Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 02 April 2019 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor Y James

Present Councillors C Jones, S Atkins, D Atkins, D Jones, I Jones, A Threlfall, R Lewis, A Melen, E Hastings, S Williams, A Thomas

Apologies Councillors L Rees, M Spooner

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Thomas and C Jones declared an interest in Item 6 – Planning Applications.

4 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 05 March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 183 Rhos FC Proposal for Second Pitch, Clerk reported that she had contacted Paul Hinder, NPT CBC for possible funding advice. Awaiting response. Clerk reported that Cllr M Spooner had contacted AM in order to ascertain clarification on Welsh Government Funding for this type of proposed project. Clerk reported to council that she had contacted Sue (Community Growers) regarding netting for the allotments to stop footballs being kicked onto the plants and a key for Rhos FC to retrieve their footballs. She was very keen on the idea of netting but she would need to check with the other members before considering giving a key to Rhos FC. Cllr A Thomas reported that he had spoken to NPT CBC Planning regarding the possibility of a second pitch and is awaiting further discussion on this matter. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 185 Buses, Cllr C Jones reported that residents travelling to Neath need to catch a bus to Pontardawe and change to go to Neath. It was reported that there are signs in Neath Bus Station and on bus stops explaining this. It was reported that this is confusing for bus drivers and bus users alike. Cllr C Jones reported that the route is going back to tender at the end of April. Cllr R Lewis suggested that yellow lines and bus bay be painted on Lon Tan Yr Allt so that buses can pull in among the parked cars. It was highlighted that cars may still park in the bus bay if not monitored. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 193 Arborist Quotes, Clerk reported that Arborum will carry out a tree survey. RESOLVED noted.

6 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

232B-235B)	Staff	Wages & Expenses)	
236B)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	2856.56
237B	HMRC	Income Tax & NI	474.63
238B	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	368.59
239B	FPS	Fire Extinguisher Servicing: Rhos CC	264.66
240B	Lliw Building Supplies	Rocksalt	25.36
243D	Team Knowhow	Renewal of Cloud Storage	40.00
244B	Designz	Sign for Gwynfryn Park Gate	25.00
1D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Alltwen CC	333.40
2D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Rhos CC	377.60

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	March Income	474.00
2	Rhos CC	March Income	952.00
3	Rhos PF	March Income	218.00
4	NPT CBC	Maintenance Officer Grant	1800.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £4,500.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account.

Clerk reported that the Internal Audit was due for financial year 2018-19. She reported that Lyn Llewelyn is not completing audit for NPT CBC this year and is cutting down on workload. RESOLVED that if Lyn Llewelyn unavailable to complete internal audit, Ferguson Peters, Pontardawe be used.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

19/0214	Two storey rear extension & detached garage	53 Edward Street, Alltwen
19/0255	Single storey rear extension	50 Lon Hir, Alltwen
19/0128	TPO	The Lodge, Church Road, Cilybebyll
18/0949	Variation of Conditions	Land North of Neath Road, Rhos
19/0269	Amendment & Variation of Conditions	Land North of Neath Road, Rhos
19/0094	Single storey rear extension	44 March Hywel, Rhos
19/0134	Two storey side and single storey rear extensions and off street parking	13 Plas Road, Rhos
19/0285	Two storey rear extension	27 Derwen Road, Alltwen

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

Members decided that they would like more information on planning ref: 19/0261 TPO at Coed Cwmtawe Woodland. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPT CBC for more detailed information.

8 MAINTENANCE

i) Rhos Park Playground: Clerk reported that the basket swing has been removed from the playground temporarily until the base is fixed. Quotes for repair works received. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Sutcliffe Play to find out how long the warranty on the equipment and installation lasts as the playground has only been there for 2 years and 9 months. RESOLVED that Clerk contact Sutcliffe Play.

ii) Maintenance Officer: Clerk reported that the Maintenance Officer will be off work for up to 3 weeks due to an operation. RESOLVED that Clerk find handyman to complete any urgent work in the meantime.

iii) Rhos Park Parking: It was reported that parking on the road opposite the park and community centre is a problem. It was suggested that the bund be moved and more parking spaces made in the community centre car park. RESOLVED that Clerk order signage to highlight Overflow Car Parking at the site.

9 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

i) Rhos Caretaker: Clerk reported that she had received a call from the caretaker informing her that she had been slandered on Facebook by a member of Mountain Movers. Mountain Movers apologised immediately for this and the member concerned has had their membership terminated. It was suggested that when groups hire the community centres, that they should sign an agreement that states that any complaint must be addressed in writing to the Clerk and not posted on Social Media. It was suggested that a letter of apology be sent to the caretaker on behalf of the council. RESOLVED noted.

ii) Alltwen Community Centre: Members suggested that Alltwen Community Centre facilities should be advertised on website and Facebook in order to generate more income. RESOLVED noted.

iii) Commercial Use Hire: RESOLVED that Community Centre Commercial users be charged at £15 per hour if going over the half day or full day rates.

10 POLICE AND PACT MATTERS

PACT meeting not yet taken place. Nothing to report.

11 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that financial assistance be awarded as follows:

1	Marie Curie	£100
2	Royal Air Force Cadets Pontardawe	£200
3	Cilybebyll PCC	£200
4	Rhos Short Mat Bowls Club	£350

RESOLVED that Llangollen Eisteddfod would not receive any financial assistance this year as they have means to receive funding from a large array of sources.

12 BMX TRACK AT RHOS PARK

Clerk reported that Dragon Play and West Wales Trails had been out to see the site thus far. Quote and plans received from Dragon Play. Awaiting quote from West Wales Trails. RESOLVED that Clerk follow up with West Wales Trails.

Cllr A Thomas suggested holding a Fun Day at Rhos Community Centre in order to hold a Public Consultation on plans for the park. RESOLVED that Cllr A Thomas and Clerk meet to arrange this.

13 DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMITTEE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr A Melen reported that she has stepped down as a member of the Dementia Friendly Committee. Chair thanked Cllr A Melen for her work throughout the year. Cllr D Jones offered to take over as council representative on the committee. All agreed. RESOLVED noted.

14 COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION PAYMENTS

Chair reported that it was a requirement for all councillor remunerations to be published each year on community centre notice boards and website. RESOLVED.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	NPTCVS	Volunteer Awards Nominations
2	CND Cymru	Nuclear Waste Dump
3	Welsh Assembly	Consultation Public Audit Wales Act

16 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to discuss.
The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.

Signed Dated 07 May 2019