CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn (Chair)
Cllrs. Hayley Morgan, Steve Thomas, Rosalyn Davies, Julie Jones, Rachel Vale, Alun Llewelyn, Ann Jenkins, Ann Lewis, Geraint Williams (late), Emyr Wyn Williams (late), Cathy James (late)

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Working
Cllr. Dan Davey	Working

		ACTION
4653.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Declarations of interest: Item 8, Cllrs. C. James & R. Davies as Members of NPTCBC Planning Committee. Cllr A. Llewelyn also declared an interest in item 8 as Member of NPTCBC to avoid pre-determination issues. Resolved.	
4654.	**Members of Public** Chair welcomed Members of Public to the meeting. • Natalia Kudla introduced herself as the new Local Area Co-ordinator. She explained her role and explained that she now covers Ystalyfera, Godre'r Graig, Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr. N. Kudla went on to explain that her role includes working closely with people to support them in various ways. She currently supports 65 people who are mostly located in Ystalyfera. She went on to explain that she had been supporting Ukrainian refugees who were placed in Godre'r Graig initially but have now moved out of our area. N. Kudla explained that she also supports local groups, and she works cross-border with Powys as well as NPTCBC. She explained that anyone can contact her directly and she will help and support them as much as possible. She also accepts referrals from social services and PCSOs. Chair thanked N. Kudla for attending the meeting. Resolved noted. • J. Manser-Thomas addressed council with her concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in Ystalyfera. She stated that the BIFFA bin had been vandalized as well as the bowling green and stated that there were lots of drug related problems in the area, with the smell of cannabis potent in the area. The foodbank was also targeted. She asked what was being done to address these concerns. Cllr S. Thomas explained that incidents need to be reported to the Police otherwise crime rates look low in our area and Police presence will be minimal. In order to increase Police presence, people need to report crimes to 101. Cllr R Davies explained that this can also be done online, anonymously. Cllr A. Llewelyn explained that PACT meetings have not resumed since Covid-19. He suggested that the Community Council and public could meet with the Police to relay these concerns. It was suggested that a post be placed on	Clerk to liaise with Cllr A. Llewelyn to set up meeting with Police. Clerk to post on Facebook.

	Facebook to encourage people to report crimes to 101. Chair thanked J. Manser-Thomas for attending the meeting. Resolved noted.	
4655.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4644 Matters Arising, Cllr S. Thomas reported that Smartfix will begin the works in Penyrallt Park once the weather improves. He asked if they could store some equipment in the container at the park. Clark will check with Tiddlywinks whether a key is available. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4652 Correspondence, Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the NPTCBC Biodiversity Team are happy to meet with council to discuss their plans and processes. Cllr R. Davies stated that she had attended a Green Initiative Seminar in which she stated that the team need to contact Community Councils so that they can relay information to the public regarding their projects. Resolved noted.	
4656.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James reported that the foodbank is still very busy. She stated that they have received lots of donations from a homeless charity that has disbanded. She stated that the appeal for donations to Christmas hampers has also been advertised on Facebook. • Cllr C. James reported the Foodbank is also registering as a 'Warm Space' for the community. Members were pleased with this. Cllr R. Davies reported that Ystalyfera Development Trust are also registering as the heating is on all day in the building. Chair suggested that the spaces be advertised on Facebook. Cllr C. James stated that NPTCBC will also be adding a list of all Warm Spaces on their website shortly. Resolved noted. • Cllr H. Morgan asked if used books were accepted for the book exchange. Cllr C. James confirmed this. Resolved noted. • Chair thanked Cllr C. James for her report. Resolved noted.	Cllr C. James to provide updates.
4657.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that the planter on the A4067 near Cwmtawe Isaf Farm has been stolen. Members were very disappointed with this news. Cllr G. Williams suggested that if they are going to be stolen, then replacements shouldn't be purchased for the A4067 as it is a waste of money. Cllr R. Vale stated that it would be a shame not to purchase any more planters for the area and asked if they could be fixed in some way to the ground. Cllr S. Thomas stated that people then may break the planters instead whilst trying to steal them. Members agreed that this matter be discussed in the next meeting of the Project Group. Resolved noted.	
4658.	**Project Group** **Christmas 2022** • Chair read out plan for the Christmas event. Cllr R. Davies stated that a brand-new Santa outfit has been donated by the Church. Elf outfit needed. Cllr R. Vale stated that she has one, but outfits are available from Home Bargains. Resolved that Santa tries on his outfit to make sure it fits. Resolved noted. • Chair and Cllr A. Llewelyn will look at the timetable for the tour and amend. Updates will be on Facebook during the event. Resolved noted. • Members agreed that D.A. Crisp (First Responder) be booked as main first aider. Resolved noted.	Santa to find an elf. Clerk to book D.A. Crisp.

