CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at

Ystalyfera Community Hall and online via Zoom on

20th November 2025 at 7pm

Present

Cllr. Rachel Townsend (Chair)
Cllrs. Hayley Morgan, Rhian Llewelyn, Ann Lewis, Cathy James (online), Ann Jenkins (online), Kim Hopkins (online), Alun Llewelyn (online) Rosalyn Davies (online), Geraint Williams (online), Emyr Wyn Williams (online), Dan Davey (late arrival)

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Julie Jones	Personal
Cllr. Steve Thomas	Working

		ACTION
4977.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She started the meeting at 7pm. Cllrs R Davies and A Llewelyn declared an interest in item 6, Planning, as members of NPTCBC to avoid predetermination. **Resolved.**	
4978.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** Cllr R Llewelyn asked if wording could be changed to 'finacially feasible' in minute 4971. It was proposed and seconded that the remainder of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th October 2025 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – update from Cllr EW Williams regarding former site of Jerusalem chapel. He managed to speak to D Jones from the presbytarians. D Jones was enthusiastic about possible options for the site. He said he will arrange a meeting with the Community Council and Head of Estates as soon as possible. Cllr EW Williams explained that there could be some funding coming via Jane Dodds MS. Cllrs R Llewelyn and R Davies emphasised that Council need to be told the source of funding and how much it is for. Cllr EW Williams stated that he will email Cllr S Grounds to find out. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that the saplings should arrive any day now. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – it was reported that the parking issues are generally better at the moment. Cllr R Llewelyn stated that she thought that if yellow lines were extended, this might negatively impact the residents surrounding the school as pupils may then park in front of houses. Chair stated that this matter was now under control and need not be discussed further. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn reported no update on former Broome & Wade land. He will update Council if there are any new updates. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr EW Williams to liaise with Cllr S Grounds.

	• Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has withheld 10% of the invoice from Sovereign Play until the piece of equipment has been relocated. Members thought this was a sensible idea to ensure the equipment is moved. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	• Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn reported that he and Cllr R Davies met with D Lewis regarding the Heritage fund. D Lewis emphasised that it was a very competitive round. They felt Council's apllication was too much about chapels – but it was actually about the entire villages. They didn't understand that Pentalwn will never be developed due to the previous landslide. Members emphasised that the whole point of the trail was to show what used to be there and what had been lost. Cllr A Llewelyn explained that the panel hadn't understood the significance of the situation and history of the area. It was mentioned that there could have been a public meeting on the plans for the trail (though this was not in the criteria for applying for the fund), it was mentioned that the aqueduct wasn't included in the trail – but this was meant for phase 2 of the trail. They also mentioned the Iron Works, but there is already a board outside ASDA explaining the history of this. There were 2 Council officers on the panel and members of NPTCVS. Council could apply directly to the Heritage Lottery Fund and NPTCBC stated that they may have a future funding opportunity. **Resolved noted.**	
	• Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – Defibrillator cabinets will be swapped as soon as possible. **Resolved noted**.	
	• Further to minute 4971 Matters Arising – Clerk has contacted DR James so that the sale of the parcel of land on Prospect Place can go ahead. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	• Further to minute 4971 Matter Arising – Clerk reported that she has put in an order for the playground items. Handyperson will fit as soon as they arrive. NPTCBC grant terms mean that Council has to order the items and then claim back funds from NPTCBC. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	• Further to minute 4976 Correspondence – Clerk reported that Pathfinders still have items to take from the old library room in the Communuity Hall. Members agreed that their belongings should be moved by 30th November 2025 so that the room can be used by the Community for meetings etc. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
4979.	**Project Group** **Parks & MUGAs:** • Clerk reported that Sovereign Play will move the item of equipment as soon as possible. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	• Clerk reported that she has ordered a new spring for the see-saw in Carreg yr Afon Park. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	• Clerk reported that Our Tree Company have apologised for the delay with Alltygrug Tree works. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	Christmas 2025 • Clerk reported that everything is sorted now for the tour. **Resolved noted.**	
	• Clerk reported that ASDA should let us know by the end of the month if they will fund any of the chocloates. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	• Christmas trees all ordered. It was requested that they be delivered by 1st December. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.

