CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held online via Zoom on

16th January 2025 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Chair) Cllrs. Rhian Llewelyn, Steve Thomas, Julie Jones, Rosalyn Davies, Dan Davey, Kim Hopkins, Cathy James, Alun Llewelyn, Ann Jenkins, Ann Lewis

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Hayley Morgan	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Personal

		ACTION
4895.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the online meeting and started the meeting at 7.00pm. Cllrs A Llewelyn and R Davies declared an interest in item 6, Planning, as members of NPTCBC to avoid predetermination. **Resolved.**	
4896.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2024 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 4889 Matters Arising – the trough on the A4067 has now been taken – check if the one on Graig Road has been taken. **Resolved noted**. • Further to Minute 4889 Matters Arising – Cllr S Thomas reported that he had added the extra documents to the planning application for the MUGA netting and submitted to NPTCBC, but now they are asking for additional documents and plans. He is working on getting this done and will get it ready to submit by February. Clerk thanked him for his help on this. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4889 Matters Arising – Clerk read response to letter regarding the 'Hen Bont' building in Ystalyfera. There must have been some confusion as the person who responded thought that we were asking who owned the building. Cllr A Llewelyn suggested contacting Ceri Morris at NPTCBC. He will forward contact details to Clerk. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4889 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she will book the trike for the Santa Tour for 12/12/2025 tomorrow. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4889 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn reported that the sinkhole and safety surfacing issues had been reported to NPTCBC Parks Section. He thanked Cllr A Jenkins for the photos she provided. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to check. Cllr S Thomas to add information and submit. Clerk to forward letter to C Morris. Clerk to book.

4897.	**Project Group** **MUGA:** • Clerk reported that she had spoken to Gareth from SJB Floodlighting and the lights have now been delivered to them. They will dispatch to S Pinner ASAP. S Pinner will install the lights at Ystalyfera MUGA as soon as they are delivered. **Resolved noted.** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that she had received an email from SJ Clements, NPTCBC asking for further information for the awarding panel. Clerk has answered all queries and returned. A decision should be imminent. **Resolved noted.** **Defibrillators** • Clerk reported that KDY have connected the electrics for the defibrillator on Graig Newydd Green. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that she set up the defibrillator for Graig Newydd Green and has placed in the cabinet. Defibrillator is now in place and fully functional. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported she has completed forms for National Grid regarding load of cabinet etc. She is awaiting a firm quotation for the works. **Resolved noted.** **Parks** • Clerk reported that Sovereign Play are coming out on Monday to quote on both the swing for Parc Y Gnoll and Timber Trail for Carreg yr Afon Parks in January. Dragon Play have provided a quote for the timber trail: £14,752.00. Members thought this was quite expensive and agreed to wait for further quotes before considering further. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Llewelyn suggested that each of the parks need to be discussed in turn at the Project Group meeting to agree a way forward for much needed maintenance. **Resolved noted.** **Cenotaph** • Cllr A Llewelyn passed on some information to Clerk regarding the War Memorial Trust. He has tried contacting D Lewis, NPTCBC but is awaiting a response. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that although the plaques are structurally sound, the aesthetics need to be an ongoing project as names of the soldiers lost need to be preserved. **Resolved noted.** **Tennis Courts** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that the Projects Team at NPTCBC are currently in discussions with the Lawn Tennis Association regarding the tennis courts. If they are chosen for works, there would be no cost to the Community Council. Members were pleased with this news. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to get further quotes. Members to discuss in PG Meeting. Cllr A Llewelyn to liaise with D Lewis. Cllr A Llewelyn to liaise.

	The next meeting of the Project Group will be held on Thursday 30th January at 6:30pm via Zoom. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr EW Williams to send out agenda.
4898.	**Volunteer Awards 2025** • Chair raised the prospect of holding a Volunteer Awards Ceremony to thank volunteers who work tirelessly in our area. Members thought this was a good idea. **Resolved.** • Chair suggested that Members suggest nominations at the Project Group Meeting. Cllr S Thomas suggested that nominations could also be asked for on Facebook. Members thought this was a good idea. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Davies suggested giving out certificates to the recipients. Members thought this was a good idea. **Resolved.** • Cllr S Thomas suggested that this event would have a feel-good factor and that it would be a good news story for the community. • Cllr R Llewelyn suggested following the structure of the Pontardawe Town Council awards evening. **Resolved noted.** • It was agreed that a day and time for the event would be discussed in the Project Group meeting. **Resolved.**	Clerk to put on FB. Clerk to design certificates. Clerk to liaise with PTC. Cllr EW Williams to place on PG agenda.
4899.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she has cancelled the Survey Monkey subscription as advised. **Resolved.** • Clerk reported that the Precept for 2025-26 was accepted by NPTCBC. **Resolved.** • Clerk reported that the final Precept payment for 2024-25 has been received. It is hoped that reserves will not have to be used to fund the remainder of the payments for this financial year. The largest payment is expected to be to Centregreat Ltd for the Christmas lighting. **Resolved noted.**	

