Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor D Atkins

Present Councillors A Threlfall A Melen R Lewis P Vine E Harris G Davies G Threlfall M Spooner D Lewis L Tams N O'Sullivan

Apologies None

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED that Councillor M Spooner be appointed Chairperson for 2012/13.

(Councillor M Spooner in the Chair)

RESOLVED that Council record its appreciation to Councillor D Atkins for his service as Chairperson in 2011/12.

3 VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that following the recent election there were two vacancies in the Alltwen Ward and one vacancy in the Gellinudd Ward which Council could now proceed to fill by co-option. He proposed that candidates submit information to him by Tuesday 05 June 2012, in order that Council could fill the vacancies as prescribed in the legislation. RESOLVED that the Clerk's proposal be accepted.

4 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED that the Council's Standing Orders be adopted without amendment.

5 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED that the Council's Financial Regulations be adopted without amendment.

6 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED that Councillor A Threlfall be appointed Vice-Chairperson for 2012/13.

7 FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Councillors G Threlfall, A Melen, D Atkins, D Lewis and G Davies be appointed to the Finance and Development Committee for 2012/13.

8 COMMUNITY CENTRES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Community Centres Committee be dispensed with and that its responsibilities be absorbed by Council.

9 RHOS PARK AD-HOC COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Rhos Park Ad-Hoc Committee be dispensed with, its responsibilities be absorbed by Council, and that any occasional meeting be resourced as required.

10 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOLVED that all requests for financial assistance be considered at the October and April meetings of Council, and that Council's policy be reaffirmed as per Minute 9 of Council on 04 May 2010.

11 OPEN FORUMS

RESOLVED that Council continues to convene two Open Forum meetings during the year, in October and April.

12 AREA COMMITTEE OF ONE VOICE WALES

RESOLVED that Council be represented by the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson.

13 LIAISON COMMITTEE BETWEEN NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

RESOLVED that Councillors G Davies and A Threlfall represent Council.

14 MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANISATIONS

RESOLVED that the Council's membership *o*f the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales and Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Services be renewed.

15 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Clerk presented the Council's Financial Statement for the year ending 31 March 2012. RESOLVED that the statement be approved subject to audit.

16 ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2012/13

The Clerk tabled a draft Strategy. RESOLVED that the Strategy be adopted.

17 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk tabled the Risk Assessment as amended and adopted by Council (Minute 37.1, Council 07 June 2011 refers) for Members' consideration. RESOLVED adopted without further amendment.

18 CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE

RESOLVED that the Chairperson's Allowance for 2012/13 be in the sum of £400.00.

19 SIGNING CHEQUES AND FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that current arrangements be endorsed, and that three signatories from Councillor A Threlfall, E Harris, P Vine, D Atkins, N O'Sullivan, L Tams and/or the Clerk sign cheques and financial transfers.

The meeting ended at 7.34 pm.

Signed Dated 05 June 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 7.35pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall A Melen R Lewis P Vine E Harris G Davies G Threlfall D Lewis L Tams N O'Sullivan D Atkins

Apologies None

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor N O'Sullivan declared an interest in Item 14 - Correspondence at the start of the meeting.

21 MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Open Forum Meeting of Council held on 03 April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

22 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 03 April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

23 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 01 May April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

24 MATTERS ARISING

1. Further to Minute 203 and 204 regarding issues to be riased with Neath Port Talbot CBC, RESOLVED that the updates provided by Councillor D Lewis be noted.
2. Further to Minute 207.3 relating to the Redrow development at Brynmorgrug, concerns were expressed at traffic order indiscretions and the commencement of development prior to the signing of the S106 agreement. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to NPT CBC to establsih what action was being taken regarding the developer's activities on site and the signing of the agreement.

25 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

35	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
36	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.00

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Groundwork	Harry's Park Grant	10,000.00
2	Harry's Fund	Harry's Park Grant	2,000.00
3	National Grid/Murphy	Alltwen Christmas Tree Grant	5,000.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £473.44 be transferred from the Council's Deposit Account to its Business Account.

