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. Dan Davey (Chair)
Cllrs. Kim Hopkins, Ann Jenkins, Hayley Morgan, Julie Jones, Rhian Llewelyn, Geraint Williams, Emyr Wyn Williams, Rosalyn Davies (online), Alun Llewelyn (online), Steve Thomas (online)

Clerk: Nia Parr-Williams

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Ann Lewis	Personal
Cllr. Simon Prothero	LOA
Cllr. Cathy James	Working
Cllr. Rachel Townsend	Working

		ACTION
5032.	**Welcome, Declarations of Interest and late Apologies:** Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He 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.**	
5033.	**Members of Public:** Chair welcomed R Atherton to the meeting. R Atherton stated that the lottery funding received for Godre'r Graig Country Park was running low with less than £100 left. He stated that more fencing is needed as well as a ramp next to the boardwalk. Members suggested that the group apply for a grant from the Community Council in July. **Resolved.** R Atherton also reported that there are two trees next to the road within the park that have ash dieback. These need feeling. **Resolved noted.** Cllr A Llewelyn gave thanks to R Atherton and all of the volunteers for doing such a great job in the park. **Resolved noted.** Cllr A Llewelyn suggested that Clerk email H Jones, NPTCBC to check on full grant for park lease. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to check resonsibility for trees and arrange removal. Clerk to email.
5034.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising:** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th April 2026 were a correct record – **Resolved.** **Matters Arising:** • Further to minute 5018 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has spoken to James Bayliss and he is starting the watering this weekend. He is still chasing the gate delivery. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5018 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Cllr A Llewelyn had forwarded plans of the land at Prospect Place. Cllr S Grounds is now looking into ownership as well. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5018 Matters Arising – Clerk reported Pathfinders have now taken the garden equipment. They will return at a later date to move the shed as it will need to be dismantled. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.

	• Further to minute 5023 Correspondence – Clerk reported that Handyperson will cut back overgrowth behind G Morgan's home. **Resolved noted.** • Further to minute 5023 Correspondence – Clerk asked if the flag had been changed at the cenotaph. Members have not noticed. She will check with Handyperson. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise.
5035.	**Project Group** **Planters:** • Clerk reported that most planters are now covered by volunteers for watering. Members offered to cover the remaining planters. **Resolved noted.** • Clerk reported that Sion will begin the planting this weekend. The hanging baskets will be done next week. **Resolved noted.** **Parks:** • Clerk reported D Williams from Kompan is coming out to look at Farteg Park next week. She will also ask about MUGA for Carreg yr Afon Park. Cllr S Thomas stated that the land at the north of the park should be suitable for a MUGA as the surfacing is solid. **Resolved noted.** • Paint has arrived and Handyperson will paint swings as soon as possible. It was suggested that if works were too much for Handyperson that James Bayliss be asked to complete some of the works as well. **Resolved noted.** • James Bayliss has stated that he will come and have a look at the path in Alltygrug Park again to see which other works are needed. **Resolved noted.** • Handyperson has fixed the posts for the netting. Netting that came with posts is not bird and bat friendly. Members agreed to purchase new 100mm netting as bird and bat welfare is important. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr J Jones reported that there were not enough school pupils interested in the Godre'r Graig Country Park project at this time. This to be revisited. **Resolved noted.** **Jerusalem Chapel Site** • Cllr R Llewelyn gave an update on the situation with regards the site. G George has designed plans which look very good. Cllr EW Williams aksed if a removable canopy could be placed on the gazebo as having a permanent canopy could create a soace for possible antisocial behaviour. Members agreed to discuss this with G George. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Llewelyn stated that NPTCBC may be able to take ownership of the site but further discussions needed. Members agreed that if NPTCBC can take ownership then that would be ideal. **Resolved noted.** • At 19:36, Cllr A Llewelyn raised concerns regarding communication and the length of time taken to complete projects. Clerk explained that project timescales can be affected by factors including planning permission requirements, obtaining quotations, contractor availability and the limited hours worked by the Handyperson. Following discussion on these matters, the meeting was adjourned and Clerk temporarily left the meeting. Cllrs G Williams and EW Williams left the meeting at this point. The meeting reconvened at 19:45 and the Clerk returned. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to liaise. Clerk to order. Cllrs R Llewelyn & A Llewelyn to liaise with G George, NPTCBC & WG.

	Tennis Festival & Lessons • Cllr A Llewelyn stated that there was no contribution needed this year towards the festival. Bowls Club have agreed to let attendees use their toilets. 5 sessions of the tennis lessons will cost £750. Ystalyfera Development Trust agreed to contribute towards this cost this year. **Resolved noted.**	
5036.	**Finance** • Clerk stated that the internal audit is currently being carried out by Fergusons & Peters. It should be completed by next week. She will then prepare everything for the external audit. **Resolved noted.** **Accounts: RESOLVED** 023 DD NPTCBC Hall Council Tax £312.00 024 PP Bunches Flowers £27.24 025 PP PayPal - MS Office 365 £10.49 026 PP PayPal - Lebara Mobile - Caretaker's Phone £5.00 027 PP PayPal - Adobe Systems £29.96 028 BACS Staff Wages & Expenses £2,928.63 032 BACS HMRC Tax & NI £484.74 033 BACS City & County Swansea Pensions £480.37 034 DD E-ON Gas £133.53 035 BACS SSE - Com Hall £711.28 036 DD XLN Daisy Communications Broadband £36.64 037 BACS Glantawe Landscapes £804.00 038 BACS Gallagher Insurance £3,193.88	Clerk to complete and liaise. Clerk to make BACS payments.
5037.	**Planning** • There were no planning applications for consideration. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise with NPTCBC.
5038.	**Community Hall** • Clerk reported that she still awaiting an outcome on the application for state of the art conferencing equipment. **Resolved.** • Clerk is awiting further information from Cllr R Townsend reagrding K Jones - grants and safe online schemes. **Resolved noted.** • No news as yet on someone taking over the Slimming World group. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to liaise. Cllr R Townsend to forward.
5039.	**Correspondence** • Cllr A Llewelyn – webiste was down. Clerk managed to get it back up and running. She will update website before external audit. **Resolved noted.** • C Evans – tennis festival dates. **Resolved noted.** • Ystalyfera RFC – complaint regarding lack of netting. Clerk reported that Handyerson has fitted the posts ready for the netting. **Resolved noted.** • Cllr A Jenkins stated that the Bowls Club are happy to fund a seat/bench between the Wern Fawr and the Butchers. Cllr A Llewelyn will check land options for the placement of a seat. Members suggested that near the Cenotaph would be ideal. **Resolved noted.**	Clerk to update. Cllrs to liaise.
	The meeting ended at 19:55. Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. **Next Council Meeting will be held on 18th June 2026.**	