CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
held at Ystalyfera Development Trust and via Zoom
on 18th May 2023 at 6:45pm

Present

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

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Julie Jones	Personal
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Hayley Morgan	Working
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Personal

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4717.	**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.	
4718.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4700 E. Lye and B. Knight, Pathfinders Cymru, Clerk reported that the carpet has been laid in the library. E. Lye and B. Knight have completed a deep clean of the Community Hall. Members were very grateful for this. Clerk also reported that the library will be open every Monday – times to be confirmed. It was suggested that an Open Evening could be held to advertise the library. The library could also be advertised on Facebook. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4701 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that instead of holding a PACT meeting, PCSO Chris Rees will attend the next council meeting. It will start at 6:30pm and the council meeting will follow. Members thought this was a good idea. Cllr A. Llewelyn also reported that PCSO Rees will try to arrange drop-in sessions for members of the public. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4701 Matters Arising, Project Group, Clerk reported that she is awaiting delivery of the backboards for Godre'r Graig MUGA and is awaiting a quote for LED lighting for both MUGAs. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4701 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that Countrywide are now cutting the grass in all areas as per contract. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with E. Lye and B. Knight. Clerk to liaise with PCSO. Clerk to follow-up.

	• Following on from minute 4703 Planters, Clerk reported that she has ordered the planters for Graig Twrch from Lee, Old School Nursery. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4703 Planters, Members asked Clerk to ask Andrew to hurry up in clearing the overgrowth in the planters and to remove the old Christmas trees. There is also a tree in the large planter at the bottom of Alltygrug Road that needs removing. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4703 Planters, Cllr A. Jenkins reported that the tree in the planter at the Farteg is now straight. It is also still green so may have roots. This tree can be left in its position. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4704 Project Group, Clerk reported that the defibrillators for the kiosks have been ordered. She has spoken to Keith, KDY and he will be able to do the electrics works as long as BT haven't cut off the supply. Clerk will liaise with Keith and BT. Resolved noted. Cllr E.W. Williams stated how clean and tidy the kiosks now look. Members gave thanks to S. Mattick for doing a good job. Resolved noted. Cllr R. Davies reported that the battery is low on the defibrillator at Ynysmeudwy FC. Clerk will arrange a check. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
4719.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James was not present at the meeting therefore a detailed report was not available. Chair reported that the foodbank is still very busy. • Cllr A. Llewelyn gave thanks to Cllr D. Jones of Cilybebyll Community Council, for his fundraising night at the Flying Pig, Ystalyfera with proceeds going to CATCH Ystalyfera foodbank. Resolved noted.	Cllr C. James to provide updates.
4720.	**Project Group** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that she is still 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. • Cllr R. Llewelyn reported that there is a walk in Trefdraeth which is lovely and has signage etc. This could be looked at for inspiration. Resolved noted. **Outdoor Gym at Carreg yr Afon Park** • Clerk reported that the gym for Carreg yr Afon Park, Godre'r Graig has been installed. She stated that there was a problem when she met them on Monday for the start of the install as they needed a water supply for the concrete. Clerk stated that in the end, a lovely lady who lives opposite the park helped and gave the contractors access to her outside tap. Members were very thankful to Sharon for her help and agreed to purchase a bunch of flowers to say thank you to her. Resolved noted. • It was reported that the signs for both Outdoor Gyms have now been ordered and will be ready shortly. Clerk will ask S. Mattick or A. Jenkins to install. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that he had seen people using the gym already. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. **Jerusalem Chapel Site** • Cllr E.W. Williams reported that he waited for an email from Rev. Nan Wyn but did not receive one. He stated that he has tried phoning her again on numerous occasions but there has been no answer. He has left messages and explained what Council would like to do at the site and	Clerk to keep Members updated. Clerk to order flowers. Clerk to liaise. Cllr E.W. Williams and Clerk to draft letter.

offered them to attend a Project Group or Council Meeting. No response received. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that it is getting very frustrating that no-one is getting back to him on this matter. He suggested that a letter be sent from council on headed paper to see if this would help. Members thanked Cllr E.W. Williams for his perseverance. Resolved noted.

