CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Ystalyfera Development Trust and online via Zoom on

20th December 2024 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Chair)
Cllrs. Alun Llewelyn, Rosalyn Davies, Rhian Llewelyn, Hayley Morgan, Ann Lewis (late), Ann Jenkins (late), Kim Hopkins (online), Emyr Wyn Williams (online)

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Julie Jones	Personal
Cllr. Steve Thomas	Personal
Cllr. Dan Davey	Personal
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Working

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4888.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting at 7.00pm. Cllrs A Llewelyn and R Davies declared an interest in item 5, Planning, as members of NPTCBC to avoid predetermination. Cllrs A Jenkins and A Lewis declared an interest in item 4 (Grants section only). **Resolved.**	
4889.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2024 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 4877 Matters Arising – J Bayliss has planted all of the bulbs. S Nicholls has taken away baskets and troughs to take to the nursery for seeding. He has missed 2 troughs – Clerk has informed him of this, and he will return to collect them ASAP. **Resolved**. • Further to Minute 4877 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has put together the National Lottery Community Fund application and will add the financial information (quotes) once they are received. As soon as she receives them, she will submit the forms. **Resolved noted.** • Further to Minute 4877 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Cllr S Thomas had looked over the planning application for the MUGA netting and will get it ready to submit in January. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4877 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn reported that the renovation works at the aqueduct had been completed. Members were pleased with this. **Resolved noted**. • Further to minute 4877 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn suggested that a letter be sent to NPTCBC from Council to ask for an update on the 'Hen Bont' building in Ystalyfera. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Cllr S Thomas to add information and submit. Clerk to write letter.

	• Further to minute 4878 Christmas 2024 – Members and Clerk reported that the Santa Trike Tour had gone very well. Santa was excellent and positive feedback had been received on Facebook and in person to Members. It was suggested that a Thank You message to Santa and all of the local people who have decorated trees and houses in the area be placed in the Community Mag. Cllr A Llewelyn & Clerk will put together a suitable article. It was suggested that these people could be recognised in a Volunteer Awards that will be discussed in the January meeting. It was also suggested that Santa be booked again for next year ASAP. All agreed that 12/12/2025 be booked. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4878 Christmas 2024 - Clerk reported that all trees now have lights – some more batteries may be needed. Chair and Cllr EW Williams stated that they will go around all of the trees before Christmas to change the batteries to make sure they are all lit for Christmas. They explained that a lot of the lights are ruined by the weather and accidentally cut by NPTCBC while doing maintenance works – this is why many must be replaced every year. Cllr A Lewis thanked them both, and all Members involved in installing the lights for their work. **Resolved noted.** It was reported that the Christmas tree at the Community Hall did not have any lights – Pathfinders did this last year. Cllr R Llewelyn suggested not having a tree at the hall next year as very few people see it and it would be a cost saving. She also suggested that the tree at the Ystalyfera Foodbank may not be necessary due to the fact that the New Swan (opposite) has a large tree on the pavement as well. Cllr H Morgan stated that most villages only have one tree. It was suggested that Christmas as a whole be reviewed in February 2025 once options are known for new lamppost decorations. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4879 Project Group – Cllr A Jenkins reported that the sinkhole had been filled. She stated that the safety surfacing within the park needs repair. Cllr A Llewelyn suggested that Cllr A Jenkins send photos to him of the surfacing so that he can pass on to the relevant department. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to book for 2025. Cllr A Llewelyn and Clerk to come up with article. Clerk to put on February agenda. Cllr A Jenkins to send photos to Cllr A Llewelyn.
4890.	**Project Group** **MUGA:** • Clerk reported that there is a delay on the delivery of the new lights. They will be received by the supplier tomorrow and will be delivered to S Pinner ASAP. He will install the lights at Ystalyfera MUGA as soon as they are delivered. S Pinner has already prepared the posts and removed the old lights so that the new ones can go on ASAP. **Resolved noted.** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that she and Cllr EW Williams have tweaked the funding application and re-submitted. Awaiting a response. **Resolved noted.** **Defibrillators** • Clerk reported that KDY can connect the electrics for the defibrillator on Graig Newydd Green with no issues. He has ordered some parts and will complete ASAP. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that KDY cannot connect the electric opposite Sgwâr Godre'r Graig as the electricity supply that was for the old kiosk has been	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

