CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
held at Ystalyfera Development Trust and via Zoom
on 15th June 2023 at 6:30 pm

Present

Cllr. Terry Flynn (Chair) Cllrs. Daniel Davey, Rhian Llewelyn, Rosalyn Davies, Ann Jenkins, Julie Jones, Emyr Wyn Williams, Geraint Williams, Alun Llewelyn (online)

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Hayley Morgan	Working

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4725.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Declarations of interest: Item 7, Cllr R. Davies as Member of NPTCBC Planning Committee. Cllr A. Llewelyn also declared an interest in item 7 as Member of NPTCBC to avoid pre-determination issues. Resolved.	
4726.	**Police Matters – PCSO Visit** Chair welcomed PCSO's Chris and Estelle to the meeting. **Matters discussed:** **Cannabis:** PCSO's explained that it is difficult to Police the use of Cannabis. They can no longer follow up on a report of 'smell' the users must be seen using and recorded if possible. They explained that they are trying to stop people growing Cannabis to sell. If they can take away the supply of Cannabis, then hopefully less people in the community will use. If they receive a report, they can send a drone out with a heat sensor to look for heat abnormalities. They can also look for abnormalities in electricity usage. They advised Members of the Public to report any issues to Police so that they can investigate. Cllr E.W. Williams asked about use whilst driving (i.e. a car passes smalling of Cannabis). PCSOs explained that they do not have the power to pull in a vehicle. Traffic Officers can do this but there are only 2-3 on duty at any one time in the whole of NPTCBC. Cllr R. Davies stated that an incident had been reported about someone who was driving carelessly. The perpetrator was prosecuted. PCSOs advised people to submit dash-cam footage of anyone driving irresponsibly to 'Operation Spector'. Perpetrators can then be investigated. **Scramblers, E-bikes, E-motorbikes and E-scooters:** Members mentioned that they had received lots of complaints regarding bikes and scooters speeding up the roads in the area. The bikes and scooter have likely been tuned to go faster than 15 mph. This is a particular problem on Graig Road, Godre'r Graig. PCSO's explained that these people are untouchable at the moment. They reported that the chief Inspector is awaiting guidance on this matter.	Cllrs to report any issues or incidents to Police.

	PCSO Estelle reported that she handed out 5 S.59's at the Patches in Ystalyfera recently and managed to seize 2 motorbikes. The riders lost their licences. She explained that the Government are considering the need for these vehicles to be registered and have number plates. Cllr J. Jones reported that there was a scrambler on the road near Home Bargains, Gurnos. PCSOs suggested that she should have phoned 999 and explained that the vehicle was heading towards Ystradgynlais. This way Dyfed Powys Police could follow up on the matter. PCSOs suggested always reporting incidents to either 999 or 101. **Garages, Hodgesons Road:** Chair reported that vehicles are abandoned at the site. As it is private land, then the Police cannot take action. Cllr R. Davies reported that the owner has been contacted. He stated that he is going to 'do-up' the van. **Hen Bont building:** PCSOs explained that there is an ongoing problem at this building. People are gaining entry. The owner keeps ignoring phone calls. The windows have been boarded up again this week but PCSOs do not know how long the boards will last. Cllr A. Llewelyn agreed that this is a nightmare building. He explained that he had met with Police and Fire Department about the building but as the building is commercial, there is little NPTCBC can do about it. Chair suggested a recharge order, but this is difficult on a commercial building. Chair thanked PCSOs for attending the meeting. PCSOs look forward to attending again in the near future. Resolved noted.	
4727.	**New Standing Orders:** All agreed that the new Standing Orders be accepted and approved. Resolved.	Clerk to publish on website.
4728.	**Minutes of AGM:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** **Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4718 Pathfinders Cymru, Clerk reported that E. Lye has been in touch with the following information: Library will be open 1:30-3pm during school holidays and 10am-3pm once the new term begins. They will run a Kids Club every Monday during the school holidays from 10:30am-1pm. They will also run a Saturday Club on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-1:30pm. Members were very pleased with this news. Clerk asked Members if they would be happy for her to write a letter of support for the group, and confirmation that they may use the land for 5 years, to enable them to obtain free gardening supplies. Members were happy with this. Resolved. • Following on from minute 4718 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that Countrywide are now cutting the grass in all areas but haven't met the 2 week cut schedule. This could be due to weather. Chair suggested writing a letter to Countrywide asking for clarification. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4718 Matters Arising, Clerk confirmed that the battery on the defibrillator at Ynysmeudwy FC has now been changed by David Thomas of the Ambulance service free of charge. Members thanked D. Thomas for doing this. Resolved noted.	Clerk to write letter.
4729.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James sent an email to Clerk to report that the foodbank is still very busy. They have applied for Lottery Funding that would cover food	Cllr C. James to provide updates.

