CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at

Ystalyfera Development Trust and online via Zoom on

20th February 2025 at 7:00pm

Present

Cllr. Rachel Townsend (Vice-chair)
Cllrs. Julie Jones, Rhian Llewelyn, Ann Lewis, Rosalyn Davies, Steve Thomas (online), Dan Davey (online), Kim Hopkins (online), Alun Llewelyn (online), Ann Jenkins (online), Emyr Wyn Williams (online (left early due to work commitments)).

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Hayley Morgan	Working
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Personal

		ACTION
4903.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** The Vice-chair welcomed everyone to the 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.**	
4904.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2025 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 4896 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that David Davies is putting in the planning application for the netting at the MUGA for Council this week. R Griffiths, NPTCBC Planning has said that all information needed is now included. **Resolved noted**. It was suggested that Clerk contact Net World Sports to find out how long an order for netting will take to arrive if the planning application is successful. **Resolved noted**. • Further to minute 4896 Matters Arising – Clerk read response to letter regarding the 'Hen Bont' building in Ystalyfera from C Morris, NPTCBC. Situation ongoing – Cllr A Llewelyn explained that dependent on budget, NPTCBC are looking to set up an new team to deal with derelict commercial buildings. He explained that the policy had been not to deal with commercial buildings as there was no statutory requirement to do this but he is hopefully that the team will be set up to deal with this. The letter explained that the site and fencing is checked for safety. Cllr A Lewis asked how frequently this is monitored. Cllr J Jones reported that people walk on the other side of the road and visibility is poor when crossing. Clerk to respond to letter to check the above concerns and to forward email address to all Members so that they can report any issues that may arise. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to respond.

	• Further to minute 4896 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has booked the trike for the Santa Tour for 12/12/2025. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4896 Matters Arising – Cllr A Jenkins will let Cllr A Llewelyn know if the sinkhole has been filled. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4902 Correspondence – Clerk asked Cllr S Thomas if he had managed to find a new volunteer for Carreg yr Afon Park. He reported that he had spoken to a few people but had no firm volunteer. Cllr R Davies suggested asking R Whiteman, Godre'r Graig AFC so that the club could have the honorarium for doing the work, the same as Ynysmeudwy FC at Godre'r Graig MUGA. Members thought this was a good idea. Cllr S Thomas will speak to R Whiteman. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4902 Correspondence – Clerk reported that she has given the St David's Day flags to Handyperson for installation. He will put them up ASAP. **Resolved noted.** Cllr EW Williams explained that Tiddlywinks are not able to instal the flagpoles on their new frontage. It was suggested that The Firm and the Ystalyfera Chinese be asked if they would like the flagpoles. **Resolved** that Handyperson pick up flagpoles from Tiddlywinks and store in hall until it is known where they should go. • Cllr S Thomas reported that there were still some Remembrance Poppies on lampposts in Godre'r Graig. Clerk will ask Handyperson to take them down. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr A Jenkins to liaise. Cllr S Thomas to liaise. Cllr EW Williams to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
4905.	**Project Group** **MUGA:** • Clerk reported that she had heard from S Pinner and he reported that the lights have now been welded and he is currently in the process of painting them green. They will need 3 or 4 coats of paint. Once the paint is dry, he will install the lights at Ystalyfera MUGA. **Resolved noted.** **Heritage Walk** • Clerk reported that she had received an email from SJ Clements, NPTCBC saying that the application will be looked at in the March round of funding. **Resolved noted.** **Defibrillators** • Clerk reported she is awaiting a timescale from National Grid regarding an electricity supply for Graig Road. **Resolved noted.** • Vice-chair suggested that a post be placed on Facebook saying how many lives have been saved by the defibrillators in our area. **Resolved** that Clerk look into this. • Vice-chair suggested using 'What 3 Words' for the location of the defibrillators as it is easier to find exact locations. **Resolved** that Clerk look into this. **Parks** • Clerk reported that she now has two quotes for the Timber Trail for Carreg yr Afon Park: Dragon Play £14,752.00 Sovereign Play £12,961.42 The quotes were discussed in the Project Group Meeting and Members decided to recommend to full Council that the Sovereign Play quote be	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to find out info. Clerk to look into this.