	completely removed. Clerk has therefore been in touch with National Grid to see if a supply can be connected. She has completed forms and is awaiting a quote for the works. **Resolved noted.** • Once all defibrillators are in place, Clerk will create a map for the website, Community Mag and Facebook and inform the Ambulance Service of their locations. **Resolved noted.** **Parks** • Clerk reported that Sovereign Play are coming out to quote on both the swing for Parc Y Gnoll and Timber Trail for Carreg yr Afon Parks in January. Dragon Play have already been out – awaiting quote. Sutcliffe are quoting without coming out as they know the layout of the parks in question. **Resolved noted.** • Cllrs A & R Llewelyn suggested that the parks need some maintenance works. Some are looking tired. Clerk stated that lots of the smaller jobs could be carried out by the Handyperson. Larger jobs will need to be looked at in more depth and costed appropriately. Members agreed to discuss this further in the next meeting of the Project Group. **Resolved noted.** **Cenotaph** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that he has been in touch with the War Memorial Trust, there may be some funding available for renewing the plaques. He has already sent photos to show the erosion on the current plaques. They recommend replacing with bronze, but slate will suffice if the bronze is too expensive. Delyth Lewis, NPTCBC may be able to advise on this project. **Resolved noted.** It was agreed that the next meeting of the Project Group be held on Thursday 30th January at 6:30pm via Zoom. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to create & place on website. Clerk to get further quotes. Members to discuss in PG Meeting. Cllr A Llewelyn to forward information to Clerk. Cllr EW Williams to send out agenda.
4891.	**Finance, Budget 2025-26, Precept 2025-26 and Grants** • Clerk reported that the Finance Committee Meeting had gone well. Minutes of meeting were circulated before tonight's meeting. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk summarised budget. Members agreed and approved budget. **Resolved.** • Precept was discussed and reviewed. Clerk explained that as per Finance Committee recommendation, she had reallocated £5,000 from the *Parks* budget to *Events* in order to cover the cost of new Christmas lights for Ystalyfera. Cllr A Llewelyn asked if £35,000 was likely to be enough for the *Parks* budget. Clerk explained that the budget would need to be monitored frequently to ensure funds available for essential works. Reserves were considered. **All agreed** to set the precept for 2025-26 at £125,000.00 as per Finance Committee recommendation. **Resolved.** • It was suggested that as large grants were not being applied for at the moment, that the Survey Monkey subscription be cancelled in order to save funds. **Resolved.** • It was agreed that more Finance Committee Meetings be scheduled for budget monitoring purposes. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to inform A Hinder, NPTCBC of the precept. Clerk to cancel subscription.

	Accounts: RESOLVED 151 DD Survey Monkey £44.17 152 PP PayPal - Adobe Systems £29.96 153 BACS D Crisp - 1st Aid cover - Santa tour £100.00 154 BACS iD Mobile £36.92 155 BACS James Bayliss – Bulbs, planters, grass (final cut) £1,091.66 156 BACS Viking Office Depot £313.73 157 BACS Ystalyfera Development Trust - room hire £26.50 158 BACS Ystalyfera Development Trust - room hire £52.00 159 BACS SSE - Godre'r Graig MUGA £97.48 160 BACS SSE - Ystalyfera MUGA £506.76 161 BACS E-ON Next - Hall Gas £40.60 162 BACS SSE - Community Hall £137.49 163 BACS Cooke & Arkwright - Alltygrug Park Lease £250.00 164-7 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,889.53 168 BACS City & County Swansea Pension £607.81 169 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £466.80 170 BACS Cllr G Williams - led lights & batteries reimbur £14.27 171 Chq. J Austin - Honorarium £100.00 172 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £309.00 173 PP eBay - Hall visitor book £7.87 174 BACS T.A. Handford - Honorarium Alltygrug Park £100.00 175 BACS G. Griffiths - Honorarium Penyrallt Park £100.00 176 BACS W. Jones - Honorarium Carreg Yr Afon Park £100.00 177 BACS S. Mansell - Honorarium Parc Y Gnoll £100.00 178 BACS A. Phillips - Honorarium Ffynnon Cwmtwrch £100.00 179 BACS Ynysmeudwy FC - Honorarium GG MUGA £100.00 **Resolved** that Grant Applications were received and awarded as follows: - Ystalyfera Bowls Club £100 - Ystalyfera RFC Under 7s & 8s £100 - Pathfinders Cymru £100 - Wales Air Ambulance £50 - Community Connector Team £100 - Morgan's Army £510 (donation as thanks for Santa Tour as Santa did not charge for his services but asked for a donation to Morgan's Army. Members decided to award a sum equal to what has been paid contractors for the Santa tour in the past). **Resolved.**	Clerk to make BACS payments. Clerk to pay grants.
4892.	**Planning** There were no planning applications for review. **Resolved noted.**	
4893.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that all jobs highlighted by Cllr A Llewelyn had been completed by Handyperson. Members were pleased with this. **Resolved noted.** • It was suggested that new windows be costed in the new year. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to arrange quotes

	• Cllr R Davies suggested that a signing-in book be purchased for the hall to aid health and safety. Members thought this was a good idea. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr EW Williams reported that much of the material and signage used by Pathfinders Cymru in the hall is in English only. Cllr R Llewelyn offered to provide translations to the group. Chair stated that he will meet with the group to discuss. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr EW Williams reported that the outside space needs tidying and the interior needs painting. Handyperson can complete painting and clearing works. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to order. Chair to meet with group. Clerk to liaise with Handyperson.
4894.	**Correspondence** • S Cometson – email to explain their plan for an off-grid development on land at the top of Alltygrug. Members stated that the project sounded interesting and will look forward to seeing the planning application when it is submitted. **Resolved noted.** • NPTCBC – Local Development Plan – Clerk will forward to Members. Cllr A Llewelyn stated that it was important for Members to take a look at the LDP. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to forward.
	The meeting ended at 8:30pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas. **Next Meeting will be held on 16th January 2024.**	