CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

21st November 2024 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Chair) Cllrs. Julie Jones, Rhian Llewelyn, Hayley Morgan, Kim Hopkins, Dan Davey, Steve Thomas (online),

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	Working
Cllr. Rosalyn Davies	Personal
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Working

		ACTION
4876.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting at 7.00pm. There were no declarations of interest. **Resolved.**	
4877.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2024 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 4866 Matters Arising – J Bayliss will plant bulbs as soon as possible. S Nicholls will take away baskets and troughs next week to take to the nursery for seeding. **Resolved**. • Further to Minute 4866 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that the tree works had been completed to the rear of 10 Gurnos Road. Clee and the resident are happy with the works. Clee requested that an annual maintenance plan be implemented. Clerk suggested that S Mattick visit annually just to check on overgrowth and trees. Members agreed. **Resolved noted.** • Further to Minute 4866 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Cllr A Llewelyn had spoken to NPTCBC Planning regarding the MUGA netting. R Thomas had informed Cllr A Llewelyn that the application was close to being completed. Clerk explained that she is not used to planning applications and ratios of plans – she has made drawings but more are needed. Cllr S Thomas offered to help with finishing off the plans. Clerk thanked him for this. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4866 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Dragon Play have been out to have a look at Carreg yr Afon Park. Quote due shortly. Sutcliffe Play will also provide a quote. Depending on cost, Minor	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to forward info to Cllr S Thomas. Clerk to get further quotes.

	Projects grant and Lottery grant may need to be applied for. **Resolved noted**. • Further to minute 4866 Matters Arising – Cllrs R Llewelyn and J Jones reported that repair and restorations works have started at the aqueduct. There is a security guard on site. **Resolved.** • Further to minute 4868 Remembrance Sunday 2024 – Chair and Cllr R Llewelyn reported that all had gone well. There was a good turnout. Cllr R Llewelyn stated that there was too much food. A buffet for 30 would have been enough. Chair and Members would like to thank Howard Williams, the band, and all who participated. Cllr R Townsend's family helped a lot, and this was very much appreciated by all. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4871 Planting & Grass-cutting Tenders – Clerk reported that all parties have been informed of the result of the tenders. Contracts to start in the spring. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4875 Correspondence – Chair reported that he had attended the Pontardawe Town Council Volunteer Awards evening at Pontardawe Golf Club. He stated that it was an excellent evening and suggested that Council hold a similar event for volunteers in our area. Chair stated it was important to thank people who are volunteers. Members agreed. It was decided that this be discussed in the January meeting of Council. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to send thanks to all. Clerk to put on January agenda.
4878.	**Christmas 2024:** • Clerk reported that the Santa Tour is all booked and approved by NPTCBC. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Llewelyn stated that Cllr A Llewelyn will put updates on Facebook during the Santa Tour. **Resolved.** • Clerk designed a new poster. She has placed on Facebook. YDT have printed 12. Cllrs R Llewelyn and A Jenkins agreed to distribute around local businesses. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Old School Nursery will provide the trees. 10ft trees for Sgwâr Godre'r Graig and Gurnos Chapel (foodbank) and 15ft for Penyrallt Park and Graig Newydd Green. They will be put up on Wednesday. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Ystalyfera RFC had been in touch to say they are getting a smaller tree to place near the entrance to the Clubhouse. They requested a donation towards the cost of this. Members decided that as Council has provided lights on the large tree at a significant cost, then a donation would not be made this time as this could set a precedent for others to ask for donations for trees. The Council already provide trees and decorations for the area. Ystalyfera RFC to be reminded that they may apply for a community grant from Council before the December meeting. **Resolved noted.** • Chair reported that he and Cllr EW Williams had placed lights on trees over the weekend. More are needed. They are half price from Quids In at the moment. Members agreed that more lights be purchased as well as lights for the large trees at Penyrallt and Sgwâr Godre'r Graig. It was suggested that A Phillips be given a set to put on the tree at Ffynnon Cwmtwrch. **Resolved.** • Clerk reported that the lamppost lights in Ystalyfera and Cilmaengwyn will be switched on as of 1st December 2024. **Resolved.**	Cllrs R Llewelyn and A Jenkins to distribute. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to order.

