CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the YDT and online via Zoom on 8th February 2025 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Terry Flynn (Chair) Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Cathy James, Julie Jones, Ann Lewis, Ann Jenkins, Geraint Williams, Daniel Davey, Alun Llewelyn (online), Rhian Llewellyn (online), Rachel Townsend (online) and Hayley Morgan (online)

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr E W Williams	Unwell
Cllr S Thomas	

		ACTION
4792.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** The Chair welcomed everyone at the meeting (and online) and started the meeting at 7.00 pm. Cllrs R Davies, C James and A Llewellyn declared an interest in Agenda Item Planning - being members of NPTCBC Planning Committee.	
4793.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** Amendments to the draft minutes for the meeting held on 11th January 2024: Cllr R Thomas and Cllr H Morgan had sent their apologies. Agenda Item 4790 Community Hall Labour Cost should have read £462 + VAT. With the following amendments it was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2024 were a correct record – **RESOLVED** **Matters Arising:** • Following on from minute 4774 New Tables – there is no update regarding refund from the Clerk – to remain on the agenda. • Following on from minute 4774 Defibrillators – Cllr A Llewellyn proposed that photos be taken of the position of all local defibrillators and these be posted on Council FB for residents' information and to raise awareness. That training sessions be made available for members of the public who are interested in learning how to use the equipment. Possible providers were discussed: St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, and British Heart Foundation. **RESOLVED** Clerk to investigate training opportunities for the public. Cllr R Davies has shared information on further funding for defibrillators. **RESOLVED** Noted	Clerk to update Council Clerk
4794.	**Foodbank Update** • Cllr C James informed the Council that the Foodbank AGM had been completed and that she would bring an update to the next meeting. **RESOLVED**	Cllr C. James to provide updates.
4795.	**Grass Cutting -** Council requested that a report on tenders be brought to the next meeting. **RESOLVED**	Clerk and Cllr S Thomas
4796.	**Project Group**	

	MUGA Lighting : • Cllr S Thomas had sent the Clerk an update for the meeting – The work has commenced, but delayed while waiting for brackets to arrive. Ynysmedyw will be completed first. **RESOLVED and Noted** **Heritage Walk** • Cllr EW Williams sent a thank you to all those who attended the meeting and who had sent their apologies. The meeting went well. Cllr E W Williams will update the Council when he is able to. **RESOLVED** **Planters** • No update from Cllr S Thomas. Cllrs are concerned that there will be a repeat of last year's late planting. Cllr R Llewellyn proposed that residents living close to planters are approached to help water during dry periods of weather. Cllr R Llewellyn is happy to take responsibility for this to be actioned, and requested a list of all Planters in the area **RESOLVED** Clerk to request the list is made available for Cllr R Llewellyn so an action plan is made. **St Dwynwen / Burns Night Event** • Councillors that had attended the event had thoroughly enjoyed, entertainment and the haggis was well received. Cllr C James reported that £170.00 had been received on the night from ticket sales. £300.00 in total. The donation of £150.00 was received from YDT. The event had a £120.00 overall spend. **RESOLVED** • Using Eventbrite had attracted attendances from outside the area, though the attendance from the community was lower than had been hoped. **RESOLVED and Noted** • Councillors who had attended the event thanked the Choir for attending and providing a "sing a long" On reflection, it would be a good idea to provide a song book at the next event with Welsh and Scottish songs for group singing. The Choir finished earlier than planned and the Chair passed on an apology for any confusion. **RESOLVED**	Cllr E W Williams Cllr S Thomas Cllr R Jenkins Clerk
4797.	**Finance** • Clerk has requested that Councillors wishing to receive the Councillor Renumeration Expense this year, please sent their bank details to the Council email address, and if wishing to claim the additional consumable expense of £52.00 to request this in the email. **RESOLVED and noted** • The following payments were reported for payment Jan/Feb 2024. **RESOLVED**	All Councillors

