CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Ystalyfera Development Trust and via Zoom on 19th October 2023 at 6:30pm

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Vice-chair) Cllrs. Julie Jones, Alun Llewelyn, Rhian Llewelyn, Hayley Morgan, Simon Prothero, Ann Jenkins, Rosalyn Davies (late arrival), Steve Thomas (online)

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal
Cllr. Dan Davey	Working
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Working

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4753.	**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.	
4754.	**Pathfinders Cymru Update – E. Lye** Chair welcomed E. Lye to the meeting. E. Lye explained that thanks to letter from Ystalyfera Community Council and Cllr A. Llewelyn, the library issues are being overcome. NPTCBC have secured funding for the IT needs of the library, and all will be sorted in the new year. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. E. Lye has also spoken to the ALN co-ordinator at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera and they are keen to get involved in the project. Resolved noted. E. Lye reported that there have been 25 applications for tables for the Christmas Fayre, with a range of offerings including wooden items, candles, Christmas gifts etc. Cllr R. Davies stated that if the tables from Rosehill Furnishings have not arrived in time, then tables can be borrowed from Ystalyfera Development Trust. Resolved noted. It was suggested that if the tables from Rosehill Furnishings don't arrive imminently, then a refund be sought, and alternatives purchased. Resolved noted. Cllr A. Llewelyn suggested getting in touch with Ministry of Furniture in the old Remploy factory to see if they can supply tables. Resolved noted. It was suggested that lots of the chairs in the hall can be scrapped, as well as the old room-splitting screen. Resolved that Clerk speak to Trade Waste about removal of these items in the first instance. The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 9th December 2023, 11am-3pm. Resolved. E. Lye reported that the hall was cleaner. Tiddlywinks are still not wiping down the tables after use. Resolved that Clerk speak to Tiddlywinks about this. Clerk reported that she is meeting S. Mattick tomorrow to explain works needed to the disabled toilet door, guttering and drains. This work will be completed asap. Resolved noted.	Clerk to follow up tables. Clerk to contact Trade Waste. Clerk to email Tiddlywinks. Clerk to meet with S. Mattick.

	E. Lye asked with regards to Christmas decorations for the hall. All agreed that £200 be donated to Pathfinders Cymru in order to purchase new Christmas decorations for the hall. All agreed that due to the fact that hall hire has not yet been paid by Pathfinders Cymru as yet, then £200 be deducted from the invoice. Resolved. Chair thanked E. Lye her update. E. Lye left the meeting. Resolved noted.	Clerk to create invoice for the remainder of hall hire due, minus £200.
4755.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that minute 4757 should read L. Jones and not L. Griffiths. Clerk stated that under finance, it should read Staff Wages. All agreed that the remainder of the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4744 Pathfinders Cymru, Clerk gave library update. Resolved. • Following on from minute 4745 Matters Arising, A. Jenkins has not yet picked up the flags from Clerk. Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that A. Jenkins has cut down the tree/bush in the stone planter. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4736 Matters Arising, A. Jenkins recommended that netting may be a cheaper alternative to a higher fence for the MUGA. He will obtain prices and pass on to Clerk. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4745 Matters Arising, it was suggested that S. Mattick be asked to fit the new post will for the new sign for St Illtud's Walk. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4748 Project group Matters Arising, Cllr R. Davies stated that the funding mentioned will not cover replacement equipment. P. Hinder, NPTCBC will look into other possible funding options for council. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4752 Correspondence, Clerk reported that she applied for the defibrillator funding from London Hearts. After grant, total amount to be paid for 2 defibrillators (one for Graig Newydd Green and one for Graig Road) and cabinets would be £2,887.20. Resolved that further quotes be obtained. Cllr R. Davies reported that Charterbrook are able to install defibrillators. Resolved that Clerk make enquiry.	Clerk to amend. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise with Andrew. Clerk to liaise with S. Mattick. Cllr R. Davies to liaise with P. Hinder. Clerk to obtain further quotes. Clerk to liaise with Charterbrook.
4756.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James sent an email to Clerk to report that the foodbank is still very busy. Resolved noted. • The Penrhos satellite has now opened, so that will save them having to deliver to most of Ystradgynlais. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • The Foodbank has taken delivery of 50 turkey crowns for Christmas hampers. Resolved noted. • Chair thanked Cllr C. James for sending her report. Resolved noted.	Cllr C. James to provide updates.
4757.	**Remembrance Sunday 2023** • Clerk reported that she has collected the wreaths and lamp-post poppies from L. Jones. She has made inserts for the wreaths. Cllr R. Townsend has offered to put up the lamp-post poppies in Ystalyfera. Cllrs E.W. Williams and G. Williams will put up the poppies in Godre'r Graig. Resolved. • Cllr R. Llewelyn gave report on planning-progress. Howard Williams is contacting all organisations who will lay wreaths. Resolved noted.	Clerk to deliver poppies.