26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Councillor D Lewis declared an interest in this item and took no part in the voting thereon)

RESOLVED no objection to the following application -

12/0315	Extension	133 Delffordd Rhos

RESOLVED no objection to the following application, subject to concerns regarding any possible fire hazard given the adjacent petrol filling station use, litter bins being conditioned as a requirement and a comprehensive consultation exercise being undertaken in the vicinity, by the Local Planning Authority, approaching all properties on New Road, Graig Road, Rhos Meadow and Cwmnantllwyd Road.

12/0426	C/Use to Hot Food Takeaway	Gellnudd Service Station 39 New Road Gellinudd

Further to a request for a recorded vote in relation to application 12/0426, Members were recorded as voting as follows -

For -	Councillors M Spooner A Melen R Lewis E Harris G Davies L Tams N O'Sullivan D Atkins
Against -	Councillors A Threlfall G Threlfall
Abstentions -	Councillor P Vine

27 MAINTENANCE

There were no substantive reports relating to maintenance.

28 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

There were no substantive reports relating to community centre management.

29 PACT MEETINGS

There were no substantive reports relating to PACT meetings.

30 ALLTWEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PARKING

Members expressed concern at the ongoing problems with car parking in the vicinity of Alltwen Primary School. Whilst acknowledging the actions taken in the past, it was noted that there were discussions now taking place between the Governing Body, the Police and the Road Safety Team at Neath Port Talbot CBC. It was suggested that a "campaign" to raise awareness of the ensuing danger and develop a strategy for mitigating measures might be jointly pursued by the school, parents and the agencies involved, and that the Community Council's support might be of benefit in this respect. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Chair of Governors at Alltwen Primary School, with copies to the Headteacher, the Police and the Director of Education at NPT CBC expressing the Council's support for a joint initiative and any actions that may arise.

31 HARRY'S PARK

The Clerk provided an update report for Members on progress with the outline design and budget cost, the appointment of an artist, proposals to engage with Alltwen Primary School and playgroups, plans for the first phase of expenditure and grant bid. RESOLVED that the Clerk's report on progress be noted and endorsed, and in particular, that the appointment of the artist Nigel Talbot and the programme of intial work be endorsed on the recommendation of the project team.

32 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the Clerk engage with Alltwen Heels WI regarding options in respect of the following -

1	Alltwen Heels WI	Letter re Tree Planting Initiative

33 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED as follows -

1. The following item be considered at the forthcoming Finance and Development Committee and the Committee be granted delegated powers to agree appropriate support - Assistance with the Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at Alltwen and Rhos Primary Schools.
2. The following items be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of Council - Consideration of a Dog Ban in all of the Council's Parks; Update on Joint Working Discussions with Neath Port Talbot CBC.
3. Consideration be given to postponing the next meeting of Council to 12 June 2012.

The meeting ended at 9.04 pm

Signed 05 June 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Development Committee of the Council held on Tuesday 29 May 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Alltwen Community Centre.

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall G Threlfall D Atkins A Melen D Lewis

Apologies None

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Threlfall A Melen and M Spooner declared an interest in the following item.

35 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Clerk reminded Members that Council had granted delegated authority to allow the Committee to consider and decide on assistance to Alltwen and Rhos Primary Schools in their celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with both schools to establish the nature of their respective celebrations. RESOLVED that donations in the following sums be agreed -

- Alltwen Primary School £250.00
- Rhos Primary School £150.00

36 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2012-13

The Clerk referred to the Council's allocation of £17,736.00 for capital schemes within its 2012-13 budget (Minute 146, Finance and Development Committee, 22 November 2011, and Minute 156, Council, 06 December 2011 refer).

