. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that Chris, a gentleman from Ynysydarren Road has volunteered to water the troughs at the bottom of the underpass. Members were grateful to him for this. Members also stated that they were grateful to all of the volunteers for watering. Cllr J. Jones suggested that volunteers be thanked on Facebook. Cllr D. Davey suggested that signs be placed on the planters to state that they are provided by the community council and watered by volunteers. Volunteers can be named on each planter i.e. Butcher etc. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams stated that the planter on the A4067 at Cwmtawe Isaf Farm is getting lost in the overgrowth. Cllr G. Williams stated that he has spoken to Swansea Valley Exhausts and Tyres and they would be very happy to place in on their land at the bottom of Gnoll Road. They would also be happy to water the planter. Resolved that the planter be moved. • Cllr E.W. Williams stated that the trough on the A4067 at Graig Newydd lights is difficult and dangerous to water. He suggested moving this to the sign for the Miner's Memorial. A new trough could then be purchased to place on the railings at the lights. Resolved that trough be moved ready for next year.	Cllr R. Vale to follow up on this. Clerk to cost small signs / stickers. Clerk to liaise with Andrew or Lee for moving. Clerk to liaise with Andrew or Lee for moving.

4628.	**Project Group** • Cllr E.W. Williams gave an overview of what was discussed during the last meeting of the Project Group and stated that he will forward his notes to Members as soon as possible. Resolved. **Questionnaires** • Clerk reported that she found the design for the previous questionnaires and has added the Survey Monkey link and QR code provided by Cllr C. James to them. She stated that she had managed to print 150 questionnaires out thanks to Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera. They said that if any printing was needed, they would be happy to help free of charge. Members thanked the school for this. The questionnaires are double sided with Welsh and English options. Cllrs A. Llewelyn and R. Vale stated that they will be attending Chunky 7's at Ystalyfera RFC on Saturday. Clerk will drop off the questionnaires with Cllr A. Llewelyn and Cllr R. Vale will arrange a table at the RFC. It was suggested that Clerk put a link to the questionnaire on Facebook and website. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that from the last questionnaire that it was important to look at providing services for older people. It was suggested that an OAP group could be set up in the community hall run by outside agencies. Cllr R. Davies suggested that Natalia, LAC could be invited to the next meeting of the Project Group to discuss this. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that an OAP group or events for OAP's could be hosted in Godre'r Graig Workingmen's Club. Resolved noted. **Parks** • Cllr R. Davies had emailed Clerk to state that she had received a complaint about the backboards of the basketball hoops at Godre'r Graig MUGA at Ynysmeudwy FC. Clerk costed new boards: 1.2m x 0.9m x2 would be £262.42 + VAT or 1.8m x 1.05m x2 would be £458.52 + VAT. Cllr S. Thomas stated that he would visit the MUGA and measure which size would be most suitable. Members agreed to go ahead with the purchase of whichever size is most suitable. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies also reported in her email to Clerk that there is knotweed near the children's play area at Carreg Yr Afon Park. Clerk has contacted S. James, NPTCBC regarding a cost for treating this. Resolved noted. **Capel Jerusalem** • Cllr E.W. Williams stated that he has contacted the Presbyterians with regards to the site of the former Capel Jerusalem in Ystalyfera. He has invited them to a Project Group meeting to discuss further. He is awaiting a response. Cllr A. Llewelyn thanked Cllr E.W. Williams for doing this. Resolved noted. **Ramblers** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the Butterfly Walk had gone well. Z. Richards is keen to move the tools into the community hall. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that he will arrange the handover in the coming weeks. Cllr A Llewelyn stated that the hope is to arrange regular working parties i.e. the 100 steps behind ASDA leading to the Cyfyng. He reported that some paths will need clearing by NPTCBC in the first instance as they are too overgrown, but the hope is that once they are done, the working parties will be able to keep them in good condition with regular maintenance. He explained that it is hoped that the project will grow and	Cllr E.W. Williams to email notes. Clerk to deliver questionnaires to Cllr A. Llewelyn. Cllr R. Vale to arrange tables and pens. Clerk to place link on FB and website. Clerk to invite to PG meeting. Cllr S. Thomas to measure. Clerk to order. Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC. Cllr E.W. Williams to liaise with Z. Richards.

