CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Ystalyfera Development Trust and via Zoom on 21st September 2023 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Vice-chair) Cllrs. Rhian Llewelyn, Ann Jenkins, Rosalyn Davies, Ann Lewis, Hayley Morgan, Julie Jones, Steve Thomas (online), Dan Davey (online), Rachel Townsend (late arrival)

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	Personal
Cllr. Terry Flynn	Personal
Cllr. Simon Prothero	Holiday
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working

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4743.	**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. Resolved. Clerk reported that she has arranged cover for meetings during her adoption leave. Linda Evans, Clerk of Blaengwrach Community Council has agreed to set the agenda, attend meetings, type minutes and deal with any urgent matters only. Members were pleased with this news. Clerk will continue to carry out RFO role and basic Clerking during her 10 keeping in touch days whilst she is off on leave. L. Evans cannot attend on the third Thursday of the month due to a clash with Blaengwrach Community Council meeting. It was therefore suggested that during Clerk's leave, meetings should be held on the second Thursday of the month instead. Standing order relating to day of meeting to be suspended. All agreed. Resolved.	
4744.	**Pathfinders Cymru Update – E. Lye & B. Knight** Chair welcomed E. Lye and B. Knight to the meeting. E. Lye explained that the Summer Holiday Scheme had gone very well. They had more applicants than spaces available. There were a mix of abilities, lots of children with disabilities and lots without. They integrated and played well together and made friends. This was a very positive outcome. The children experienced lots of varied activities during the sessions including cooking, arts & crafts etc. E. Lye and B. Knight went on to explain that they have also been running sessions for home educators which is also over-subscribed. Members were very impressed with this news. E. Lye and B. Knight explained that unfortunately there had been little uptake for the Saturday club so they decided not to go ahead with this, but they will continue with the Holiday Club throughout all of the school holidays. E. Lye and B. Knight reported that the Community Hall garden space has been transformed. A carpenter has helped them make raised planting beds, a water table and a wooden garden swing that is great for sensory play. They received all of the grants applied for, which was excellent news. NPTCBC grant came through very late, so the flowers cannot be planted this year. They will try to create a	

	growing and cooking garden next year. Keep Wales Tidy helped with planting edible plants, and they now have a lot of adaptive tools. E. Lye and B. Knight explained that the library is not yet open as they have had problems with NPTCBC IT department and the libraries department. IT will not issue a computer for the library – they want Pathfinders Cymru to pay approx. £800 for a laptop of their specification. Libraries Department have said that as it will be a community library, 70% of the stock needs to be for older people in large print. Members agreed that this was ridiculous and that the whole idea of the library is that it would be a library for everyone but with a large emphasis on books for children and teens. NPTCBC stated that they have no member of staff that can visit their warehouse to look for children's books. Members thought this was ridiculous. Resolved that Cllr A. Llewelyn be told about this matter and that Council write a letter of support to NPTCBC regarding the library. E. Lye and B. Knight stated that the drains outside the centre need cleaning. Resolved that Clerk liaise with S. Mattick regarding this matter. E. Lye and B. Knight also reported that the hall is not well cleaned. They found nappies dumped in the urinals after Tiddlywinks had been. Resolved that Clerk write to Tiddlywinks and speak to Caretaker. E. Lye stated that the disabled toilet door has warped. Clerk will speak to S. Mattick about fixing this. Resolved noted. Chair thanked E. Lye and B. Knight for their update and congratulated them on their success. Resolved noted.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to speak to IT and Library depts. Clerk to write letter of support. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to contact Tiddlywinks and Caretaker. Clerk to liaise.
4745.	**Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising:** All agreed that the minutes were a correct record - **Resolved.** • Following on from minute 4736 Matters Arising, Clerk reported she will ask A. Jenkins to change the flags over in Ystalyfera. Resolved. • Following on from minute 4736 Matters Arising, A. Jenkins stated that he will cut down the tree/bush in the stone planter in the coming fortnight. 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 4736 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that she had received an email of apology from L. Davies, Headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera for any inconvenience or damage caused to the Rugby Club roof by any Sixth formers. Resolved noted. • Following on from minute 4742 correspondence, Cllr R. Davies stated that a new post will be needed for the new sign for St Illtud's Walk. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise with Andrew. Clerk to order post.
4746.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C. James sent an email to Clerk to report that the foodbank is still very busy. Resolved noted. • The Penrhos satellite will be opening later this month, so that will save them having to deliver to most of Ystradgynlais. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Due to the Penrhos satellite, they have more volunteers. Members were pleased with this news. Resolved noted. • Chair thanked Cllr C. James for sending her report. Resolved noted.	Cllr C. James to provide updates.

