CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at

Ystalyfera Development Trust and online via Zoom on

17th April 2025 at 7pm

Present

Cllr. Geraint Williams (Chair) Cllrs. Ann Lewis, Rosalyn Davies, Alun Llewelyn, Cathy James (online), Kim Hopkins (online)

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Working
Cllr. Steve Thomas	Working
Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn	Personal
Cllr. Dan Davey	Working
Cllr. Hayley Morgan	Working
Cllr. Julie Jones	Personal
Cllr. Ann Jenkins	Personal

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4921.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting at 7pm. Cllrs A Llewelyn and R Davies declared an interest in item 6, Planning, as members of NPTCBC to avoid predetermination. **Resolved.**	
4922.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2025 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 4912 Pathfinders Cymru – Clerk reported that she has not received a copy of the magazine article as yet. **Resolved noted**. • Further to minute 4913 Member of Public – no response as yet from M Brumby. Cllr A Llewelyn offered to liaise with M Brumby regarding this matter. Cllr A Lewis asked if the RFC car park was being used now. She also stated that there is a lot of rubbish left on the road by the school pupils. It was suggested that Clerk write letter to school regarding this matter. **Resolved noted.** It was suggested that the top car park opposite St David's entrance be opened for use by pupils as well. It was suggested that Cllr J Jones liaise with school regarding this. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4914 Ystalyfera RFC – Clerk reported that the clubhouse roof has been completed. Photos were sent in from D James. Members thought the roof looked great. Approval is still awaited from NPTCBC regarding the netting. As soon as approved, Clerk will order materials. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to write letter. Cllr J Jones to liaise.

	• Further to minute 4915 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn reported that he is not yet aware if the sinkhole has been filled. He will check. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4915 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Godre'r Graig AFC have stated that they are unable to look after the bin in Carreg yr Afon park. It was suggested that someone else be approached. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4915 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Handyperson will work on the Ffynnon as soon as possible. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4920 Correspondence – Clerk reported that she wrote the articles for the Community Mag and Ystalyfera Magazine. Members thanked Clerk for doing this. Clerk gave thanks to Cllr R Llewelyn for translating the articles. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr A Llewelyn to check. Clerk & Cllr R Davies to liaise.
4923.	**Project Group** **MUGA:** • Clerk reported that S Pinner has fitted the timers on both MUGAs but there was a problem with them. He contacted the manufacturer, and they have given him a work-around, so he will try to fix next week. **Resolved noted.** • Funding available for MUGA at Carreg yr Afon Park but £30,000 match funding would be needed. The timescale for this is very short – full applications with planning permission needed by 9th May. P Hinder, NPTCBC advised waiting until next year to apply to the fund as planning permission in itself could take months for approval. It was suggested that the project be prepared, planning approval sought, and match funding secured by 2026. **Resolved noted.** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that there is no news as yet on the grant application. **Resolved noted.** **Defibrillators** • Clerk reported that there is an option to purchase a lined, insulated cabinet for locations without an electricity supply. These cost £410 + VAT. Using an insulated cabinet would be much cheaper than paying for an electricity supply. Members agreed that the National Grid application be halted and that an insulated cabinet be purchased instead for Graig Road. **Resolved noted.** **Parks** • Clerk reported that the timber trail and climbing wall are now on order with Sovereign Play. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Our Tree Company will provide a report and quote for works at Alltygrug Park ASAP. **Resolved noted**. **Cenotaph** • Clerk reported that she is awaiting a response regarding the pre-application from the War Memorial Trust. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise with planning and play providers. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise and order. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

