CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at

Ystalyfera Development Trust and online via Zoom on

16th October 2025 at 7pm

Present

Cllr. Hayley Morgan (Temporary Chair)
Cllrs. Rosalyn Davies, Julie Jones, Rhian Llewelyn, Cathy James (online), Ann Jenkins (online), Ann Lewis (online), Alun Llewelyn (online)

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Kim Hopkins	Working
Cllr. Dan Davey	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Sickness
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Sickness
Cllr. Steve Thomas	Working

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4970.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** Temporary 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 member of NPTCBC to avoid predetermination. **Resolved.**	
4971.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th September 2025 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 4963 Members of Public (Cllr S Grounds) – Cllr R Llewelyn stated that she didn't think it would be a good idea for Ystalyfera Community Council to purchase the land from the Presbyterians as clearing it will be a significant cost. She suggested that it could be sold or gifted to NPTCBC so that they could clear it. We could then lease it from them if we wanted to make it a square/plaza etc. She also raised the point that it would be important to know which fund would help with the cost of the redevelopment. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4964 Matters Arising – Clerk reporte that the saplings will be dispatched after 10th November 2025. Clerk asked Cllr R Davies if it would be OK to have them delivered to YDT so that Simon and Leigh can pick up from there. She confirmed this would be fine. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4964 Matters Arising – Cllrs R Davies and J Jones reported that Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera now have a parking policy in place. The overflow car park at the school will be used when available so there should be improvements with the situation on Ynysydarren Road. It was highlighted that it is a public road so, as long as parking is done	Cllr EW Williams to liaise with Cllr S Grounds. Clerk to order. Cllr J Jones to liaise.

	legally, not much can be done but it is hoped that the school policy will help to reduce street parking by pupils. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4964 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn reported that land registry is showing the same owner as before but this might be outdated as it may not have been updated due to backlogs with land registry. Change of ownership still may have happened. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4955 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Sovereign Play have completed installations of the new play equipment. There is a problem at Carreg yr Afon Park, the end piece of equipment is too close to the barrier surrounding the football pitch. A meeting was called with Godre'r Graig Councillors, trustees of the park and Godre'r Graig FC where it was agreed that the item be moved to the start of the trail instead of the end of the trail. Sovereign will carry out this work. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4964 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Handyperson has now completed both Pesticide Training courses. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4964 Matters Arising – Cllr A Llewelyn reported that he and Cllr R Davies have a meeting with D Lewis next Tuesday regarding the Heritage fund. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4964 Matters Arising – Cllr A Jenkins reported that the Ystalyfera Bowls Club will be very grateful for the defibrillator cabinet. Clerk reported that the cabinet needs moving from Godre'r Graig to the Bowls Club. Handyperson will do this. **Resolved noted**. • Further to minute 4964 Matters Arising – Clerk the lady was happy with the valuation for the land £1,000 plus solicitor costs and is happy to go ahead with the purchase. Members agreed to sell the land. Clerk will contact solicitor to begin proceedings. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 4969 Correspondence – Clerk reported that Council have been awarded £2,100 by NPTCBC Small Playground Improvement Grants. Members were pleased with this news and decided to go ahead with purchasing new swing seats and chains as agreed. **Resolved noted.**	Cllr A Llewelyn to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Cllrs to report. Clerk to laisie. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to order.
4972.	**Project Group** **Parks & MUGAs:** • Clerk reported that P Griffiths reported that both springs had broken on the see saw at Carreg yr Afon Park. One has now been fixed but the other is now broken. It was agreed that a new spring be purchased but that this be the last time this is done as it is costing Council too much to replace springs constantly. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that James Bayliss has provided a quote for Carreg yr Afon park gate and ramp, £2,895. It was suggested that a quote for just a replacement self-closing gate be sought for now as it should be cheaper to do this. **Resolved noted.** **Christmas 2025** • Clerk reported that the Police have confirmed attendance. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that she has requested some chocolates from Tesco Ystradgynlais. Cllr J Jones stated that she will also ask ADSA. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to order new spring. Clerk to liaise.