Members received a scoping report which identified a wide range of projects, most of which had firm or indicative budgets identified as a result of the receipt of quotations requested by the Clerk. The projects were each discussed in detail and the potential for grouping to facilitate grant bids was explored. It was noted that a number of projects were being held in abeyance or were the subject of other intitiatves which did not require a capital allocation at this time

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to -

- Establish a major projects fund with an initial contribution of £5,000.00;
- In view of their previous work of this nature for the Council, accept a quotation from Gateway Construction in the sum of £1,600.00 plus VAT to provide fencing at Gwynfryn Park;

- Utilise the remaining capital budget of £11,136.00 to match fund grant bids for Alltwen Community Centre and Rhos Community Centre and Car Park respectively, but defer the appointment of contractors indicated below, until grant funding had been explored;
- In view of their previous work of this nature for the Council, accept the quotations received from the following contractors -
  - ARC Roofing - Alltwen CC Roof - £1,683.00 + VAT
  - Plaztec Installations - Alltwen CC Windows - £910.00 + VAT
  - County Contracts Flooring - Rhos CC Flooring - £945.00 + VAT
- Accept the quotation submitted by E G Lewis & Co Ltd for roof work at Rhos Community Centre, in the sum of £2,750.00 plus VAT, on the basis that whilst this was £85.00 more expensive than the other two tenders received, the contractor had indicated a wider scope of work and was, therefore, better value for money;
- Request further quotations and tenders in relation to work items relating to surfacing work in the car parks at Alltwen and Rhos Community Centres.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

Signed Dated 05 June 2011

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 05 June 2012 at 7.00pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall A Melen G Threlfall P Vine D Lewis R Lewis G Davies L Tams

Apologies Councillor D Atkins E Harris N O'Sullivan

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting

38 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 15 May 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

39 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the monthly meeting of Council held on 15 May 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

40 MATTERS ARISING

1. Further to Minute 24.2 relating to the Redrow development at Alltwen, the Clerk reported on the response received from Neath Port Talbot CBC. Members noted the response and referred to local rumours that Redrow was seeking to purchase additional land in the vicinity. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Redrow and the Planning Department at Neath Port Talbot CBC to establish whether there was any substance to the rumours.
2. Further to Minute 30 relating to parking issues at Alltwen Primary School. the Clerk summarised correspondecne from the Chair of Governors and a copy letter sent by Neath Port Talbot CBC's Road Safety Team to parents. It was reported that an open meeting was to be held at the school on 4 July 2012 and that parking would be one of the items on the agenda. RESVOLED noted.

41 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

37	Alltwen Primary School	Diamond Jubilee Celebration Contribution	250.00
38	Rhos Primary School	Diamond Jubilee Celebration Contribution	150.00
39-42)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
43)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	1945.05
44)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
45	Inland Revenue	Income Tax and NI	582.10
46	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
47	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.40
48	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	288.58
49	Valley Jewellers	Chairman's Presentation	31.00
50	Calico UK	Website Domain Name	18.00
51	R Lanchbury	Reimburse Quarterly Expenses	197.46
52	Ecosolve Ltd	Rhos Park Grounds Maintenance Payment 1	6843.24
53	Lyn Llewellyn Internal Audit	Internal Audit 2011/12	220.00
54	Lliw Building Supplies	Building Materials	192.72

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	May Income	336.00
2	Rhos CC	May Income	203.50
3	NPT Returning Officer	Election Fee	70.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £11,500.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account and the sum of £400.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to the Chairperson's Account.

42 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications -

12/0481	Extensions	74 Delffordd Rhos
12/0516	Timber Cladding NE Elevation	Tesco Supermarket Gwyn's Drift Alltwen
12/0517	Timber Fence, Trolley Bays, Alteration of Parking	Tesco Supermarket Gwyn's Drift Alltwen
12/0515	Illuminated and Non-illuminated Signage	Tesco Supermarket Gwyn's Drift Alltwen

RESOLVED that whilst the proposed pod is considered acceptable, an objection be made to the following application as the proposed use would seriously undermine an existing business in Pontardawe, thereby detracting from the attractiveness of the town centre as a shopping destination -

12/0515	Self Contained Pod	Tesco Supermarket Gwyn's Drift Alltwen

RESOLVED that Neath Port Talbot CBC be requested to invite a full application for the following development as there is a history of contravention in the use of agricultural buildings in this area -

12/0198	Prior Notification - Detached Agricultural Building	Waun Fawr Farm Primrose Lane Rhos

43 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be noted.

