CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held via Zoom on 30th January 2023 at 6:30pm

Present

Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams (Chair)
Cllrs. Ann Jenkins, Rhian Llewelyn, Steven Thomas, Julie Jones, Ann Lewis

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Hayley Morgan	Working
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal
Cllr. Rachel Vale	Personal
Cllr. Daniel Davey	Working
Cllr. Cathy James	Personal
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	Working
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Sickness

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome and late Apologies:** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Resolved.	
2.	**Review of Christmas 2022:** • Chair reported that most people appreciated and enjoyed the Santa Tour. Chair gave thanks to Cllr S. Thomas and Ula for their hard work. He also thanked everyone involved. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that the tour timings were excellent. These can be used every year going forward. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that due to the problems with Centregreat and Ystalyfera RFC, then perhaps the rugby club can get their own contractor to install lights on their tree for Christmas and order their own new lights. Council could then cover this cost, as long as it is not too expensive. Resolved noted. • Members agreed that large Christmas trees should be ordered from suppliers from now on for Penyrallt Park, Graig Newydd Green and the Sgwâr as donated trees were too small. Members were grateful to Pearsons for the trees they donated and said how lovely they looked outside the Community Hall and Gurnos Chapel (Foodbank). Resolved noted. • Chair and Cllr J. Jones reported that none of the Christmas flags had been stolen this year. Members were pleased with this news. Cllr J. Jones stated she has washed and dried them ready to be used again. Chair thanked her for doing this. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that he is in the process of taking the bulbs off the small trees around the area. He stated that most of the bulbs seem OK and hopefully they will be fine to use again. Members were pleased with this. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Jenkins reported that 3 of the garlands around the lamp posts were not working over the Christmas period. Clerk reported that Centregreat	Timetable to be used every year. Clerk to liaise with RFC. Clerk to order trees.

	state that they test the lights before fitting – whether this is actually carried out, no-one knows. Members agreed that Clerk should ask for discount from Centregreat for all of the problems experienced with Ystalyfera RFC tree, Cilmaengwyn tree and some of the lamp post garlands. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Centregreat.
3.	**Heritage Project** • Chair reported that he had received an email from Cllr R. Davies with information on Lottery Heritage Funding. He suggested putting in an application. All agreed - Resolved noted. • Chair reported that he had received an email from Cllr A. Llewelyn with information on NPTCBC Heritage Funding. He suggested putting in an application for this as well. All agreed - Resolved noted. • Chair reported that he has not received a response from S4C regarding the application for Prosiect Pum Mil. He is still hopeful of a positive response. Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that it will be important to know what council wants from the Heritage Walk i.e. signs, QR codes, website etc. Upkeep and maintenance will have to be included in any bids for funding as lots of the sites need clearing as they are overgrown. Chair suggested an app could be developed. This would be very expensive. This could be looked at on a later date as the project could be built upon year-on-year. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones stated that it will be important to put signs where they are visible to discourage vandals i.e. well-lit areas. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that Countryside for Wales funding may also be available. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that there are so many good walks in our area that she was not aware of before Covid. Now lots more people are walking. She suggested putting a page on council website with all of our local walks. Members thought this was a good idea. It was stated that NPTCBC have a list of walking routes. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones reported that the Ramblers are working on the local paths but progress is slow. Cllr S. Thomas suggested getting the Probation Service involved. Members thought this was a good idea. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones reported that the footpath from Clare Road to the back lane and fields behind has now officially been reinstated. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted.	Clerk and Chair to meet to complete applications. Clerk and Chair to make a plan. Clerk to contact NPTCBC for list of walks and place on council website. Clerk to liaise.
4.	**Ironworks Wall at ASDA** • Chair reported that there has been no progress re: the wall. It can hardly be seen as it is covered in overgrowth.	Clerk to send letter to ADSA House.
5.	**Capel Jerusalem** • Chair stated that he has again phoned the Presbyterians. He explained that it is disappointing that no-one has responded to the Community Council. Lady on phone was apologetic. She will ask N. Poulton to respond. All agreed that a letter be sent from council as this situation is not acceptable. Resolved noted.	Clerk to send letter.

6.	**Sign Translations** • Chair reported that some of the translations on signage in the area is not historically relevant to the area e.g. Canal Terrace is translated as Teras Camlas and not Tai Brics as it is locally known; Swanfield is translated as Maes Alarch instead of Cas Swan. Chair explained that lots of areas in Wales already have Welsh names for certain Streets or areas and do not literally translate from the English names. It is important to have historically correct names for these areas. Resolved noted.	Chair to liaise with Cllr A. Llewelyn regarding this matter.
7.	**St David's Day 2023** • Chair reported that 21 new Welsh flags were purchased from Shaws in their closing down sale. These had only cost £15. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Chair reported that there is some bunting left over but that more bunting will need to be purchased. Resolved noted. • Cllrs A. Lewis and J. Jones offered to help Chair put up the bunting in the area. Chair thanked them for this. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Andrew re: replacing worn flags. Clerk to order bunting. Cllrs to liaise with Chair.
7.	**Any Other Business** • Clerk reported that she has received an email from Cllr A. Llewelyn asking to find someone to improve the look of the bank at the entrance to the Community Hall. It was suggested that S. Mattick be asked to do this work as well as clear the MUGA. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Llewelyn asked if there was any progress on the defibrillators for the kiosks in Ystalyfera. Clerk reported that she is looking into cabinets that do not need heating to see if these would be suitable. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she an Cllr T. Flynn are meeting with the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon Park at 10:30am on Thursday to discuss the outdoor gym. Resolved noted. • Cllr S. Thomas asked if anything could be done to celebrate St Dwynwen's Day next year. Members explained that council used to hold a twmpath to celebrate St Dwynwen and Burns Night in Godre'r Graig Workingmen's Club. This has not happened since Covid. Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that Menter Iaith CNPT could help with arranging something for next year. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Steve Mattick. Clerk to liaise with D. Thomas. Clerk to attend meeting. Project to be looked at for next year.
	Chair thanked all for attending the meeting.	