	• Clerk reported that a new 5 year agreement from NPTCBC for Christmas lighintg has been completed. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that a box full of Christmas lights and flags has been taken from the Community Hall. Members agreed that new lights be ordered. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that A Gough, Centregreat stated that no extra lights can be placed on the Cilmaengwyn tree as it is too big and too close to the power lines. It is deemed too dangerous to take a cherry picker to the tree. Members were dissapointed with this news. **Resolved noted.** • Members offered to help with putting up the lights on the small Christmas trees. Cllr EW Williams will pass on lights. **Resolved noted.** **Remembrance Sunday 2025 review** • Chair thanked Cllr R Llewelyn for all of her work for the event. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Llewelyn stated that the hot dogs went down well. She will get veggie sausages next year as well. She also said that the band would have liked food before the event, so this could be looked at for next year. Members thanked Ystalyfera Development Trust for kindly sponsoring the food. **Resolved noted.** • 2 people fainted during the event – first aiders dealt with this well. **Resolved noted.** • Tinopolis recorded an item for Heno. Cllr A Llewelyn stated that it was a good item. Cllr R Llewelyn stated that she will send out a link to the item to participants. **Resolved noted.** • Chair suggested some additions to the event for next year such as letters read out and maybe some visual displays. Cllr R Llewelyn suggested that this be discussed in the pre-event meeting next September. Chair stated that she will be able to speak to somone in her church to help make dispays. **Resolved noted.** • Generally, the event went well and was well-attended. **Resolved noted.** • Godre'r Graig wreath-laying also went well, and videos for both events were apprecaited on Facebook. **Resolved noted.** **Tennis Courts** • Cllr A Llewelyn asked if it was OK that he let Carwyn know that the tennis lessons would be funded again next year by Community Council and YDT. Members confirmed. **Resolved.** • It was suggested that a post be put on Facebook to say that lessons will be available next Summer and that nets are taken down over the Winter. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to order. Cllr EW Williams to pass on lights. Cllr R Llewelyn to forward link. Cllr A llewelyn to liaise. Clerk to post.
4980.	**Finance & Tenders** • Clerk reported that there is still no news from Wales Audit as yet. **Resolved noted.** **Accounts: RESOLVED** 133 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £312.00 134 BACS Core Highways - Road Closure Rememb Sunday £835.19 135 BACS One Voice Wales - Annual Membership £1,044.00 136 PP PayPal Microsoft Office 365 £10.49 137 BACS Meeting tables £1,221.59 138 PP PayPal Lebara Mobile - Caretaker's Phone £5.00 139 BACS Viking Office Depot £17.94	Clerk to make BACS payments.

	140	BACS	Soverign Design Play Systems Ltd	£10,498.75	
	141	BACS	James Bayliss - grasscutting	£1,511.00	
	142	BACS	BT Payphone	£44.45	
	143	BACS	E-ON Gas	£82.51	
	144	PP	eBay - Christmas lights	£116.04	
	145	PP	Decorations Online	£68.59	
	146-9	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£3,056.27	
	150	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£484.74	
	151	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£623.24	
	Tenders 2026: RESOLVED • 2 tenders were received for the grass-cutting contract for 2026: James Bayliss: £ 8,148 Total Ground Care Ltd: £ 8,100. As there was barely any difference between the tenders, and Council were happy with the work carried out by James Bayliss during 2025, it was decided that the grass-cutting contract for 2026 be awarded to James Bayliss and that he be offered the contract for the next 2 years. **Resolved.** • 2 tenders were received for planting for 2026: Sion Nicholls: £ 2,781 James Bayliss: £ 3,300 It was agreed that Sion Nicholls be awarded the contract for planting for 2026 as Members were very happy with the planters in 2025. It was suggsted that he be offered the contract for the next 2 years. **Resolved.** • There was a discussion about the future of the lamp post baskets – Cllrs EW Williams, A Llewelyn and H Morgan all agreed that the baskets add to the street scene during the Summer. Members agreed to keep them for 2026. **Resolved noted.**				Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
4981.	**Planning** • P2025/0725 - Proposed ground floor front extension - 10 Deeley Road Ystalyfera SA9 2LW. No objection **- Resolved noted.** • P2025/0683 - Change of use of the site from agricultural to One Planet Development subject to the OPD Management Plan (2108 m2). Including: Siting of an off-grid low impact dwelling, Erection of two polytunnels, Erection of a processing shed, Erection of a log store / solar mount, Drainage works, Provision of a hardstanding and access track (retrospective), Siting of two containers (retrospective) with roof cover between - Gilfach Yr Haidd Farm Access Lane To Gilfach Yr Haidd Farm Ystalyfera SA9 2BE. No objection **- Resolved noted.**				Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
4982.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that Handyperson has patch painted the old library room for its new use as a meeting room. Carpet is in good condition. Tables have been delivered. Room ready for use. **Resolved noted.** • Old piano – Clerk has taken photos to liaise with Coach House Pianos to find out what it is worth. **Resolved noted**. • NPT Youth Services are starting an experimental 11-18 Youth Club at the hall every Friday evening. They would like to put a large TV up in the main hall for computer games. Members agreed that they be allowed to do this. Clerk suggested that a TV licence may be needed if streaming live				Clerk to advertise facility. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

	TV. Cllr R Llewelyn suggested that NPT Youth Services go into the schools to promote the Youth Club. **Resolved noted.** • Handyman has swapped the main double doors around to ensure proper closing. He has also fitted a latch to the doors. **Resolved noted.** • Members reported that the hall was clean for the remembrance Sunday event. The urn does not work properly. It was suggested that it be scrapped and a replacement purchased. Members agreed. **Resolved noted.** • It was suggested that the external wall be looked at. Clerk will ask Handyperson to suggest options. Cllr A Lewis asked if Distinction Windows could look at this. **Resolved noted.** • Pathfinders have left the raised planters outside the hall. If they are not needed, then they could be offered to Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera primary section. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to cost new urn. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
4983.	**Correspondence** • NPTCBC, Consultation – forward to Members. **Resolved noted.** • S Taylor – invitation to sponsor an award at the Together We Care awards ceremony. This is a joint NPTCBC and City & County Swansea evening. Sponsorship would cost £500. Members thought this was to much and decided not to sponsor an award. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to forward. Clerk to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 8:45pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Meeting will be held on 18th December 2025.	