204	PayPal	Adobe Systems - Acrobat Pro	£29.96
205	DD	iD Mobile	£38.54
206	BACS	L. Evans - Minutes (Clerk cover)	£68.64
207	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£2,172.98
210	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£282.80
211	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£408.72
212	BACS	BT Broadband	£66.25
213	BACS	E-ON	£1,074.91
214	BACS	BT Payphone	£133.32
215	DD	NPTCBC Hall Council Tax	£294.00
216	DD	Dwr Cymru	£100.00
217	DD	Survey Monkey	£44.17

4798.	**Planning** **RESOLVED** no questions or objections to the following applications: **Application Number: P2022/0697 -** Applicants Name /Address: Adrian Williams Nant Y Deri 129 Cilmaengwyn Road Cilmaengwyn Pontardawe Swansea Neath Port Talbot SA8 4QN. Site Location: Nant Y Deri 129 Cilmaengwyn Road Cilmaengwyn Pontardawe Swansea Neath Port Talbot SA8 4QN. First floor side and single storey rear extensions to include roof alterations. Plus retrospective application for the construction of an approximately 2.4m high garden retaining wall and amendment to the design of the detached garage approved under application no. P2020/0999. (additional information received 16/01/2024 relating to existing retaining wall and detached garage) **Application Number: P2022/0683 -** Applicants Name /Address: Mr C Mylan 210 Mansel Road Bonymaen SWANSEA SA1 7JT. Site Location: Garage Depot Cilmaengwyn Road Cilmaengwyn Pontardawe SA8 4QN. Proposed Development: Retrospective change of use from a former bus depot to a landscaping business with two ancillary storage buildings, material loading bays and associated lighting (Noise Report Rec 8-1-24)	
4799.	**Community Hall** • Cllr G Williams reported to the Meeting that S Mattick had attended the Hall and fitted the handles as requested. He had also repaired the trip hazard through to the Kitchen. There had been no time to paint in the store room, but he will schedule a date to complete the work. Cllrs passed on their thanks to S Mattick for the work done. **RESOLVED** • Cllr G Williams will bring along maps of the footpaths to the YDT. Cllr R Jenkins will post on FB their availability**. RESOLVED**	Cllr G Williams Cllr R Jenkins
	Correspondence • Email from M Pugh – Question for the Council – The email regarded a proposal for 160 homes within Ystalyfera and the consequences on parking and traffic increase. Cllr A Llewellyn informed the Meeting that the email concerned a preapplication consultation for the Tibach Washery site, with the probable entrance being off the bypass. Councillors discussed the current issues of parking and traffic through the Village. Cllr A Llewellyn informed the Meeting that NPTCBC Highways were currently undertaking a survey into parking in the area. **RESOLVED** Cllr A Llewellyn will respond to Mr Pugh	Cllr A Llewellyn
4801.	**Godre'r Graig School Building** • Cllr G Williams has been approached by residents living near the site with concerns about the impending demolition of the school, and he and Cllr E W Williams share their concerns. There is little information being provided and Cllr G Williams has posed several questions to Council Members that sit on the Planning Committee. Concerns include the scheduled date of demolition, the value of properties in the vicinity and the attractiveness of the proposed Bund. With the information that is available Cllr R Davies was able to let the Meeting know that the demolition date would not be 1st March 2024, with the probability of commencing in the Summer Months. The Bund will be landscaped and planted with wild flowers. Cllr R Davies has answered the questions via	

	email, and the Clerk will circulate to all Councillors after the meeting. **RESOLVED** • It was proposed that the Chair write a letter to NPTCBC Planning Department for information on the planned demolition stages. **RESOLVED** • Cllr A Llewellyn informed the Meeting that no current update on the new school is available and this is will be in the hands of the Welsh Government. **RESOLVED**	Clerk Chair Cllr T Bishop
	The meeting ended at 7.54 pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Meeting will be held on 14th March 2025. **Chair Cllr T Flynn gave an apology in advance, and will not be available to attend the next meeting.**	