	Tennis Courts • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that work is now completed at the tennis courts. The courts will be opening in May. Members were pleased with this news. It was suggested that some tennis lessons be offered over the Summer. Cllr A Llewelyn reported that he will liaise with Carwyn, NPTCBC to see if lessons can be offered. Members agreed in principle to fund some of the lessons. **Resolved.** Cllr R Davies also suggested that the Ystalyfera Development Trust could fund some lessons as well. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that the official opening will be on 1st May 2025. There will be taster sessions offered, and school pupils will be present. It was suggested that there be another taster event held at the courts where both YG Ystalyfera and Cwmtawe CS be invited. The Bowls Club could also run taster sessions at the same time. This to be discussed in the next meeting of council. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Pathfinders Cymru would like to run some disabled-friendly sessions there. **Resolved noted.** **Christmas Decorations** • Clerk reported that A Gough, Centregreat Ltd, has not yet sent images of the possible options for new decorations. She will contact him again for the information. **Resolved noted.** **Volunteer Awards 2025** • Clerk reported that she had received another email from Gemma Richards, NPTCVS asking if we would like to nominate a volunteer for their awards ceremony in June. A few names were mentioned but Members decided to wait and nominate people for the Ystalyfera Community Council volunteer awards instead. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr A Llewelyn to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
4924.	• Cllr A Llewelyn suggested the possibility of creating strategic partnerships with local organisations This would mean fostering closer relationships between the Community Council and local organisations and forming working partnerships with them. It would also mean that a lump sum be donated automatically to the organisation/s each year to assist them with their work and projects. • Cllr A Llewelyn suggested a strategic partnership with Ystalyfera RFC in the first instance due to their prominence and work within the community. Chair stated that it was important to consider all of the organisations in our community for strategic partnerships e.g. Ystalyfera RFC, Ystalyfera Bowls Club, Godre'r Graig AFC, Ynysmeudwy AFC, Pathfinders Cymru etc. **Resolved noted.** • It was suggested that information regarding activities offered by all organisations be sought i.e. people involved, numbers and ages of participants etc. This way, organisations could be considered on a fair basis. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr C James suggested that some of these organisations could be nominated for a volunteer award from Council as well. Members thought this was a good idea. **Resolved noted.** • It was suggested that this matter be revisited in a future Council meeting when information on all organisations is received. **Resolved.**	Clerk to liaise.
4925.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that she is getting the accounts and 2024-25 documents together in preparation for internal audit. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to prepare.

	• Clerk reported that the Council's Business Broadband contract is due for renewal. Clerk will shop around for a good deal. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that her incremental rise for 2025-26 is due. Increment is an increase of 54p per hour. **All agreed** - **Resolved noted.** **Accounts: RESOLVED** 001 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £316.00 002 BACS 2024-25 Member Remuneration £156.00 003 BACS Godre'r Graig Primary Year 6 Leaver Event £100.00 004 BACS Godre'r Graig AFC Startup Grant £200.00 005 BACS Godre'r Graig AFC Honorarium CYA Park £100.00 006 PP PayPal - Lebara Mobile - Caretaker's Phone £5.00 007 PP PayPal - Adobe Systems £29.95 008 DD iD Mobile (Clerk's mobile) £37.40 009-12 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,782.55 013 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £448.72 014 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £590.97 015 C326 Trustees Carreg yr Afon Park Lease £500.00 016 BACS SSE - GG MUGA £135.20 017 BACS SSE - Ystalyfera MUGA £703.45 018 BACS SSE - Community Hall £1,680.42 019 BACS NPTCBC Trade Waste £300.04 020 BACS BT Broadband £171.86 021 BACS BT Payphone £133.32 022 BACS E-ON Gas £335.84	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to make BACS payments.
4926.	**Planning** • P2025/0173 - Change of use of ground floor room from post office to residential use associated with existing residential use at 54 Varteg Road so the property can be used as a single dwelling house - 54 Varteg Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2EL – no objection. **Resolved noted.** • P2025/0146 - Construction of a single storey triple garage for domestic use - Land to Rear Of 26 And 26A Clare Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2AJ – no objection. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
4927.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that she now has 3 quotes for the windows as follows: - Hourglass: £3,925 - Harmony: £3,219 - Distinction: £4,240 Clerk reported that only Hourglass and Distinction have been out to look at the hall. Windows of main hall very rotten – lower panel may need changing as well. Distinction have quoted for this. It was suggested that Hourglass be contacted regarding this as well. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that the NPTCBC Minor Projects grant has been awarded for the new windows. 50% of project costs will be cover by the grant. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that the Caretaker's phone is working well. **Resolved.** • Clerk reported that she has contacted NPTCVS to see if anyone wants the old chairs. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Karate class is going down to 1 hour per week due to young members moving up to the senior class. This means a loss of income for Council. It was suggested that as Council are paying £20 for YDT for Council meetings, that the group be asked if it would be possible	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

	for them to move to a different location once a month for Council meetings to take place at the hall, as they are now only paying £11 per week. **Resolved noted.**	
4928.	**Correspondence** • P Hinder, NPTCBC – advice regarding MUGA for Carreg yr Afon Park. **Resolved noted.** • C Griffiths, NPTCBC – advice regarding Freedom of Information requests. **Resolved noted.** • L Vincent – Ystalyfera Magazine. Invitation to write more articles. **Resolved noted.**	
	The meeting ended at 8:25pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Meeting will be held on 22nd May 2025.	