44 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED that the Clerk explore the possibility of indicating community centre activities on the website.

45 PACT MEETINGS

There were no substantive reports from PACT meetings.

46 FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee held on the 29 May 2012 be adopted.

47 GELLINUDD WARD

The Clerk reminded Members that following the election there was one Member vacancy to fill in the Gellinudd Ward, and that the Council was now authorised to co-opt an individual to fill the vacancy. Three individuals had expressed an interest in the vacancy and the Clerk summarised the information that each had provided. RESOLVED that Alex Thomas be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Gellinudd Ward, having received an absolute majority of the votes cast by Members.

48 ALLTWEN WARD

The Clerk reminded Members that following the election there were two Member vacancies to fill in the Alltwen Ward, and that the Council was now authorised to co-opt two individuals to fill the vacancies. Three individuals had expressed an interest in the vacancies and the Clerk summarised the information that each had provided. RESOLVED that Amarjit Kingra and Katrina Taylor be co-opted to fill the two vacancies in the Alltwen Ward, each having received an absolute majority in a sequence of votes cast by Members.

49 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

The Clerk reported that the Council's internal auditor had completed his report, which indicated that there were no matters that needed to be drawn to the

Council's attention. RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to complete the Annual Governance Statement, that he and the Chairperson be auithorised to sign the Annual Return, and that the audit be referred to the external auditor appointed by the Wales Audit Office for consideration.

50 ALLTWEN RFC

The Clerk provided an update on discussions with Alltwen RFC regarding joint working. He explained that the Club was presently in discussion with Neath Port Talbot CBC regarding the status of their lease, and that pending the conclusion of those discussions, it would be appropriate to leave any joint working discussions between the Club and the Council in abeyance. RESOLVED that a further report be submitted in due course and that the item be retained on future agendas for that purpose.

51 DOG BAN

Members discussed the problems which a small minority of dog owners were causing in the Council's parks and community centre grounds. Whilst there was a concensus that the imposition of a dog ban would be unacceptable and unenforceable, Members concluded that there was a serious need to raise awareness of the problem in an attempt to alleviate any issues. RESOLVED that the Clerk engage with Neath Port Talbot CBC in the first instance to see if it could assist with any specific initiatives regarding awareness.

52 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted, and that the Clerk send a link for item 5 to any Members who request it -

1	One Voice Wales	Notice of Conference and AGM
2	One Voice Wales	Notice of Courses
3	Welsh Government	Consultation on promoting Local Democracy
4	RWE npower Renewables	Atlantic Array Newsletter
5	NPT CBC	Community Plan Seminar Report

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Signed Dated 03 July 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 03 July 2012 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall A Melen G Threlfall P Vine D Lewis R Lewis G Davies L Tams D Atkins E Harris N O'Sullivan A Kingra A Thomas K Taylor

Apologies None

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 6 - Planning Applications, at the start of the meeting

54 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the monthly meeting of Council held on 05 June 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

55 MATTERS ARISING

1. Further to Minute 40.1 relating to the Redrow development at Alltwen, the Clerk reported on the response received from Neath Port Talbot CBC, and the lack of any response from Redrow, but he confirmed that the S 106 agreement had been signed by the company. Council received an update from Councillor D Lewis. RESOLVED that the situation be noted, and that an item be placed on a future agenda relating to the improvement of the Brynmorgrug Playground
2. Further to Minute 46 and the establishment of a further bank account by the Council as previosuly authorised, RESOLVED that a High Interest Account be opened with the minimum sum required transferred from the Council's Deposit Account.
3. Further to Minute 51 and the need to raise awareness regarding dog fouling, RESOLVED that the Clerk's discussions and proposed meeting with Keep Wales Tidy be noted.