Accounts: RESOLVED

180	BACS	Morgan's Army - Donation for Santa Tour	£500.00
181	BACS	Ystalyfera Bowls Club - Grant Donation	£100.00
182	BACS	Ystalyfera RFC Under 7's - Grant Donation	£100.00
183	BACS	Pathfinders Cymru - Grant Donation	£0*
184	BACS	Wales Air Ambulance - Grant donation	£50.00
185	BACS	Community Connector Team (Via YDT)	£100.00
186	BACS	Ystalyfera Development Trust - room hire	£20.00
187	BACS	KDY Electrics - Defib installation - GN Green	£146.00
188	BACS	One Vocie Wales - training	£40.00
189	BACS	SSE Community Hall Electric	£761.32
190	BACS	E-ON Next - Hall Gas	£183.79
191	BACS	NPTCBC Lease Penyrallt Park	£200.00
192	DD	Dwr Cymru	£108.25
193	BACS	BT Payphone	£133.32
194	BACS	BT Broadband	£166.76
195	BACS	Starboard Systems - Scribe Accounts Renewal	£676.80

Clerk to make BACS payments.
*Pathfinders Cymru opted to have £100 taken off of their annual hall rental bill instead of receiving the grant payment.

	196-199 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2794.32 200 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £588.87	
4900.	**Planning** • P2024/0718 - Proposed part two storey rear extension (including first floor side elevation bedroom window) and single storey rear and side extension (including bi-fold doors to the rear, access door to the front and 2no. floor to ceiling windows on eastern side elevation). Proposed installation of 1 no. first floor bathroom window in existing rear elevation, and 1 no. bedroom window on first floor existing side elevation - 1 Wernwood Road Ystalyfera SA9 2NE – no objections. **Resolved noted.** • P2024/0779 - Works to two trees covered by tree preservation order T128. Proposed works are as follows: T1 Sycamore – Fell, T2 Sycamore – Fell - Golwg Y Darren, The Gardens, Ystalyfera SA9 2DY – no objections. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
4901.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that she had met with Hourglass Windows on Friday. Quote received as follows: **Main Hall windows - £1,965** **Kitchen window (new hinge and pane) - £220** **Library windows (new windows with side openers) - £1,740** Clerk reported that the Library window needs to have side openers to adhere with fire regulations. She suggested that it may be necessary to apply for the NPTCBC Minor Projects grant for the windows, depending on how much would be available. Cllr A Llewelyn stated that he will liaise with the Director of Finance to find out criteria of grant. **Resolved noted.** • Pearsons visited the hall previously but did not provide a quotation for the works. Clerk will try to get a further quote before Council make a decision. **Resolved noted.** • It was suggested that if the windows project had to be fully funded by Council, then the main hall and kitchen be prioritised as they are in a terrible state. The hall windows are rotten. **Resolved.** • Clerk reported that she has purchased a signing-in book and she will place in the hall next week. She has informed some of the groups already but will contact the remainder in due course. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Pathfinders Cymru are happy to make their signage bilingual at the hall. They will be sending requests to Cllr R Llewelyn who is happy to help. Cllr J Jones reported that she had translated some items for them in the past, but they had never been used. They have also agreed to keep Council in the loop of what they are doing at the hall and the events they are running. They have confirmed with the Caretaker, that they are currently using the hall every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every 3rd Saturday of the month. Cllr S Thomas suggested using a shared calendar for the hall users, Clerk and Caretaker, so that it would be easy for everyone to see when the hall is being used. Members thought this was a good idea. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that the Handyperson will paint the main hall. She will order paint. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr A Llewelyn to liaise. Clerk to arrange further quote. Clerk to take to hall. Clerk to set up shared calendar. Clerk to liaise with Handyperson.

4902.	**Correspondence** • NPTCBC – Hen Bont response. To be forwarded to C Morris. **Resolved noted.** • Ystalyfera RFC – thanks for grant for Under 7's. **Resolved noted.** • T Flynn – email to state that W Jones will be retiring as volunteer caretaker for Carreg yr Afon Park. Members thanked W Jones for all of his hard work over the years. It was suggested that he be nominated for a volunteer award. **Resolved noted.** Cllr S Thomas said that he will speak to local people who may be interested in the role from here forward. **Resolved noted.** • D Rowley – Year 6 leavers event grant request. It was agreed that £100 be awarded to both schools for their events. It was suggested that suppliers (e.g. of bouncy castles etc) be paid directly instead of to a particular person on the parent governors. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr J Jones – Ffynnon is looking a lot better. A Phillips is doing a good job of keeping it tidy. She has planted bulbs etc. members were pleased with this news and thanked A Phillips for all of her hard work. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Davies – request for more footpaths maps to be taken up to YDT as most have now gone. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Davies – replacement flags needed for Trysor. Members agreed that new flags be purchased in time for St David's Day. Handyperson can instal this year. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to forward. Clerk to add to nominations. Cllr S Thomas to liaise with potential replacements. Clerk to make payment. Clerk to take maps up to YDT. Clerk to order flags & liaise with Handyperson.
	The meeting ended at 8:15pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Meeting will be held on 20th February 2025.	