	supplies for the year. They are hoping for a positive outcome. Resolved noted.	
4730.	**Project Group** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that she has received an email and map from NPTCBC. They would like to know the exact placement of the plaques and signage proposed. Clerk and Cllr E.W. Williams will walk the route next week and take notes of where items would be placed. Members were pleased with the progress on this project. Resolved noted. **Planters** • Clerk reported that the majority of the planters had now been planted. Members stated that the flowers look a little sparse, but the planters look better. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she ordered 4 extra pole baskets for Ystalyfera in agreement with Chair via email. They will go up as soon as they arrive. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she received an email from T. Ambler stating that he will not be able to plant the planters at the entrance to Graig Newydd this year. Clerk has asked A. Jenkins to do them in his place. Resolved noted. • Chair suggested that a review be carried out in the Autumn on the planting and grass-cutting situation in preparation for next year. Resolved noted. **Jerusalem Chapel Site** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that Cllr A. Llewelyn received an email from Dafydd from the Presbyterians. They are keen to hear council's thoughts and ideas for the site. Cllr E.W. Williams will get in touch to invite Dafydd to a Project Group meeting. Resolved noted. **Flags** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that the Pride flags looked good. Members agreed. He stated that the bunting next to the post box in Cilmaengwyn had been broken and other bunting in Cilmaengwyn stolen. Members were disappointed with this news. It was reported that some councils have not made an effort at all. Resolved noted. **Ynysmeudwy FC** • Clerk reported that she, Cllr E.W. Williams and Vice-chair met with some of the committee of Ynysmeudwy FC on Monday. They asked for advice regarding funding options etc. Clerk agreed to assist with Lottery funding application. They stated that they had their mower stolen and their clubhouse vandalised. They would like to fund an extra cabin for the clubhouse. They also stated that allotments could go at the side of the MUGA. They offered the use of their clubhouse for council meetings at any time. Resolved noted. **Remembrance Sunday** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that a road closure will be needed again this year. Last year NPTCBC paid the bill for this, but this year it will be up to council. Clerk will contact Amberon for a road closure with specified	Clerk & Cllr E.W. Williams to walk route and take notes. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to arrange. Cllr E.W. Williams to contact. Clerk to advise re: funding applications. Clerk to contact Amberon &

	streets. Impromptu marches will not be allowed. It was suggested that the event should run in a similar way to last year. Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that she, the vicar, PCSOs, leader of the cadets and Howard Williams meet before the event to arrange proceedings. Clerk will complete NPTCBC Special Events form. Resolved noted. **Christmas 2023** • Clerk reported that she has completed the Special Events form for NPTCBC. She has also booked the Santa Sleigh and contacted the first aider. Cllr S. Thomas will arrange to purchase a new Santa suit and be reimbursed. All agreed that the event be held on Friday 15th December 2023. Resolved. • Clerk reported that she has asked Centregreat for new lights for Ystalyfera RFC Christmas tree. She has also asked for some new garlands to replace some of the old ones that were not working. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. **European Lime at Alltygrug Park** • Clerk reported that the tree had now been cut as agreed previously at a cost of £1,384. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved. **MUGA Lights** • Clerk reported that Huw (Ynysmeudwy FC) who is an electrician offered to quote for new LED lighting at both MUGAs. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Project Group be held on Thursday 29th June 2023 at 6pm via Zoom. Resolved.	complete NPTCBC Special events form. Clerk to arrange meeting. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to pay invoice. Clerk to pass on quote to Members once received. Clerk to set-up Zoom meeting.
4731.	**Finance & Annual Return 2022-23** • Clerk reported that Internal Audit has now been completed by Fergusons and Peters. Clerk read out the audit report. Members were pleased with the report. Resolved noted. • Clerk presented Annual Return. Annual Return agreed by Members and signed by Chair and Clerk. Resolved noted. **Accounts:** Resolved.	Clerk to send accounts for external audit. Clerk to make BACS payments.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
039	PayPal	eBay - Pride flags for NPT Pride	£13.56
040	DD	NPTCBC Hall Council Tax	£294.00
041	BACS	Ynysmeudwy FC - MUGA Lease	£1,000.00
042	BACS	Amberol Limited - flower baskets	£356.58
043	BACS	EON Gas	£224.48
044	BACS	SSE - Community Hall	£363.00
045	BACS	SSE - Ystalyfera MUGA	£391.55
046	BACS	Pathfinders Cymru - Grant & Carpet	£500.00
047	BACS	Amberol Ltd - flower basket brackets	£204.86
048	BACS	Net World Sports - MUGA Backboard	£286.98
049	BACS	S. Mattick - library painting	£147.00
050	BACS	Our Tree Company – Lime Tree Work	£1,384.00
051	BACS	SSE - Godre'r Graig MUGA	£389.64
052	BACS	Glantawe Landscapes - Watering	£180.00
053	BACS	Glantawe Landscapes - Flowers, signs flags	£3,320.00