	approved. Members agreed. **Resolved** that the Sovereign Play quote be accepted and approved subject to funding from National Lottery.	Clerk to liaise.
	• Clerk reported that a Climbing Wall was suggested for Parc Y Gnoll. Members thought this was an excellent idea. Resolved that the quote of £2,869.08 from Sovereign Play be accepted and approved subject to National Lottery funding. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	• Clerk reported that she completed and submitted the National Lottery funding application and is awaiting news. **Resolved noted.**	
	• Clerk reported that Handyperson has sprayed the moss at Alltygrug Park and Parc y Gnoll. Cllr R Llewelyn reported that it is better. Cllr S Thomas suggested purchasing a RYOBI 40 PSI Pressure Washer. Members agreed. **Resolved** that Clerk purchase and item to be stored in the Community Hall.	Clerk to order.
	• Clerk reported that she has asked Our Tree Company to have a look at the trees in Parc Alltygrug. Cllr J Jones offered to meet them at the park if they need her to explain which trees need looking at. **Resolved noted**.	
	• Dragon Play have asked for a photo of the crack in the timber on the slide at Parc Alltygrug – Clerk will forward a photo to them in due course. **Resolved noted**. They reported that the timber equipment does not need treating as the wood is already treated. Resolved noted.	Clerk to forward photo.
	• It was suggested that a walk of Godre'r Graig Country Park be arranged for the spring. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr EW Williams to arrange.
	• Clerk reported that she has now put the Parks Forms onto Google Docs and has added Councillors to the document. Councillors can add comments as they wish so that Clerk has list of items to action. Some Members stated that they hadn't yet received an email – Clerk will check this. Cllr R Llewelyn explained to Members as to how to use the form. Clerk thanked Cllr R Llewelyn for all of her assistance with this matter. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to check that all Members have access.
	Cenotaph	
	• Clerk reported that she had to register Council's ownership of the War Memorial with the War Memorial Trust. This has now been processed. Clerk reported that she had been emailing Dr S Bunning and had been advised that although funding of new plaques could be something that the War Memorial Trust could fund in principle – funds are currently very limited and Council's project would likely not be a priority. Clerk suggested that she could put in a pre-application form anyway and wait for any feedback. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to complete pre-application.
	• Clerk and Cllr EW Williams reported that they had met with 2 stonemasons (Geraint, from Harold Davies and Nigel, from JJ Lewis) at the War Memorial. Both stated that granite would be much cheaper than replacement slate. Both happy to provide quotes. Nigel stated that if the Council could not get funding to renew the plaques, then another option would be to get the slate re-etched. He can quote for this for Council as well. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	St David's Day	
	• Clerk reported that the new flags had arrived and Handyperson will install flags in preparation for St David's Day. Members were pleased with this news. **Resolved noted.**	

	New Christmas Decorations • Clerk reported that A Gough, Centregreat Ltd, had sent a quote with 2 payment options for new garlands. A 3 year plan (but with interest) or payment on delivery of garlands (£7,000). Members stated that Council only had £5,000 in budget for new garlands. It was suggested that Clerk contact A Gough to ask how many garlands Council could purchase for £5,000. More could then be purchased next year. Cllr J Jones and Vice-chair suggested that garlands be placed every-other lamppost if necessary for this year. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
4906.	**Volunteer Awards 2025** • Clerk reported that she had received some advice from Pontardawe Town Council. Their event is more of a celebration of volunteering with a choir, buffet, speakers from various charities etc. **Resolved.** • Cllr R Llewelyn suggested that Members need to attend more events in order to find out how they run. She would be prepared to do this. Clerk suggested that she could go to the NPTCVS event during volunteering week to see what they do. Members thought this was a good idea. Clerk will find out details regarding the event and pass on to Cllr R Llewelyn. **Resolved noted.** • It was suggested that this matter be discussed further in the next meeting of the Project group. **Resolved.**	Clerk to contact NPTCVS.
4907.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that the external audit report for 2023-24 had been received. A Qualified status was awarded. Clerk read out report, most points were completed well, some suggested points for improvement. Finance Committee and Clerk will take on board suggestions and implement. **Resolved.** **Accounts: RESOLVED** 201 BACS Daniel G Payne (DJ Ystalyfera yr6 leavers event) £100.00 202 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £309.00 203 PP eBay - St David's Flags (St David's) £21.20 204 PP eBay - St David's Flags (Wales) £27.12 205 DD iD Mobile (Clerk's mobile) £36.92 206 BACS S. Mattick - Reimbursement (Cleaning Fluid) £25.00 207-10 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,789.10 211 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £595.18 212 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £94.64 213 BACS BT Broadband £63.38 214 BACS E-ON Next - Hall Gas £197.31	Clerk to make BACS payments.
4908.	**Planning** • P2025/0048 - Proposed part double, part single storey rear extension - 3 Woodmans Terrace Ystalyfera SA9 2LR – no objections. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
4909.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Distinction Windows, Clydach will be visiting the hall to quote for new windows next week. **Resolved noted.** Cllr S Thomas	Clerk to meet at hall and forward requirements

	asked Clerk to forward details of what is needed to him to see if he can get a third quote for the windows. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that she has started the NPTCBC Minor Projects form for the windows and will submit once completed. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that she has placed signing-in book in hall foyer and has told groups to fill it in. **Resolved.** • Clerk reported that she has made a shared calendar for the hall hire. Groups are now submitting information to the calendar. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Handyperson has agreed to paint the hall interior. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that the new chairs have been delivered. Members thanked Pathfinders for securing the funding for this. Clerk reported that she is trying to get rid of the old chairs. It was suggested that the Recycling Centre in Glanrhyd be offered the chairs. If they don't want them they could be offered to the tip shop. **Resolved noted.**	to Cllr S Thomas. Clerk to complete form. Clerk to order paint. Clerk to contact recycling centre.
4910.	**Correspondence** • C Morris, NPTCBC – Hen Bont response. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr C James – email to let Council know that she has resigned as County Councillor but will remain as Community Councillor. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr J Jones - Ffynnon. Message from A Phillips to say that a tree has fallen at the Ffynnon. Clerk will contact to see what works need doing. **Resolved noted.** • Godre'r Graig Primary School – email asking for a new Governor as Community Council representative. Cllr S Thomas had to resign due to work commitments and times of the meetings (4pm). Vice-chair offered to take on the role. **Resolved noted.** • Godre'r Graig AFC – letter stating that the club are re-starting. Cllr S Thomas stated that there will be different age range teams. Members were very pleased with this news. It was proposed that the Club be awarded a grant of £200 as they are a new start-up in the area. All agreed - **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to make payment.
	The meeting ended at 8:30pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Meeting will be held on 20th March 2025.	