	• All agreed that Clerk make payment of £50 deposit for the buffet. Resolved noted. It was suggested that the buffet should be delivered to the hall by 10:30am. Resolved noted. • Clerk will add Cllr R. Townsend as Facebook admin for the video of the event. Cllr E.W. Williams will also add video of Sgwâr Godre'r Graig. Resolved noted. • All agreed that Clerk order high-vis vests for the event. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that L. Jones will be able to supply wreaths next year as well. Resolved noted.	Clerk to make BACS payment. Clerk to order.
4758.	**Project Group** • Clerk reported that she had circulated the minutes of the Project Group meeting. Resolved. • Clerk reported that she had received an email from Clare McGrath, Dragon Play to say that one of their contractors had been out to look at the tennis courts in Ystalyfera. Advice was, that before obtaining a lease from NPTCBC for the site, a civil engineer's report would be needed due to the state of the site and drainage problems. Members were disappointed with this news and thought that getting a report would be too expensive. The contractor reported that the courts would need extensive works and re-surfacing (approx. cost £40,000). Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that P. Hinder, NPTCBC may be able to access funding from the Lawn Tennis Association. Resolved that this matter be looked at in a future meeting of the Project Group. • Clerk reported that she is still awaiting a quote from Sutcliffe Play, who she met at Carreg yr Afon Park. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Llewelyn asked Clerk if she could amend the Santa Tour Poster so that it can be used for this year's marketing. Clerk confirmed. Resolved noted. Cllr H. Morgan stated that she will advertise the event on the council's Facebook page. Resolved noted. Clerk reported that she has informed the Police of the event and has made sure that all is sorted and approved with NPTCBC for the Santa Tour. Resolved noted. • Cllr G. Williams stated that he and Cllr E.W. Williams will order lights for the small trees and place the lights on the trees in Godre'r Graig. Cllr A. Jenkins stated that she will put lights on the tree on Farteg Road. Cllr H. Morgan stated that she will put lights on the tree near the Wern Fawr. It was suggested that A. Phillips be asked to put lights on the tree at the Ffynnon. Resolved noted. Pathfinders Cymru have already agreed to decorate the hall and will put lights on the exterior tree as well. Resolved noted. • Cllrs R. Davies and R. Llewelyn stated that they will need the emergency contact number for Centregreat, in the event of a problem with any of the lights in the area. Clerk will pass on information. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that it is important that that the Ystalyfera RFC tree is sorted this year as council don't want any more complaints on Facebook. Members agreed that a budget of £500 be offered to Ystalyfera RFC to obtain lights and installation of the lights. Resolved noted.	Clerk & Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise with P. Hinder. Clerk to amend poster. Cllr G. Williams to order lights. Clerk to liaise with A. Phillips. Clerk to pass on details. Clerk to liaise with RFC.

4759. **PO Box address for Council**

- Clerk reported that due to safeguarding issues, council address needs to be changed from her home address. All agreed that a PO Box be arranged for all council correspondence at a cost of £330 per year. Resolved.

Clerk to arrange.

4760. **Finance**

- Clerk reported that she still has not yet heard from the external auditors. Resolved noted.
- Clerk reported that Member Remuneration payments have increased to £156 per year. She will send out electronic opt-out forms and those who do not wish to receive the payment, will need to opt-out as soon as possible. Those who do not opt-out will receive the payment in November. Resolved noted.
- Clerk reported that she is currently working on the 2024-25 budget. She will arrange a Finance Committee meeting via Zoom in due course to discuss. Resolved noted.
- All agreed that L. Evans be paid per hour at the Clerk's band on PayScale SCP 24 whilst covering Clerk's leave. L. Evans to send timesheets to Clerk. Resolved.

Clerk to send out opt-out forms.

Clerk to arrange meeting.

Clerk to send timesheets to L. Evans.

Accounts: Resolved.

Clerk to make BACS payments.