4747.	**Remembrance Sunday 2023** • Clerk reported that she has arranged the road closure with Amberon and submitted all paperwork to NPTCBC for the event. Resolved. • Cllr R. Llewelyn will organise a meeting to discuss the event with S. Northcott, Howard Williams etc. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that a buffet be provided in the community hall after the event. Members thought this would be a good idea. Cllr R. Townsend offered to arrange this. Resolved noted. • Cllr S. Thomas stated that he will bring his sound system to the event. Members thanked him for doing this. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that NPTCBC stated that they will deliver letters to residents regarding the road closure. Clerk will check if there is a cost for this service. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that Clerk contact L. Jones asap to find out if he can order wreaths for the council. Resolved noted.	Clerk to check with Special Events that they have info required. Cllr R. Llewelyn to arrange meeting. Cllr R. Townsend to book buffet. Cllr S. Thomas to bring sound system. Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC. Clerk to phone L. Jones.
4748.	**Project Group** • Clerk reported that she had met with representatives from Dragon Play and Adventure Playgrounds Wales to look at the surfacing and multi-play unit at Carreg yr Afon Park. Quotes received below: **- Dragon Play:** Wooden Multi unit £5,519.00 Installation £2,975.00 Rubber Mulch Surfacing £10,245.00 Removal of existing unit £1,299.00 Heras fencing and waste removal £750.00 Delivery £999.00 **Total £21,787.00 + VAT** **- Adventure Playgrounds Wales:** Heras fencing and welfare facilities £850.00 Surfacing - Remove and dispose 116m2 of rubber tiles £3,712.00 OR Remove tiles only and council to dispose £2,320.00 Prep existing stonework and supply and install 116m of fleck wetpour £9,049.00 Replacement options for multi play unit - STEEL+ 1708 £13,921.00 **WOODEN WD1410 £11,181.00** 137132M Activity Tower £19,461.00 **Total (with wooden multi play unit) £23,400.00 + VAT** • Clerk is awaiting a quote from Sutcliffe Play, who she will meet at the site next week. 3 quotes will be available for the next meeting of council. Resolved noted. • Clerk reported that she took the representatives of the companies to see the tennis courts. One suggested revamping one tennis court. The other company suggested revamping one tennis court and painting the other one as a fun road layout for children to learn road safety. It could be used for bikes, scooters etc. Members thought this was an excellent idea. Approx cost for this from Dragon Play would be £10,000 for one court. Members asked for a cost for both courts as this would mean a larger area for road safety markings. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with Sutcliffe Play. Clerk to obtain further quotes.