	that more and more volunteers will come forward to keep the project going. Resolved noted. **Fencing** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he had noticed that the fencing outside Godre'r Graig Country Park has been repaired. Members were pleased with this and thanked Cllr R. Davies for arranging this work to be carried out by NPTCBC. Resolved noted. **Proposed Allotments** • Clerk reported that she had received an update from the Allotments Group stating that they are hoping to continue with a Project at Carreg Yr Afon Park. It is estimated that clearance of the land will cost approx. £5,000. The group is in contact with NPTCVS for advice on constitution and funding. Cllr S. Thomas stated that there would need to be a public consultation regarding this matter as the park is in trust to the residents of Godre'r Graig. Resolved noted. **Benches** • Cllr J. Jones asked whether some benches could be placed along the cycle track as there are very few places to sit along the way. Cllr S. Thomas stated that there are benches there, but they are in poor condition and in need of repair. NPTCBC are responsible for the cycle track therefore it was agreed that Clerk contact NPTCBC regarding this matter. Resolved noted. **Cemetery Sign** • Cllr J. Jones reported that the sign to Alltygrug Cemetery is pointing the wrong way. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that he will try to turn it around as soon as possible. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC. Cllr E.W. Williams to turn sign.
4629.	**Finance, External Audit and Applications for Funding (Section 137)** • Clerk reported that the external audit has now been posted. She is awaiting further instructions. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has received the conclusion of audit notice for 2020-21. There were no observations noted. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved. • There were 2 applications for funding received. Resolved that the following donations be awarded: Ystalyfera RFC Youth Team Equipment and Kit: £200 Ynysmeudwy FC Equipment and Mower: £200 • Clerk reported that the Ystalyfera Heritage Society had contacted council to ask if they could have the support of the council in asking for a financial contribution towards the Ironworks sign outside ASDA. Cllr S. Thomas stated that ASDA have a Community Mentor who should be able to work with the group. Members were happy to support the group and will assist in asking ASDA for a donation. Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that she will arrange a Finance Committee meeting to discuss community hall hire charges in the coming week. Resolved noted.	Clerk to make BACS payments. Clerk to liaise.

	Accounts: Resolved. **Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £** 051 DD Survey Monkey £44.17 052 DD Vodafone £38.28 053-55 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,303.36 056 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £410.96 057 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £483.96 058 BACS E-ON Gas £68.56 059 311 Dwr Cymru £57.18 060 BACS BT Payphone £133.32 061 BACS BT Broadband £57.35 062 BACS Sutcliffe Play South West Ltd (Penyrallt Park) £11,976.00 063 BACS S. Mansell - Honorarium Parc Y Gnoll £100.00 064 BACS T.A. Handford - Honorarium Alltygrug Park £100.00 065 BACS G. Griffiths - Honorarium Penyrallt Park £100.00 066 BACS W. Jones - Honorarium Carreg Yr Afon Park £100.00 067 310 J. Austin - Honorarium Farteg Park £100.00 068 DD NPTCBC (Hall Council Tax) £273.00 069 PayPal eBay - McAfee Total Security £14.99 070 DD Survey Monkey £44.17 071 BACS Ystalyfera RFC Youth Team Sponsorship S137 £200.00 072 BACS Ynysmeudwy FC Sponsorship S137 £200.00 073 BACS E-ON Gas NIL Acc. in credit 074-76 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,210.30 077 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £337.87 078 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £473.56	Clerk to make BACS payments.
4630.	**Planning** There were no planning applications for review. Resolved.	
4631.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that the Caretaker had been away on holiday. Clerk opened the hall whilst Caretaker was away. She reported that the hall looked and smelled clean so she will take photos in order to advertise the hall as soon as possible. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she had received a price list for advertising from the Community Mag (01639). A quarter page advert is £75, a half page advert is £110 and a full page advert is £210. Cllr J. Jones stated that in last month's mag, it was stated that they are finding it difficult to sell advertising which may mean that in the months to come, the prices may come down. Members thought this was an expensive option for advertisement. Cllr H. Morgan stated that Facebook has a greater reach. All agreed to advertise on Facebook and website for now and assess the impact from those sources. Resolved. • Clerk reported that she had contacted the council's insurers regarding a bouncy castle for the hall. They would not provide public liability cover for a bouncy castle. Clerk carried out google search for insurers. Quotes ranged from £400+. Members felt this was expensive and did not justify the expense. All agreed that the hall be hired 'as-is' and hirers can hire their own bouncy castles from reputable companies with their own public liability insurance. Resolved.	Clerk and Facebook page admins to advertise. Clerk to design advert for FB and website.

	• Cllr A. Llewelyn asked if it was clear who was responsible for taking hall bookings. It was agreed that the Caretaker should be responsible for this as she knows the timetable of the hall and can arrange with hirers. Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with Caretaker.
4632.	**Correspondence** • Bethan Thomas – Pant-teg Chapel. Question regarding the future of the stained glass. Clerk forwarded Cllr A. Llewelyn's email address to B. Thomas but he has not heard from her as yet. Resolved noted. • Cllr T. Flynn – Godre'r Graig Cemetery water supply. Cllr R. Davies stated that NPTCBC had tried to supply water to the cemetery years ago but there is no nearby water pipe. She will ask NPTCBC if a water butt can be placed there instead. It was suggested that the Community Council write a letter of support for this. Resolved noted. • Craig Griffiths, NPTCBC – NPT Standards Committee. Resolved.	Clerk to liaise. Cllr R. Davies to liaise. Clerk to write letter of support. Clerk to forward email to Members.
	The meeting ended at 8:40pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place on 15th September 2022 at 7:00pm. Clerk will advise whether the meeting will be via Zoom or at the Community Hall in due course via email depending on Covid-19 figures.	