56 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

55-58)	Staff	Wages, Expenses	)	2009.37
59)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	)	
60)	Prudential	Pension Contributions	)	

61	Inland Revenue	Income Tax and NI	524.09
62	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
63	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.40
64	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	162.14
65	SWALEC	Electricity Alltwen CC	150.73
66	SWALEC	Electricity Rhos CC	63.89
67	Trade UK	Building Materials	82.49
68	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Materials etc	21.18
69	SWALEC	Electricity Rhos Pavilion	11.92
70	Westward	Plumbing Repairs Rhos CC	160.02

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	June Income	404.50
2	Rhos CC	June Income	151.00
3	Rhos AFC	April/May Income PF	81.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £4,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

57 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in this item, left the chamber and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon)

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications -

12/0198	Detached Agricultural Building	Waun Fawr Farm Primrose Lane Rhos
12/0495	Extension	18 Lon Hir Alltwen
12/0558	Extension	18 Plas Road Rhos
12/0601	Widening of Vehicle Access	14 Neath Road Rhos

58 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be noted.

59 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

The Clerk reported that he had negotiated a price for servicing the boilers at Alltwen and Rhos Community Centres with Westward Energy Services of Pontardawe. RESOLVED that Westward Energy Services be appointed. Further RESOLVED that, as the kitchen Water Heater at Rhos Communtiy Centre was damaged beyond repair, the Clerk be authorised to explore options for replacement provision.

60 PACT MEETINGS

RESOLVED noted that the priorities identified in Rhos were dog fouling and the recent spate of burglaries.

61 CAPITAL SCHEMES

The Clerk referred to instructions received to explore funding options with regard to a programme of capital schemes. Following advice, he indicated that as the schemes were likely to be deemed maintenance, and as there was a limited likelihood of identifying quantifiable outputs and outcomes, there was a limited chance of securing external funding for this type of work. RESOLVED that work on the Rhos Community Centre Car Park be set aside and further advice be sought, but that the remaining works be proceeded with and funded from the Council's Capital Programme without seeking grant aid.

62 GWYNFRYN PARK

Councillor G Davies provided an update on the work undertaken in Gwynfryn Park. RESOLVED noted.

63 ALLTWEN RFC

The Clerk reported on an approach received from Alltwen RFC requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to Council, support for their Community Asset Transfer bid, assistance with capital works cost, assistance with ongoing revenue funding costs, and support for a forthcoming grant application.

Members expressed their concern that discussions on genuine partnership working had not taken place and that the Council was being asked to take decisions quickly without due consideration. Members also felt that there was a need to take stock and consider the Council's own priorities, with an increased awareness of the key issues needed on the part of all Members.

REOLVED that Council convene an awareness raising meeting to discuss issues and possibilities in Alltwen prior to offering Alltwen RFC an opportunity to make a presentation.

64 WELSH GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER - PROMOTING LOCAL DEMOCRACY

RESOLVED that the White Paper be noted and that the consultation link be forwarded to Members for their consideration.

65 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted -

1	One Voice Wales	Notice of NPT Area Committee
2	NPT CBC Planning	Notification of Planning Appeal at Coed y Nant Bran, Hendre Las Farm, Rhos
3	CPRW	Journal
4	Ombudsman for Wales	Annual Report 2011/12

5	NPT CBC	Notification of Community Councils Liaison Meeting
6	One Voice Wales	Notification of Welsh Government's Resilience Workshop

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed 04 September 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Site Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 10 July 2012 at 7.00pm on Public Right of Way 7 Alltwen, immediately followed by a Special Meeting of Council in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall A Melen G Threlfall P Vine D Lewis R Lewis G Davies D Atkins E Harris N O'Sullivan A Kingra A Thomas

Apologies L Tams K Taylor

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 6 - Planning Applications, at the start of the Special Meeting.

67 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY 7, ALLTWEN

The Clerk led Members along the Public Right of Way from Gwyn Street to the former Alltwen Park area, before returning along the same route, explaining that the meeting was taking place to increase awareness of the significance of the Right of Way and its relationship to adjoining land. Members were made aware of the land leased by Neath Port Talbot CBC to Alltwen RFC and the land owned by Cilybebyll Community Council, and noted the respective boundaries and the long term encroachment by some Ty'n y Cae properties on to the Council's land. Councillor David Lewis updated Members on the feasibility discussions that had taken place regarding a possible community garden project, and other emerging proposals emanating from the Rugby Club were also briefly noted. Following the site visit, Members RESOLVED to note the briefing and retired to Alltwen Community Centre for the Special Meeting of Council.