4721. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that she has submitted the 2022-23 accounts for Internal Audit. Fergusons and Peters will carry this out shortly. Resolved noted.
- Clerk asked if Council would like to apply for any grants this year. Now that the National Lottery Community Fund money has been spent on the outdoor gym, it is possible to re-apply for up to £10,000 for a new project. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the questionnaires could be looked at to see what local people want in the area. Members agreed. Improvements to the Cenotaph were suggested. It was also suggested that the old tennis court could be renovated. This would mean Council obtaining a lease for the site from NPTCBC. Having someone to run tennis classes would be a good idea. PASS may be able to help with this, or YDT. It was suggested that Clerk contact Neath Tennis Club for advice. All agreed that this matter be revisited in the next Project Group meeting. Resolved noted.

Clerk to liaise.

Cllr C. James to collate results of the survey.

Clerk to liaise with Neath Tennis Club.

Accounts: Resolved.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
018	DD	NPTCBC Hall Council Tax	£296.50
019	C315	Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park - lease	£400.00
020	BACS	Viking Office Depot - files, inks etc	£79.73
021	BACS	Signs Express Swansea - gym signs	£283.27
022	BACS	Rosehill Furnishings Ltd - tables	£1,266.00
023	BACS	Calon Hearts - defibs for kiosks	£3,099.00
024	PayPal	eBay - Pride flags for NPT Pride weekend	£29.98
025	PayPal	eBay - Pride flags for NPT Pride weekend	£12.72
026	PayPal	eBay - Pride flags for NPT Pride weekend	£23.74
027	PayPal	eBay - Pride bunting for NPT Pride weekend	£25.00
028	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
029	DD	iD Mobile	£38.54
030-32	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,408.40
033	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£418.09
034	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£539.48
035	BACS	BT Broadband	£83.00
036	BACS	EON Gas	£336.50
037	BACS	Gallagher Insurance AJGIBL	£2,824.99
038	BACS	Ystalyfera Development Trust - Room Hire	£40.00

Clerk to make BACS payments.

4722. **Planning**

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

- P2023/0278 - Proposed Juliet balcony and patio doors on rear elevation of dwelling - 21 Alltygrug Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2AQ
- P2023/0313 - Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing) for use of the property as a residential dwelling (use class C3) in non-compliance with

Clerk to email NPTCBC with decisions.

	an agricultural occupancy condition - Pant Y Gwanyd Farm, Allt Y Grug Farm Road Link To Carreg Pentwyn Farm, Ystalyfera SA9 2BE • P2023/0383 - Detached dwelling (Outline with all matters reserved) - Land Between 59 And 62, 60 Gough Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2NA	
4723.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that S. Mattick has painted the library room. It now looks much cleaner. E. Lye's husband has also fitted the carpet. Members were pleased with this news and thanked everyone involved. The library will be opening in June/July. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that S. Mattick will cut a branch off a tree that is leaning onto the hall roof. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has ordered the new tables for the hall agreed in previous meeting and via email. She is awaiting delivery. Resolved. • Clerk reported that the hall has been booked for a wedding reception on the weekend. Members were pleased with this news and wished the couple well. Members asked if it could be requested to have a photo of the reception for the council website. Resolved noted.	Clerk to ask Caretaker to request a photo.
4724.	**Correspondence** • Z. Richards, Ramblers Cymru – response to request about continuation of project. It is hoped that volunteers would wish to carry on the project. There is a walk tomorrow at 10am from Junction Café. It was stated that the Ramblers have made a map of the paths that they have improved. Cllr R. Davies asked if the old footpaths maps could be updated. Resolved that this matter be discussed in the next meeting of the Project Group. • Pride, NPTCBC – information regarding NPT Pride. It was agreed that Rainbow Flags and bunting be ordered for the villages for the weekend. Resolved that a donation of £100 be awarded to the project on behalf of the Community Council. • One Voice Wales – new Model Standing Orders. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she and her partner have an adoption matching panel on 4th July. If all goes well, she will be working reduced hours as Adoption Leave during August, September and October. Members wished them well. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to order flags. Clerk to keep Members updated and to arrange cover for Sept & Oct meetings.
	The meeting ended at 7:50pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place at YDT on 15th June 2023 at 6:30pm.	