Ref:	Type:	Payee:	Amount: £
124	DD	NPTCBC Hall Council Tax	£294.00
125	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17
126	PayPal	eBay - Wales Flags & Disabled Toilet Grab Bar	£59.14
127	PayPal	eBay - High-vis vests for events	£37.74
128	BACS	BT Payphone	£133.32
129	BACS	NPTCBC Trade Waste	£276.79
130	BACS	K. Beynon - Remembrance Buffet Deposit	£50.00
131-133	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,378.83
134	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£412.65
135	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£539.48
136	DD	iD Mobile	£38.54
137	BACS	EON Gas	£141.30
138	BACS	BT Broadband	£75.23
139	BACS	Countrywide - Grounds Maintenance	£952.25

4761. **Planning**

- P2023/0655 - Section 73 application to remove condition 1 (agricultural occupancy restriction) of planning permissions 2/2/91/0182/01 dated 21 November 1991 and 2/2/92/0471/02 dated 11 December 1992 - Pant Y Gwanyd Farm Allt Y Grug Farm Road Link To Carreg Pentwyn Farm Ystalyfera SA9 2BE – no objection. Resolved.
- P2023/0690: Detached dwelling (outline with all matters reserved) - Land Adjacent To 189 Graig Road, Godre'r Graig SA9 2NZ – Reviewed at last month's meeting. Additional information given. Members were still concerned as to the location of this proposed dwelling as it would be underneath the quarry slag heap that caused the school to be closed down. The tip may be unstable. Members would wish to raise the same

Clerk to send response to NPTCBC.

	concerns as last month regarding this. Clerk to send in concerns. Resolved noted. • P2023/0483 - Proposed use of property for home working business purposes ancillary to dwellinghouse - 2 Llys Cambrian Godre'r Graig SA9 2EY – no objection. Resolved. • P2019/5532 - Change of use from club to 5 apartments with external alterations, together with the construction of 2 No. semi-detached and 2 No. detached dwellings, car parking, drainage works and construction of shared drive and associated works (amended plans and information received) - 30 Commercial Street, Ystalyfera SA9 2HR – members felt the plan for 5 apartments plus other dwellings was too much as there is not the infrastructure to support this. It was stated that there is not enough room for parking on the road, particularly at peak times due to Tiddlywinks, and proposed new parking for the proposed apartments and dwellings is not sufficient. Clerk to send in concerns. Resolved.	
4762.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that the 'Safer Ystalyfera' event run by NPTCBC will be at the hall next Tuesday 24th October from 1:30-4:30pm. All welcome and a free cup of tea/coffee for all attendees. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that works are being carried out by S. Mattick on the drains, gutters and disabled toilet. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that KDY Electrics can fit a hand-dryer for the disabled toilet. Keith is asking what type we would like. It was suggested that Clerk liaise with E. Lye as to which would be best for disabled hall-users. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
4763.	**Correspondence** • C. Davies, NPTCBC Libraries – response to Clerk's letter stating that there will be funding available for the project plus children's books. Cllr A. Llewelyn had also had a word with the libraries and IT departments at NPTCBC. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Ystalyfera RFC – Facebook post asking for another meeting with council regarding the MUGA and balls affecting the clubhouse roof. Cllr S. Thomas offered to arrange a meeting. Cllr G. Williams also offered to attend a meeting. Resolved noted. • A. Gough, Centregreat – email stating that lots of garlands are no longer working and will need replacing. Members stated that they would have to be replaced no matter the cost as Christmas lights in Ystalyfera are expected. Resolved noted. • B. Crosby, MICNPT – happy to help with the St Dwynwen / Burns night event. It was suggested that Cllr C. James comes up with an action plan to organise the event. Resolved noted. • B. Blackmore, NPTCBC – Draft Heritage Strategy Consultation. Resolved that Clerk forward to Members. • Cllr A. Llewelyn – a phone number for D.A. Jones, Presbyterians has been acquired. Details have been forwarded to Cllr E.W. Williams and Clerk.	Cllrs S. Thomas & G. Williams to meet with RFC. Clerk to send contact details to Cllr S. Thomas. Clerk to liaise. Cllr C. James to devise action plan. Clerk to forward.

	Resolved that a zoom meeting be arranged to discuss the future of the former Jerusalem Chapel site.	Cllrs A. Llewelyn & E.W. Williams to arrange meeting.
	The meeting ended at 8:50pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place online on 16th November 2023 at 7pm.	