68 ROAD CLOSURE YNYSYMOND ROAD

Members referred to the announcement that Ynysymond Road would not be opening as planned and to correspondence received from National Grid earlier in the day. In view of their unexpected attendance at the site, two representatives of National Grid were in the area, and following an approach to the Chairperson, had agreed to attend Council given the agenda item. The representatives explained the backgound to the proposal, and the nature of the problem which had occurred with the coating of the pipe. They indicated that this was a probblem that was peculiar to the Alltwen length of the entire pipeline and went on to explain the issues with the hardness of the rock, which had affected the pipe coating and which had required a more inventive solution than

was previously used, along with the need to deal with surface water. They reassured Members that testing was constantly being undertaken when the pipeline was under construction and in the ground, and that it was because of this that the problems had been identified. In addition, they confirmed that the Environment Agency was fully involved in the delivery of the solution by National Grid.

The National Grid representatives answered a series of questions from Members, and confirmed that construction work was now expected to be completed before the end of August. They thanked the community of Alltwen for their patience, and invited Members to cascade the information to the wider community. The representatives were thanked for attending and submitting the briefing which Members RESOLVED to note.

69 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in this item, left the chamber and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon)

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following application as the Council is supportive of the principle of the development. However, Council noted the previous comments of NPT CBC on the height of the development in response to its previous queries, and resolved to rely on their judgement in this respect, whilst seeking to ensure that the properties "sit" comfortably in the surrounding topography, particularly from Alltwen Hill, and specifically given the difficulties experienced as a result of similar developments nearby.

10/0839	2 Detached Dwellings	Land at Penygraig Road, r/o 75 Alltwen Hill, Alltwen

RESOLVED no objection to the following application -

12/0360	C/Use to Sensory Garden	Tan yr Allt House, Alltwen Hill Alltwen

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications, subject to the observations indicated -

12/0456	Retention of Temporary Sales Office	Land at Edward Street Alltwen

Council would wish to see the fencing retained after use of the site is terminated.

12/0589	Extension	2 Derwen Road Alltwen

Council would prefer the boundary wall to be constructed in local stone and to reflect the materials used in the existing wall.

RESOLVED that an objection is lodged to the following application, as Council considers that there is more than enough advertising in the iimmediate vicinity -

12/0632	Advertisement Signs	Roundabout at Tesco Alltwen

70 ALLTWEN SCHEMES

The Clerk reminded Members that they had asked for a workshop session to raise awareness of scheme possibilties that were occurring within the village of Alltwen. The discussions centred upon the proposals for upgrading the Brynmorgrug Playground, the opportunities with regard to the former Alltwen Park, and the approach received from Alltwen RFC regarding their playing field area.

Members were already aware of the Brynmorgrug potential following reports arising from the Redrow planning applications and previous site meetings held at the site. Further scoping would be necessary in order to explore the potential further, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk undertake investigations and submit a report as soon as possible.

The site meeting at Public Right of Way 7 had raised awareness of possibilties at the Council's land at the former Alltwen Park and with regard to the Playing Field area. Members were concerned about possible vandalism and security issues given the location of the former Alltwen Park and were mindful of the restrictions relating to access. They were conscious, however, that under certain circumstances these issues could be addressed through design solutions, if appropriate proposals emanated from the feasibility study in due course.

On the emerging Alltwen RFC proposals, Members were concerned that the level of consultation with Council as potential partners had been limited, but were keen to understand what the Club had in mind and how this would be of benefit to the wider community. The Clerk reminded Members of the e-mail request submitted by the Club on 21 June 2012. Now that Members awareness had been raised, it was RESOLVED that the Club representatives be invited to make a presentation to a Special Meeting of Council on either 7 or 14 August 2012, and that Members be circulated with the Club's e-mail request before the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed Dated

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 August 2012 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall A Melen G Threlfall P Vine D Lewis G Davies D Atkins E Harris N O'Sullivan A Kingra A Thomas L Tams K Taylor

Apologies R Lewis

71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 10 - Planning Applications, at the start of the Special Meeting.

