CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Ystalyfera Community Hall & online via Zoom on 18th June 2026 at 7pm

Present

Cllr. Dan Davey (Chair)
Cllrs. Hayley Morgan, Ann Jenkins, Rhian Llewelyn, Julie Jones, Rosalyn Davies (online), Alun Llewelyn (online), Ann Lewis (online), Steve Thomas (online)

Clerk: Nia Parr-Williams

Apologies

Name	Reason
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Working
Cllr. Geraint Williams	Personal
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Sickness

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5040.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** Cllr J Jones (vice-chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She started the meeting at 7pm. Cllrs A Llewelyn and R Davies declared an interest in item 6 Planning, due to being Members of NPTCBC and to avoid predetermination. **Resolved.**	
5041.	**Members of Public:** Vice-chair welcomed L Jones to the meeting. L Jones stated that he was interested in working woth Council to upgrade the plaques at the cenotaph. He stated that the land of a war memorial has to be given to the public (this is the rule), therfore the cenotaph is owned by the community. This enables grant funding to be accessed. L Jones stated that he had received a quote for the replacement plaques of £4,800 inc. VAT. As he has completed a similar project for Ystradgynlais in the past, he is happy to give his time towards doing the same for Ystalyfera. He suggested that the Tesco, Blue Tags scheme could be accessed. 3rd prize in that would be £1,000. There is also £1,000 available from the old British Legion fund. Which means a shorfall of £2,800 for the project. It was suggested that some funding might be accessed via the War Memorial Trust and/or the Heritage Fund. Members were grateful to L Jones for his interest and were happy to support his endeavours. **Resolved noted.** It was stated that it is important to make sure that everyone is listed on the plaques. L Jones stated that the Ystalyfera and Ystradgynlias memorials pages have this information. **Resolved noted.** Vice-chair thanked L Jones for attending. L Jones left the meeting. **Resolved noted.** Chair arrived and took over charing the meeting.	L Jones to source funding. Clerk and Cllrs to support where necessary.

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5042.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** Amendment to date at the top of the minutes – should read 21 May 2026. It was proposed and seconded that the remainder of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st May 2026 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 5033 Members of Public – Clerk reported that maintenance of Godre'r Graig Country Park comes under responsibility of Community Council. She has contacted 3 companies for quotes to remove the two ash trees – Our Tree Company, Glantawe Landscapes and Acorn Tree Services. Quotes will come through in due course. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5034 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that James Bayliss and volunteers are carrying out the watering. The importance of the hanging baskets was discussed again. This matter to be revisited in the autumn. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5034 Matters Arising – Members agreed to go ahead with path improvements for Alltygrug Park for £595. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5034 Matters Arising – Members agreed that Pathfinders to be given deadline of end of July to move the shed from the side of the Community Hall as works need to be carried out on the side of the building. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5034 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Handyperson has agreed with G Morgan to cut back overgrowth behind G Morgan's home in the autumn. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5034 Matters Arising – Clerk asked if the flag had been changed at the cenotaph. Cllr J Jones stated that it still hasn't been changed . **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5039 Correspondence – Clerk reported that she is currently updating the website ready for audit. It was suggested that the Community Hall be advertised on the website and Facebook with contact information and photos of the facility. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5039 Correspondence – Clerk reported that had emailed D James, Ystalyfera RFC to inform him that the MUGA netting will be installed within the next fortnight. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5039 Correspondence – Cllr A Jenkins reported that there was no further news on having a bench put on Commercial Street as yet as Cllr S Grounds is awaiting news. It was suggested that it might be placed in the cenotaph. Members thought this was a good idea. It was suggested that L Jones could be contacted regarding this. Cllr A Lewis suggested adding the bench to the funding application for the cenotaph. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to place on Sept/Oct agenda. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to advertise. Clerk to liaise.

