CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Ystalyfera Community Hall & online via Zoom on 16th April 2026 at 7pm

Present

Cllr. Rachel Townsend (Chair) Cllrs. Hayley Morgan, Ann Jenkins, Rhian Llewelyn, Ann Lewis, Julie Jones (online), Kim Hopkins (online), Alun Llewelyn (online), Rosalyn Davies (online)

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Personal
Cllr. Steve Thomas	Working
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Sickness
Cllr. Dan Davey	Working

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5017.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She started the meeting at 7pm. There were no Members of the Public in attendance. Cllrs A Llewelyn and R Davies declared an interest in item 6 Planning, due to being Members of NPTCBC and to avoid predetermination. **Resolved.**	
5018.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** Cllr R Llewelyn noted that minute no 5011 should read that she 'offered to ask Tesco'. Clerk to amend. It was proposed and seconded that the remainder of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th March 2026 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 5011 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has spoken to James Bayliss and he is still awaiting delivery of the gate. He apologised for the delay. James Bayliss also quoted £950 for moving the item of timber trail equipment at Carreg yr Afon Park. It was agreed not to do this currently, due to costs involved and the fact that the positioning does not contravene any ROSPA regulations. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5011 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that after research of plans, the section of land wishing to be purchased is not owned by the Community Council. It was suggested that it could have been part of the Gough Estate. It was suggested that Land Registry be contacted to find out more information on ownership. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5011 Matters Arising – Clerk reported Pathfinders definitely want the garden items. They say they will be collecting them ASAP. Members agreed to give them until the end of the month to remove the equipment. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

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5019.	**Project Group** **Planters:** • Cllr R Llewelyn stated that the watering scheme will need to be arrange ASAP. Members agreed that last year's volunteers be approached firstly and then new volunteers sought if needed. **Resolved noted.** **Parks:** • Clerk reported D Williams from Kompan is currently off sick. She has asked if he will send quotes through ASAP for Carreg yr Afon Park and has asked him to look at Farteg Park as well. **Resolved noted.** • Handyperson will paint swings as soon as paint arrives – items on order. It was suggested that Penyrallt Park be painted first. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr J Jones stated that she would be happy to meet with Cllr EW Williams again to try to advance the Godre'r Graig Country Park project. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that an inspection on Carreg yr Afon Park has been carried out. The zip wire needs servicing. Cost for this is £599 + VAT. Memebrs agreed to proceed. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr J Jones reported that not enough of the path has been resurfaced at Alltygrug Park. Some sections have been completed but there are more sections that need attention, particularly the section at the single gate. Clerk will liaise with James Bayliss. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that she has reported the damage to the Climbing wall. Sovereign Play have it on their list to carry out repairs. **Resolved noted.** **Jerusalem Chapel Site** • Cllr R Llewelyn gave an update on the situation with regards the site. Fixed price for site is £15,000. Cllrs A Llewelyn, R Llewelyn, G Williams and EW Williams met with 2 officers from NPTCBC and 2 officers from the Senedd. The project fits the criteria for the Place Plan funding. NPTCBC would assist with putting together the application to the Senedd. G George is currently working on plans. Once plans can be submitted, the the officers from NPTCBC will make a start on the application. It is likely that Community Council will need to contribute approx. £4,500 towrds the land cost in the first instance. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise & put on FB. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Cllrs to laisie. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Cllrs R Llewelyn & A Llewelyn to liaise with NPTCBC & WG.
5020.	**Finance** • Clerk stated that she is preparing the accounts and documents for internal audit at the end of the finacial year. Notice that a basic audit only will be carried out this year by Audit Wales. Website will take time to complete updates in preparation for audit. **Resolved noted.** **Accounts: RESOLVED** 001 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £313.40 002 PP PayPal - MS Office 365 £10.49 003 PP PayPal - Lebara Mobile - Caretaker's Phone £5.00 004 PP PayPal - Adobe Systems £29.96 005 BACS Ystalyfera PTA £150.00 006-9 BACS A. Thomas - Wages & Expenses £2,948.61 010 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £478.36 011 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £475.22 012 DD iD Mobile (Clerk's mobile) £37.40	Clerk to complete and liaise. Clerk to make BACS payments.

	013	BACS	SSE - GG MUGA	£1,137.43	
	014	DD	E-ON Gas	£210.39	
	015	C	Trustees Carreg yr Afon Park Lease	£500.00	
	016	BACS	Audit Wales - External Audit Fee 2020-21	£200.00	
	017	BACS	Audit Wales - External Audit Fee 2023-24	£530.00	
	018	BACS	Starboard Systems Ltd - Scribe Accounts	£734.40	
	019	BACS	James Bayliss - grasscutting	£1,629.60	
	020	BACS	James Bayliss - Alltygrug Path	£1,185.00	
	021	BACS	Barclays Bank Charges	£8.50	
	022	BACS	XLN Daisy Communications Broadband	£36.54	
5021.	**Planning** • P2025/0725 – Proposed ground floor front extension with flat roof. Amended plans – 10 Deely Road, Ystalyfera SA9 2LW – no objection. **Resolved noted.**				Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
5022.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that she still awaiting an outcome on the application for state of the art conferencing equipment. Could be delayed due to upcoming Senedd elections. **Resolved.** • Chair spoke to K Jones about grants and safe online schemes, she will forward information to Clerk. **Resolved noted.** • Store room at the hall needs clearing. **Resolved noted.** • Slimming World are finishing at the hall. It is hoped that someone will take over the group. Members were disapointed with this news. **Resolved noted.** • It was suggested that party hire be advertised. Dysgu Cymru may also be interested in using the hall**. Resolved noted.**				Chair to forward. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to advertise.
5023.	**Correspondence** • Cllr A Llewelyn – message from G Morgan regarding overgrowth at the rear of his home. Clerk to investigate. **Resolved noted.** • D Evans, Audit Wales – notice of Basic Audit. **Resolved noted.** • Ystalyfera RFC – request for donation towards Memorial Garden. Members agreed to donate £200. **Resolved.** • Cllr J Jones – Union Flag still up on flagpole at Cenotaph. This needs taking down. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Llewelyn – congratulations to Cllr EW Williams for his appearance on Y Llais on S4C. She stated that he had done very well and that it was lovely to see someone from the area on the programme. Cllr A Lewis also mentioned Harri from Rhiwfawr. Members agreed that both represented our area well on TV. **Resolved noted.**				Clerk to liaise. Clerk to submit. Clerk to make payment. Clerk to liaise with Handyperson.
	The meeting ended at 8:40pm. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. AGM and Next Council Meeting will be held on 21st May 2026.				