72 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the monthly meeting of Council held on 03 July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

73 MINUTES OF THE SITE MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Site Meeting and Special Meeting of Council held on 10 July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

74 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 68 regarding Ynysymond Road, RESOLVED noted that the road was likely to reopen to traffic on 24 August 2012.

75 PRESENTATION BY ALLTWEN RFC

(Prior to this item, Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in this item in that he was engaged by the office of Gwenda Thomas AM, but stated that he had not been involved in any of its discussions with Alltwen RFC)

The Chairperson welcomed five representatives of Alltwen RFC and invited them to make their presentation.

The representatives delivered a comprehensive presentation which covered a wide range of topics including the following -

- History of sport in Alltwen and the role of Alltwen RFC

- Position and aspirations of the Club with regard to ownership of the playing field
- Research undertaken by the Club and support from various parties
- Advice from Sport Wales and experiences with MUGAs
- Engagement of specialist advice and seeking of quotations for specified works
- Application for funding from National Grid and other parties
- Result of a petition gathered within Alltwen in support of the Club's aspirations and requests.

The presentation reiterated the Club's request that Council -

1. Support the Club's application to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, requesting the Community Asset Transfer of the Playing Field to the Club
2. Support the Club's application to National Grid for a grant towards the cost of undertaking the specified improvement works
3. Consider making a capital contribution towards the cost of undertaking the specified improvement works
4. Consider making an annual contribution towards the cost of running these recreational facilities for the community of Alltwen and beyond.

Members asked a series of questions of the Club representatives, particularly relating to the cost of proposed works, community use potential, regular expenditure incurred by the Club, and the number of players and teams who are currently involved.

Following this, the Club representatives reiterated their wish to sustain rugby in Alltwen and to work with the community to generate further activities, at which point they were thanked by the Chairperson for attending and withdrew from the meeting.

76 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following item, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

77 RECREATIONAL PROJECT UPDATES

a) Members reviewed the information received from representatives of Alltwen RFC. Expressions of support were made, although it was noted that the Club had pursued the "partnership agenda" in its own way. The requests submitted by the Club were considered in turn, and it was RESOLVED that -

   1) The Club be advised that the matter of a Community Asset Transfer was a policy matter on which Neath Port Talbot CBC would need to take a view. However, Council commended the contribution of the Club to community life in Alltwen, and took the view that the Club was run by

responsible officers who acknowledged the Club's role in the community. Furthermore, the Council looks forward to working in a constructive and positive partnership with the Club in the future;

2) The Council support the Club's application for a grant from National Grid as it believes in principle that their proposal would benefit the community of Alltwen, and as the Council looks forward to working in a constructive and positive partnership with the Club in the future;
3) The request for a capital grant be deferred and additional information be sought by the Clerk regarding the scheme costs and funding secured;
4) The request for a revenue grant be deferred and additional information be sought by the Clerk regarding the Club's financial circumstances and regular revenue expenditure.

b) The Clerk indicated that a financial update relating to the playground proposal at Alltwen Community Centre, in partnership with Harry's Fund, would be appropriate, but that this could be deferred until the next meeting. RESOLVED accordingly.

c) The Clerk referred to his instructions to investigate improvements at the Brynmorgrug Playground in Alltwen, and submitted a report on 5 No. costed proposals received from various companies. He emphasised that the intention was to select a proposal on the basis of quality and price, and that it would be wise to review the proposals and possibly consult more widely before taking a firm decision. RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to submit an application to National Grid for grant funding in the sum instructed by Council, on the basis that the determination of this application might affect the selection process relating to the proposals submitted.