	• Clerk reported that she has ordered some more lights and batteries that were on offer, but more will be needed so she will check prices and order more. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that he has not had any news on whether The Swan will have a Christmas tree this year. It was decided that a tree be purchased for the foodbank and CATCH will decorate. **Resolved noted.** **Remembrance Sunday 2025** • Clerk and Cllr R Llewelyn reported that most of the arrangements are now in place. Police have confirmed attendance. Clerk has the wreaths. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk has asked Tesco Pontardawe if they will donate hot dogs and rolls for the event. Awaiting response. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that T Hewitt is happy to raise the flag. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Llewelyn reported that she has contacted Tinopolis regarding filming a piece on the event. It is hoped that the marching band will be able to attend. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Llewelyn asked for volunteers to help on the day. Cllr H Morgan offered to help. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Llewelyn asked if the hall could be opened at 8:30am on the day. **Resolved noted.** **Tennis Courts** • Cllr A Llewelyn stated that he is glad that Council are still sponsoring the lessons. Ystalyfera Development Trust will help as well. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Jenkins reported that the bowls club have been asked by P Hinder, NPTCBC, to take down the nets during the winter and store them. **Resolved noted.** **Planters** • Clerk reported that she is getting tenders ready for the 2026 planting and grass-cutting. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Davies reported that the poles have now been changed on the Godre'r Graig sign at the top of Gas Hill. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to order.. Clerk to order trees ready for 1st December. Clerk to liaise with Caretaker. Clerk to liaise.
4973.	**Finance** • Clerk reported that there is no news from Wales Audit as yet. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk stated that the bills from SSE are very high. Cllr C James stated that the foodbank had the same issues with SSE. Clerk will contact. **Resolved noted.** **Accounts: RESOLVED**	

110	DD	NPTCBC Hall Council Tax	£312.00
111	PP	PayPal Microsoft Office 365	£10.49
112	BACS	Ystalyfera Bowls Club - Grant	£300.00
113	BACS	Ystalyfera Parkrun - Grant	£200.00
114	BACS	Cerebral Palsy Cymru - Grant Donation	£25.00
115	BACS	Papur Bro Llais - Grant	£100.00
116	BACS	SSE	£138.37
117	BACS	E-ON Gas	£45.94
118	BACS	Viking Office Depot	£161.99
119	BACS	Soverign Design Play Systems Ltd	£2,582.17
120	BACS	Ystalyfera Development Trust - room hire	£20.00
121	BACS	Sutcliffe Play - new see-saw spring	£1,453.68

Clerk to make BACS payments.

	122	BACS	eBay - Christmas lights	£122.32	
	123	BACS	eBay - batteries for xmas lights	£26.43	
	124	BACS	eBay - batteries for xmas lights	£49.44	
	125	PP	PayPal Lebara Mobile - Caretaker's Phone	£5.00	
	126	DD	XLN Daisy Communications Broadband	£50.11	
	127-30	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£3,189.20	
	131	BACS	HMRC Tax & NI	£466.16	
	132	BACS	City & County Swansea Pensions	£616.56	
4974.	**Planning -** there were no Planning Applications for consideration this month. **Resolved noted.**				Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
4975.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that NPTCBC Libraries have been to empty the library today. Members agreed to turn the room into a meeting room for Council meetings and for hirers. The room may need painting. Handyman will be able to carry out general decorating. Carpet should be fine as it isn't very old. It was suggested that folding tables on wheels be purchased for the room to be used for meetings. Current chairs can be used. **All agreed to order 6 tables - Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that C Maggs NPTCBC will sort out collection of the old chairs from Clerk. **Resolved noted**. • It was suggested that the old piano be offered to Ystradgynlais recycling centre. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Flying Start is going very well at the hall. Members were pleased with this news. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that he had received a call about the internal double doors of the hall – they are not closing properly. Clerk will ask Handyman to look at this. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that current arrangements for the mobile library are on a 3-weekly cycle. He has requested that the Community Hall car park be included in the cycle. Cllr J Jones suggested that it would be good if it could also visit the school. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn reported that the pothole on the drive has not been filled. Clerk explained that she has phoned SV Tarmac on a number of times but hasn't received a call back. She will follow up on this again. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk will arrange a Management Meeting in order to discuss the hall as soon as possible. **Resolved noted.**				Clerk to order tables. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Cllr A Llewelyn to liaise with NPTCBC libraries and Cllr J Jones to liaise with school. Clerk to follow up. Clerk to arrange.
4976.	**Correspondence** • NPTCBC, Small Parks Grants – notification of grant awarded. **Resolved noted.** • Pathfinders Cymru – notice of not using hall at all anymore. They will be taking all of their belongings as well as the garden troughs, swing etc. Members were disappointed with this news. **Resolved noted.** • C Davies, NPTCBC – notice of library items collection and mobile library information. **Resolved noted.** • Simon & Leigh – email saying they are happy to try 20 saplings. Resolved noted.				Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 8:10pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Meeting will be held on 20th November 2025.				