	• Chair reminded Clerk to order plenty of batteries for the lights. AA batteries and large batteries for the large tree lights will be needed. Cllr S Thomas suggested getting rechargeable batteries. The issue with this would be that they would need to be charged in the hall and as there are 16 small trees (48 batteries) plus large trees (6 batteries), this would not be an easy task as lots of chargers would be needed and there would be a need for replacements as well as the batteries don't last for the whole Christmas period, they are changed half way through. **Resolved that Clerk order normal batteries for this year.**	Clerk to order.
4879.	**Project Group** • Clerk thanked Cllr R Llewelyn for taking the minutes in the Project Group meeting as she was not able to attend. **Resolved noted.** • Minutes of Project Group Meeting were reviewed and approved. **Resolved noted.** • Members felt the situation with the old Jerusalem Chapel site was disappointing. Still no meeting with the Presbyterians. **Resolved noted**. **MUGA:** • Clerk reported that S Pinner will install the lights at Ystalyfera MUGA as soon as they are delivered. Delivery is expected w/c 2nd December 2024 and will be delivered directly to S Pinner. **Resolved noted.** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that she and Cllr EW Williams are tweaking the application for funding ready for re-submission. Deadline is 18th December 2024. **Resolved noted.** **Defibrillators** • Clerk reported that S Mattick has installed the posts on Graig Newydd Green and near the old phone Kiosk opposite Sgwâr Godre'r Graig. KDY will look at connecting the electrics ASAP. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that there had already been positive comments on Facebook regarding the new defibrillators. **Resolved.** • Clerk suggested that after they are all installed, she will create a Google Map with pins of the locations of the defibrillators for the Council website. Members thought this was a good idea. **Resolved noted.** **Parks** • Clerk reported that she has received one quote for a new swing at Parc y Gnoll so far – Dragon Play £6,795 + VAT. She is awaiting further quotes. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Jenkins reported that a sink hole has appeared at Parc Y Darren. This park is owned by NPTCBC. Cllr R Llewelyn stated that she will report this to Cllr A Llewelyn. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to submit. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to create & place on website. Clerk to get further quotes.
4880.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she has still not received an outcome from the external auditors as yet. Awaiting news. **Resolved** noted. • Clerk reported that she is currently working on the budget for 2025-26. Precept will be set at next Council meeting. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to create budget & arrange

	Accounts: RESOLVED 130 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £309.00 131 DD Survey Monkey £44.17 132 BACS One Voice Wales Membership £997.00 133 BACS First Strike Welding Services (Defib posts) £228.00 134 BACS C Nottingham - Remembrance Buffet £375.00 135 BACS Ein Cwmni Coed Ltd - no10 tree works £516.00 136 BACS R Llewelyn - Tea & Coffee Reimburse Remeb. £17.65 137 PP PayPal - Adobe Systems £29.96 137 DD iD Mobile (Clerk's mobile) £36.92 138-141 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,798.77 142 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £446.40 143 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £588.87 144 BACS D Crisp - 1st Aid cover - Remembrance Sunday £100.00 145 BACS Cllr G Williams - battery and lights reimburse £73.98 146 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £309.00 147 PP eBay - Christmas Battery lights £149.70 148 BACS BT Broadband £63.38 149 BACS E-ON Next - Hall Gas £0 acc in credit 150 BACS SSE Hall Electric £137.49	Finance meeting. Clerk to make BACS payments.
4881.	**Planning** There were no planning applications for review. **Resolved noted.**	
4882.	**Community Hall** • Cllr A Llewelyn had emailed Clerk with a list of jobs that need doing at the hall i.e. new bolt for front door, varnish front door, cut tree near entrance. Clerk has spoken to S Mattick and he will complete these jobs ASAP. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that she will arrange a Management Meeting in the New Year. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to arrange.
4883.	**Correspondence** • D James, Ystalyfera RFC – Christmas Tree donation request. **Resolved noted.** • Clee – Thanks for sorting overgrown trees at 10 Gurnos Road. **Resolved noted.** • Mumbles Community Council – request to promote their green Heros Event. **Resolved noted.** • Sovereign Play – offer of free quotations. Clerk will take up this offer for swing and timber trail projects. **Resolved noted.** • One Voice Wales – consultations. Clerk to forward to Members. **Resolved noted.** • One Voice Wales – Meals That Matter Webinar. Clerk to forward to Foodbank. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr J Jones – bench at Miner's Memorial. S Mattick to varnish ASAP. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to forward. Clerk to forward. Clerk to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 7.50 pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Meeting will be held on 19th December 2024.	