	• Clerk reported that there is a drainage issue at the tennis courts that would need sorting out before council take on a lease from NPTCBC. A disabled access ramp would also be needed. Resolved noted. • Cllr R Davies stated that there may be funding available to carry out these projects from a 'Levelling up fund'. She will find out more about this. Resolved noted. • It was agreed that the next meeting of the Project Group be organised by Chair of the Project Group in due course. Resolved.	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC. Cllr R. Davies to enquire. Cllr E.W. Williams to set up next meeting.
4749.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she still has not yet heard from the external auditors. Resolved noted. **Accounts:** Resolved. **Ref: Type: Payee: Amount: £** 108 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £294.00 109 DD Survey Monkey £44.17 110 BACS SSE - Godre'r Graig MUGA £384.88 111 BACS SSE - Community Hall £375.62 112 BACS SSE - Ystalyfera MUGA £361.70 113 BACS EON Gas £106.40 114 BACS Countrywide - Grounds Maintenance £952.25 115 BACS Countrywide - Grounds Maintenance £952.25 116 DD iD Mobile £38.54 117-19 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,401.85 120 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £429.48 121 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £528.12 122 BACS BT Broadband £75.23 123 BACS Amberon-Road Closure Remembrance Sunday £993.40	Clerk to make BACS payments.
4750.	**Planning** • P2023/0596: Proposed loft conversion with two velux roof lights within front elevation roof-space and dormer extension to rear projecting over existing flat roof two storey rear extension - 7 Clyngwyn Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2AE – no objection. Resolved noted. • P2023/0607: Retention of new vehicular access, parking area and associated retaining walls – Camelot, Graig Road, Godre'r Graig SA9 2NX – no objection. Resolved noted. • P2023/0478: Proposed increase in the ridge height of dwellinghouse, attic conversion including x2 rear pitched roof dormers and x2 front pitched roof dormers with roof light on front elevation, garage conversion and replacement parking, detached outbuilding in rear garden & associated works - 3 Graig Y Fforest, Godre'r Graig SA9 2DP – no objection. Resolved noted. • P2023/0690: Detached dwelling (outline with all matters reserved) - Land Adjacent To 189 Graig Road, Godre'r Graig SA9 2NZ – Members were 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	Clerk to send response to NPTCBC.

	down. The tip may be unstable. Members would wish to raise concerns regarding this. Clerk to send in concerns. Resolved noted.	
4751.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that the new tables still have not arrived. She has followed up with Rosehill Furnishings who said there was a problem with manufacturing. They said delivery will be imminent. Clerk will follow up again next week. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that the Caretaker's number be placed on council's Facebook page in order to aid with hall bookings. Resolved noted. • It was suggested that a Management Committee meeting be held to discuss hall cleaning. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to add number. Clerk to set up meeting.
4752.	**Correspondence** • Cllr C. James – request to arrange Burns/St Dwynwen's event in memory of Cllr Brian Hastie. Members thought this was an excellent idea. Members happy for Cllr C. James to arrange. Cllr R. Davies stated that she will book Godre'r Graig Workingmen's Club for Friday 26th January 2024. Cllr R. Llewelyn stated that she will book Geraint and the band for the twmpath. It was suggested that Clerk contact MICNPT to ask for support. It was suggested that an entrance fee of £5 be charged for adults, with children entering for free. Resolved noted. • Ystalyfera Bowls Club – email of thanks for donation. Resolved noted. • Slow Ways National Walking Network – Clerk to forward to Cllr R. Davies Resolved noted. • 4theRegion – NPT Food Partnership. Clerk to forward to Cllr C. James. Resolved noted. • C. Hall, NPTCBC – advice on planning permission to increase MUGA fencing height. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn – response from Presbyterians regarding the site of the former Jerusalem Chapel. A meeting will be arranged. Resolved noted. • Cllr R. Davies – defibrillator funding. Clerk to look into this. Resolved noted. • Ystalyfera RFC – request for further meeting. Nothing to add to previous discussion. Council will sort a net or higher fence. It was suggested that the club be offered funds for new Christmas tree lights up to £500, but that they sort out installation themselves. Resolved noted. • Cllr S. Thomas stated that Carreg yr Afon Park has not had the grass cut for 5 weeks. Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise and design poster. Clerk to forward. Clerk to forward. Cllrs A. Llewelyn & E.W. Williams to arrange meeting. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 8:20pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. The next meeting of council will take place at Ystalyfera Development Trust and online on 19th October 2023 at 6:30pm.	