CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held via Zoom on 29th June 2023 at 6:00pm

Present

Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams (Chair)
Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Hayley Morgan, Julie Jones, Geraint Williams, Alun Llewelyn, Rachel Vale, Cathy James

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal
Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn	Working
Cllr. Daniel Davey	Working
Cllr. Steve Thomas	Personal

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome and late Apologies:** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Resolved.	
2.	**Survey Results 2023:** • Overall, Members were happy that most of the suggested facilities and activities are actually already in our community. It was agreed that it is a matter of advertising and promoting what is available in our community. Resolved noted. • Suggestions from the public were discussed as follows: **1. Playscheme** – this was previously run by Tiddlywinks and was funded by council. It was suggested it may be worth finding out how many children and young people use Ystradgynlais sports group and summer camp to ascertain whether it is popular. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there had been problems with reliability of the previous playscheme. He will liaise with NPT PAS team to see if they have any plans to run a playscheme in our area. Resolved noted. **2. Tennis Courts** – one person had asked for the tennis courts to be reinstated in Ystalyfera. Members stated that many people had mentioned this to them in passing but unfortunately had failed to complete the survey. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the school had put some nets up for tennis, but this was just to fill a void rather than offer tennis facilities. It was stated that the tennis court could become a burden on the council's maintenance budget, as it may only be used for a few weeks per year. Cllr J. Jones suggested the court could be marked out with tennis and pickle ball markings. NPTCBC stopped funding tennis and bowls clubs, and this is why the courts fell into disrepair. Members suggested that tennis courses could be run at the site if it was reinstated. Members agreed to cost the works on the tennis court and add to the shortlist of potential projects. Resolved noted.	Members to think of ways of promoting. Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise. Clerk to obtain quotes for repair and surfacing.

	3. Nature Trail - Cllr H. Morgan suggested creating a nature trail with signs about plants so that people can learn. It was felt this would be a good project for the grounds of the Community Hall or at Alltygrug Park. Resolved noted.	Cllr H. Morgan to look into this further and bring findings to next meeting of Project Group.
	4. Sensory Place - Cllr R. Townsend suggested a sensory place, possibly in the grounds of the Community Hall. This could be incorporated into what Pathfinders Cymru are doing at the hall. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Pathfinders Cymru.
	5. BMX Pump Track - It was suggested that a BMX Pump track could be placed in Farteg Park. This would be suitable for older children (facilities for older children were asked for in the survey results). Resolved noted.	Clerk to obtain quote.
	• Cllr R. Townsend suggested adding the estimated costs of projects to the next shortlisting survey so that people know how much the projects are likely to cost. Resolved noted.	Clerk & Cllr C. James to set-up shortlist survey.
3.	**Heritage Walk** • Chair reported that he and Clerk had completed the walk and listed areas for signage. Clerk will put together on the map sent by NPTCBC. Resolved noted.	Clerk to complete map.
4.	**Capel Jerusalem** • Ideas for development of the site were discussed. A Piazza-type area was the most popular suggestion. The site could then be used for events such as craft fairs, Carol singing, Christmas tree site etc. Cllr J. Jones suggested lining the perimeter with history boards and benches. Chair stated that this would tie in nicely with the heritage walk. Resolved noted.	Chair to liaise.
5.	**Ramblers Footpaths Project** • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the project was coming to an end. Lots of local paths have been cleared including the 100 steps, paths have been waymarked, new paths identified, knotweed treatment has taken place etc. Members were keen to carry the project on. Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the number of volunteers wanting to be involved were very small, but they may like to continue. New volunteers could also be sought. Guided walks were suggested but a professional would be needed to do this. This would have implications on council's insurance of we were to organise this ourselves. It was suggested that the school may like to be involved. Cllr C. James reported that school walks are notoriously difficult to organise as insurance, risk assessments etc would all need to be carried out. Cllr J. Jones suggested showing the teachers where the paths are, and then they can run the walks themselves. It was suggested that in the first instance, council should reach out to see how many people would like to get involved in continuing the project. Cllr R. Davies suggested that Natalia, LAC, could assist with this. Resolved noted.	Clerk to advertise on Facebook.
	Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:20pm.	