	• Clerk will create a poster for the event and place on Faceboook. Resolved noted. • Clerk has spoken to PCSOs and they will be at the event. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that she has 4 boxes of Celebrations. Chair stated that she will buy another 4 boxes. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones suggested advertising the tour in the 'Llais' newspaper. Resolved noted. • Chair and Cllr A. Llewelyn agreed to decorate the Community Hall. Clerk will arrange for the hall to be open on Saturday morning. Resolved noted. • Cllr E.W. Williams and Cllr G. Williams stated that they will place lights on the small trees and tidy around them in the coming weeks. They will also place small lights around the area. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she has ordered the small Christmas trees. Cllr S. Thomas will check regarding the situation with installing the large trees. If needed, Clerk will ask Andrew to help. Cllr C. James asked when the large trees were likely to be delivered. Clerk reported that Pearsons stated that they will be will then by 24th November. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones stated that she will put up the Christmas flags in Ystalyfera. Cllr H. Morgan offered to help her with this. Resolved noted.	Clerk to design poster and place on FB. Chair to buy Celebrations. Clerk to phone Caretaker. Cllrs to dress trees. Cllr S. Thomas to liaise with Pearsons. Cllrs to put up flags.
4659.	**Finance & Member Remuneration** • Clerk explained what the Member Remuneration is to new Councillors. She reported that she has emailed Remuneration Opt-out forms to Councillors. It is up to Members to decide if they wish to opt-out of the £150 remuneration. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she will arrange a Finance Committee meeting before the next meeting of council in order to review budget for 2023-24 and advise on Precept. Resolved noted. **Accounts:** Resolved.	Cllrs to send opt-out forms or BACS details to Clerk.
	Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £ 136 PayPal eBay - Christmas lights (small trees) £149.75 137 BACS BT Broadband £65.75 138 BACS Stephen Mattick (Com. Hall Maint.) £300.00 139 DD iD Mobile £33.99 140-2 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,691.23 143 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £511.78 144 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £659.74 145 BACS Smartfix (A. Preece) - Penyrallt Fencing £16,500.00 146 BACS Viking Office Depot (batteries etc) £221.29 147 BACS D.A. Crisp - First Responder £20.00 148 PayPal eBay - Christmas lights (big trees) £123.94	Clerk to make BACS payments.
4660.	**Planning** Resolved that there were no objections to the following Planning Applications: • P2022/0859 - Non material amendment to approved planning application P2022/0033 to reduce the height of the two-storey rear extension to single storey, and subsequent alteration to roof design of	Clerk to email NPTCBC with decisions.

	first floor rear extension - 131 Graig Road, Godre'r Graig SA9 2NY - no objection. Resolved. • P2022/0885 - Details to be agreed in association with condition 2 (ecological enhancement measures and an implementation timetable) of planning application P2022/0090 granted on 14.07.2022 - Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Ynysydarren Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2DY– no objection. Resolved.	
4661.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that she has received a quote from KDY for new lighting for the Community Hall of £1,620.00. A. Williams has not sent his quote in on time. Clerk has chased him but no response. It was therefore agreed that KDY be awarded the contract to replace the lighting at the Community Hall with new LED lighting. Resolved. • Clerk reported that she is awaiting a quote for a new window from Pearsons. Cllr S. Thomas stated that he will ask Harmony for an additional quote. Clerk will also contact Hourglass for a third quote. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that during the bad weather water had come in under the fire doors. She will ask S. Mattick to take a look at this. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she met with C. Williams, Korean Karate club. They would like to hire the hall every Thursday evening. Clerk explained that the Council meet in the hall on a bi-monthly basis. It was suggested that the Library be removed from the front room of the hall and for the room to be made into a permanent meeting room for Council and other hirers who would require a small room. The main hall would then be available for other large groups. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with KDY. Cllr S. Thomas to liaise with Harmony. Clerk to liaise with Hourglass. Clerk to liaise with S. Mattick. Clerk to contact W. John, NPTCBC librarian.
4662.	**Correspondence** • M. Bull, Welsh Government – letter received regarding Section 137 payments. Resolved noted. • D. Lewis, LGPS – Pension fund percentage for 2023-24 notification. Resolved. • One Voice Wales – Finance & Governance toolkit. Resolved noted. • L. Davies, Head of Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Thanks for Remembrance Sunday event and including pupils of the school. Resolved noted. • W. Bull, Welsh Government – preparation of accounts, dates advised. Resolved.	Clerk to contact R. George, NPTCBC for electorate figures.
4663.	**Other Urgent Business** • Cllr R. Vale reported that there is a smell of marijuana everywhere in Ystalyfera. She stated that she cannot open her windows as the smell comes into the house. Cllr R. Vale stated that her children should not be subjected to this. Members agreed. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that there is a similar problem in Godre'r Graig. Cllr R. Davies stated that this should be reported to the Police. Cllr H. Morgan stated that this is difficult as no one is quite sure who it is that is using it. Cllr R. Vale also stated that it is difficult to report as some of these people could be neighbours. Education needs to be increased in the area. Cllr E.W. Williams stated that he is put off from using the shop in Ystalyfera as there are always people outside reeking of marijuana. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested setting up a PACT meeting with the Community Council so that these issues can	Clerk to liaise with Police.

	be discussed. He went on to explain that there is a large drug misuse problem throughout NPTCBC. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies asked whether Council would be purchasing a gift for Gordon Llewelyn for his achievements in the Commonwealth Games. All agreed that Clerk order an engraved clock and a plaque for the Sgwâr, Godre'r Graig. Resolved. • Cllr R. Davies asked if there had been any progress on the outdoor gym at Carreg yr Afon Park. Clerk will liaise with Cllr T. Flynn. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones asked if Clerk could write to NPTCBC and Powys County Council to ask what is happening with Pont y Milgi and the Aquaduct. Cllr A. Lewelyn stated that there are already funds set aside at NPTCBC for the Aquaduct. CADW are involved as it is a listed building. Resolved noted.	Clerk to laisie with Dorian Heel Bar. Clerk to liaise with Cllr T. Flynn. Clerk to write letter.
	The meeting ended at 8:45pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place on 15th December 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom.	