	054	DD	iD Mobile	£38.54	
	055	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17	
	056-58	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,417.42	
	059	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£439.58	
	060	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£533.80	
	061	BACS	A. Phillips - Reimbursement flowers	£48.32	
	062	BACS	S. Mattick - maintenance	£60.00	
	063	BACS	YDT- Room Hire	£20.00	
	064	DD	Barclays Bank Interest	£0.20	
4732.	**Planning** Resolved that there were no objections to the following Planning Applications: • P2023/0416 - Proposed conversion of two houses into one dwelling, the works for which would include alterations to the internal layout - 61 & 63 Wern Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2LX				Clerk to email NPTCBC with decisions.
4733.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Caretaker forgot to open the hall for Pathfinders Cymru on Friday – they needed to go in to work on the library. Clerk was away for the day so there was no-one to open for them. It was suggested that as Pathfinders Cymru will be using the hall several times a week, that they should be given a set of keys consisting of the front door keys, library key and store-room key. Members agreed that this was a good idea to avoid future issues with access. Resolved noted.				Clerk to get keys cut.
4734.	**Correspondence** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that he had received a phone-call from Ystalyfera RFC to complain about the damage to their roof due to the MUGA. Balls are being kicked up onto the roof and causing some damage. Members stated that they had already raised the height of the perimeter fencing to minimise this issue and that there is not much else council can do. The situation is difficult to remedy. Resolved that Clerk arrange meeting with Ystalyfera RFC, Chair, Vice-chair and Cllr A. Llewelyn. • Garden Packs, Local Places for Nature – offer of free garden equipment packs. Information has been passed on to Pathfinders Cymru. Resolved noted. • C. Griffiths, NPTCBC – email informing Council that visits to meetings will be carried out to ensure best practice. Members were happy with the opportunity and to receive any feedback in order to improve meetings. Resolved noted. • Cllr C. James, Survey results. Clerk read out survey results. Members were happy that most of the suggestions were already being done in the community. It was suggested that communication be improved in order to inform locals of the opportunities available in our area. This item to be discussed further in the next meeting of the Project Group. Resolved noted. • Swansea Canal Anniversary Exhibition – information on event. Email passed on to Members. Resolved noted.				Clerk to arrange meeting. Clerk to keep Members updated.

	• M. Goatson, NPTCBC – Shared Prosperity Fund. Resolved that Clerk look further into possible funding options. • Cllr J. Jones - report on Ffynnon, Cwmtwrch. It was reported that the Ffynnon is looking much better. A. Phillips has planted lots of flowers. Members thanked her for doing this. Ramblers have cleared the steps but there is still overgrowth on the benches and paving slab needs replacement or repair. Clerk will contact S. Mattick to see when he is able to do the works. Resolved noted. It was reported that a dog mess bin is needed in the area. Cllr A. Llewelyn will arrange with NPTCBC. Resolved noted.	Clerk to research. Clerk to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 8:10pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place at Ystalyfera Community Hall on 20th July 2023 at 7:00pm.	