CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Project Group Meeting held via Zoom on 12th September 2022 at 6:30pm

Present

Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams (Chair)
Cllrs. Rhian Llewelyn, Alun Llewelyn, Rosalyn Davies, Cathy James, Rachel Vale, Ann Jenkins, Steven Thomas, Hayley Morgan

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Sickness
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Personal
Cllr. Daniel Davey	Personal

		ACTION
1.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies. Resolved.	
2.	**Remembrance Sunday 2022:** • Clerk read out email from Rev. T. Hewitt. He is still prepared to conduct the ceremony even though St. David's Church is closing in October. Chair suggested that a service could be held in Capel Y Wern. Members felt that a simple service at the cenotaph would be sufficient. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the Police would no longer be able to control the traffic for events of this kind. It was therefore suggested that a temporary road closure be applied for, and Councillors become Marshalls for the event. Cllr A. Llewelyn will speak to NPTCBC regarding this matter. It was decided that if the Police would not be able to control the traffic, then a march would not take place, only a service at the cenotaph. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Llewelyn suggested that she and Cllrs. R. Vale and S. Thomas meet with Rev. Hewitt and Howard to discuss plans further. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise.
3.	**Christmas 2022-23** • It was agreed that this year's Santa Tour be held on Friday 16th December 2022. Clerk will book this with Andrew. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that there is a brand new Santa outfit available from St. David's Church. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that there be no party this year as it would make the Santa Tour longer meaning that the tour would not get to Cilmaengwyn until approx. 8:30pm. It was stated that timings need improving this year. Clerk suggested that she look at last year's timings and send suggestions out to Members who were there last year to see if they agree with the timings. Resolved noted. • Cllr H. Morgan suggested getting selection boxes to give to the children along the way. This would be too expensive. It was agreed that sweets be	Clerk book date with Andrew. Cllr R. Davies to get Santa Outfit. Clerk to purchase sweets.

	purchased instead to be thrown out of the sleigh by Santa. Resolved noted. • Clerk will complete NPTCBC paperwork to sort out the rolling road closure for the event as well as the paperwork for the Christmas lights on lampposts and trees. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that new lights are needed for the small trees this year. Cllr S. Thomas suggested getting IP67 rated lights as they will be more waterproof. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies stated that Centregreat need to add the extra set of bulbs to the tree in Cilmaengwyn. Chair stated that they will also need to check all of the bulbs on the lights and lamppost lights before putting them up this year as there were some that didn't work last year. Resolved noted. • It was decided that 4 large Christmas trees (15ft) will be needed this year: Penywern, Sgwâr Godre'r Graig, Graig Newydd Green and Gurnos Chapel (Foodbank). It was also decided that 2 small trees (6ft) be purchased for the barrell next to the Wern Fawr and Ffynnon Cwmtwrch. Cllr S. Thomas suggested he could as Pearsons if they would be willing to supply the trees this year. Andrew could then install. Resolved noted. • Chair stated that the small planted trees have overgrown grass next to them. It was suggested that the areas around them be strimmed. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested putting a tree on ASDA roundabout but this could cause issues with traffic distraction. It was suggested that the trees outside the Junction Café be lit up instead. Resolved noted. • Cllrs R. Vale and C. James suggested trying to get ASDA to donate some lights or trees. Cllr R. Vale will approach the manager. Resolved noted. • It was decided that more Christmas Flags will not be purchased this year. Last year's flags will be put up again. It was suggested that if more are stolen then getting more for next year will be pointless. If they are left alone this year, then more could be purchased for next year. Resolved noted. • Cllr S. Thomas suggested putting all of the information on Facebook to show that the Councillors are doing their best to provide a pleasant Christmas atmosphere in our area. Resolved noted.	Clerk to complete paperwork for NPTCBC. Clerk to order lights. Clerk to liaise with Centregreat. Cllr S. Thomas to liaise with Pearsons. Clerk ask a Handyman to strim. Clerk to order white string lights. Cllr R Vale to liaise with ASDA. Clerk & admins to update FB.
4.	**Questionnaires** • Cllr C. James stated that only 8 people have completed the questionnaires online. It was suggested that this be further pushed on Facebook. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Vale stated that there had been a good response at the Chunky 7's event. Cllr C. James suggested that Cllr A. Llewelyn pass on the completed questionnaires to herself so that she can collate the information with the information from the online questionnaires. Resolved noted.	Clerk & admins to push questionnaire on FB. Cllr A. Llewelyn to pass on to Cllr C. James.
5.	**Capel Jerusalem** • Chair stated that he has tried contacting the Presbyterians twice but is yet to receive a response. Cllr J. Jones stated that the place is a pile of rubble and the least they should do is concrete it to make it a tidy space. Resolved noted.	Chair to contact Presbyterians again.

6.	**Winter Planting** • Chair stated that the plants are still looking OK at the moment. Winter planting will be needed. Clerk will get quotes for Winter planting. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that some herbs could be placed in the planters. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that a map be made to show where all of the planters are situated in the area. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that the stone planter at the bottom of Allygrug Road needs tending. Clerk will speak to Mark Bentley regarding this. Resolved noted. • Cllr J. Jones stated that she had received complaints from people living near the Ffynnon, Cwmtwrch that the grass was so long that they couldn't get to the benches. She also noticed some knotweed. Clerk explained that the grasscutting will be going out to tender in the new year so a new contract with full specification can be drawn up before this goes out to tender. She will speak to NPTCBC regarding the knotweed. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Vale stated that it had been difficult to litter pick at the MUGA in Ystalyfera as there is much overgrowth around the perimeter. Clerk will speak to Mark Bentley regarding this. Resolved noted. • Clerk stated that she will chase up David Hutchings regarding a contract for sweeping the MUGA. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there is lots of overgrowth in Alltygrug Park and around the Community Centre and path that needs cutting back. Clerk will get quotes for this work. Resolved noted.	Clerk to get quotes. Chair & Cllr G. Williams to put together map. Clerk to liaise with M. Bentley. Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC re: Knotweed and draw up grasscutting tender document. Clerk liaise with D Hutchings. Clerk to get quotes.
7.	**Any Other Business** • Cllr A. Llewelyn asked with regards to the situation with defibrillators for the kiosks in Ystalyfera. Clerk will speak to Calon Hearts regarding getting defibrillators placed there ASAP. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that there is funding available from NPTCBC for benches on active travel routes. Cllr R. Davies stated that she has already applied for funding for the Cycle Path. Cllr J. Jones suggested placing some near the outdoor gym in Ystalyfera. It was suggested that one be placed near the aqueduct in Ystalyfera but Cllr A. Jenkins stated that people living there are having lots of trouble with anti-social behaviour at the moment, so it may not be the best idea as youths may congregate there. Resolved noted. • Cllr S. Thomas stated that he has tried contacting PCSO's on many occasions but they are bogged down with helping the Police Officers. Cllr R. Davies stated that there is a PACT meeting in Pontardawe. She suggested that an online PACT meeting could be held. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he will speak to Insp. Sweeney regarding this. Resolved noted. • It was agreed that the next meeting of full council be postponed as a mark of respect for the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The next full meeting of council will now be held on Wednesday 21st September 2022. Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with Calon Hearts. Cllr A. Llewelyn to apply for funding. Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise with Insp. Sweeney. Clerk to postpone meeting.
	The meeting ended at 8:05pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting.	