5043.	**Project Group** **Planters:** • Volunteers are now watering the planters. Cllr R Llewelyn had asked Clerk for a list of volunteers and their contact details. Clerk explained that in order to comply with data protection rules, each form would need to complete a form before any of their information could be shared with Councillors. She has had a form template from OVW and will circulate to the volunteers. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that the hanging baskets have all been installed. **Resolved noted.** **Parks:** • Clerk reported that she and Cllr A Llewelyn had a meeting with P Hinder and S Bennett, NPTCBC to discuss funding for Farteg Park project. Meeting was useful. Budget of £62,501 for the project was agreed. Clerk is meeting with D Williams, Kompan, tomorrow. Plans will include an accessible roundabout, path, an extension to the fencing and nest basket swing. If budget allows then a replacement ball hoop and spinner will be purchased for Penyrallt Park as well. Cllr A Llewelyn stated that people do not realise the cost of equipment. Clerk reported that Sutcliffe will also quote for the project. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that P Hinder suggested that a MUGA project for Carreg yr Afon Park be put on hold at the moment until more research is carried out on the site. Budget of £25,000 available for Carreg yr Afon Play area project. Kompan quote for the project is £26,600. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Handyperson will paint swings during the next dry spell. He has started to rub them down in preparation for painting. **Resolved noted.** • Quote received for professional pressure washing of all parks - £875. Members agreed to put this on hold for now and look at again in April so that the cleaning will last for the whole of the season next year. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that she has booked the inspections for the zip wires and they will be carried out as soon as possible. **Resolved noted.** **Jerusalem Chapel Site** • Cllr R Llewelyn gave an update on the situation with regards the site. Economic Development have been out for independent valuation. Valuation set at £15,000 which matched the initial valuation. There will be discussions between Welsh Government and NPTCBC to see if NPTCBC can take on the project. **Resolved noted.** **Tennis Festival & Lessons** • Cllr A Llewelyn stated that the tennis lessons have started. The festival had to be postponed due to the weather. They are trying to reschedule the festival. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Jenkins reported that the bins at the site are always full and rubbish is being thrown over into the bowls club. Cllr A Llewelyn stated that he will advise NPTCBC of this. Cllr H Morgan stated that on the NPTCBC website, there is an option to report these matters. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise and complete forms. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Cllrs A & R Llewelyn to update with any further news. Cllr A Llewelyn to report.

5044.	**Finance & Annual Return** • Clerk read out internal audit report. Members accepted the report. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk explained figures and variances on Annual Return. Annual Return 2025-26 approved by Council. **Resolved.** • Cllr A Llewelyn raised the point that it is important to ensure any points raised by the external audit from last year have been implemented. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to complete external audit documents and submit.
	Accounts: RESOLVED 039 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £312.00 040 PP PayPal - MS Office 365 £10.49 041 BACS Hucks Nets UK Limited £94.79 042 BACS NPTCBC Trade Waste £315.27 043-46 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £3,128.44 047 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £484.74 048 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £480.37 049 BACS Sovereign Play £718.00 050 BACS James Bayliss – grass cutting & watering £1,906.80	Clerk to make BACS payments.
5045.	**Planning** • P2026/0382 - Details to be agreed in association with condition 3: assessment of the nature and extent of contamination, condition 4: remediation scheme, condition 5: landscaping scheme, condition 6: construction environmental management plan of planning permission P2025/0538 granted on 1.5.2026 - Cwmtawe Ganol Farm A4067 From Ynysmeudwy To Godre'r Graig, Godre'r Graig SA9 2NY - The planning application had no information on the website. Council were unable to assess. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
5046.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that the side of the building next to the path to Commercial Street is rotting as it is panelled with wood. PVC composite paneling would improve the section of building and seal it against the weather. Members agreed that panelling be costed. **Resolved.** • Cllr A Llewelyn asked if a timetable of the hall could be looked at to see when there is availablity and to assess the useage of the hall. Clerk will ask Caretaker for timetable. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr R Davies suggested advertising the hall on Facebook groups in the area. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr H Morgan suggested that in some places, campervan parking outside halls is allowed and breakfast / facilities provided within the halls. Members thought that although this was an interesting option, that the car park was too small and staffing would be difficult. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr J Jones suggested advertising the hall for funeral teas. Caterers could be brought in to do this. Members thought this was a good idea and suggested that Undertakers be contacted so that they know this to be an option. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise and cost. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to advertise. Clerk to liaise.
5047.	**Correspondence** • S Bennett, NPTCBC – funding forms for PIP and NIP. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn – lady complaining that grant to PTA wasn't passed on to parents. Clerk had explained that the money had been transferred to the PTA so that they could use it for the Year 6 leavers event. The lady's	Clerk to complete. Clerk to liaise.

	grant had been received after the original request from the PTA, therefore the grant had already been allocated. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr EW Williams – notice of intention to resign or request LOA. Members suggested he take a LOA as his Membership of Council is invaluable. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 20.20. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. Next Council Meeting will be held on 16th July 2026.	