78 AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED that the following agenda items be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of Council -

- Clerk's report on Financial Transactions.
- Clerk's report on Planning Applications.
- Clerk's update on the External Audit of the Council's Accounts for 2011/12.
- Correspondence.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed Dated 04 September 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 04 September 2012 at 7.00pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall A Melen G Threlfall P Vine L Tams D Atkins E Harris R Lewis A Kingra A Thomas K Taylor

Apologies Councillor N O'Sullivan D Lewis G Davies

79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 6 - Planning Applications, at the start of the Meeting.

80 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 14 August 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

81 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 75 relating to the presentation made by Alltwen RFC, RESOLVED that Council record its appreciation to Mr M Bubb for the manner in which he made the presentation on behalf of Alltwen RFC.

82 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

71-74)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
75)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	2180.72
76)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
77	Inland Revenue	Income Tax and NI	565.97
78	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
79	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.40
80	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	123.64
81	British Gas Business	Gas Rhos CC	321.71
82	Ecosolve Ltd	Playing Field Maintenance 2	444.00
83	Westward Energy Services	Boiler Services Alltwen & Rhos CC	376.80
84	STRI Ltd	Consultancy Advice	1494.00
85	Playsafety Ltd	Playground Inspection Rhos Park	75.60

86	British Gas Business	Electricity Rhos CC	60.40
87	One Voice Wales	Councillor Training	30.00
88-91)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
92)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	2233.88
93)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
94	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	605.53
95	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
96	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.40
97	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance Premium 2012/13	3395.75
98	Corona Energy Ltd	Gas Alltwen CC	111.07
99	Celtic Mowers Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	107.68
100	R Lanchbury	Quartely Admin Expenses etc	188.24
101	Abertawe Roofing Contractors	Roofing Improvements Alltwen CC	1638.00
102	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Materials	82.94

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	July Income	145.00
2	Rhos CC	July Income	164.00

RESOLVED that the sums of £3,500.00, £3,000.00 and £7,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

83 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following application -

12/0710	Retention of Extension to Garage	103 Graig Road Gellinudd

RESOLVED that the determination of the following application be noted -

12/0456	Amended Plans - Retention of Temporary Sales Office	Land at Edward Street Alltwen

RESOLVED that further Information is sought with regard to the following application for the reasons indicated -

12/0659	Extensions and dormer windows	Cilhendre Fawr Farm Wernddu Road Alltwen

Concern about the scale and impact of the proposed extension on the original dwelling, and the need for clarification as to whether this property is to be retained as a single residential dwelling, given its layout. Council also seeks confirmation that it is not proposed to convert the property in due course to 2 No. dwellings and that this proposal is not intended for use as holiday accommodation.

84 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report on an extended maintenance list be noted.

85 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

1. RESOLVED noted that an income cheque received in respect of Alltwen CC had been returned by the bank and would need to be debited from the Council's accounts.

2. The Clerk reported on a request for use of the Alltwen Community Centre by the Swansea Valley Bible Church. He clarified the proposed uses as expressed by Church representatives, and Members discussed the proposal. RESOLVED that the Church be granted use of the Community Centre as requested, subject to their clarifying their intentions and ensuring that any publicity reinforces the fact that the Community Centre continues to be available for a wide range of uses.

3. The Clerk reported on prices received from Westward Energy Services to provide replacement water heater facilities at Rhos Community Centre and maintenance work on the boiler. RESOLVED that the water heater changes and proposed maintenance works be agreed.

86 PACT MEETINGS

RESOLVED noted that the Rhos meeting expressed concerns about parking near Rhos Primary School, but that the Alltwen meeting was scheduled for 20 September 2012.

87 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following item, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

88 RECREATIONAL PROJECT UPDATES

a) The Clerk reminded Members of the requests made by Alltwen RFC for a capital contribution towards their improvement scheme at the Gwyn Street Playing Field, and the request for support towards annual revenue expenditure. He confirmed that the Club had now provided a significant amount of additional information that allowed him to report further, and he duly submitted a comprehensive report on the following -
    - Description of the proposal
    - Summary of costs and funding
    - Programme intentions
    - Community Activities
    - Powers available to Council
    - Funding options open to Council.

Members discussed the information provided and considered their options, and agreed that Council should support this investment in recreational facilities in Alltwen.

RESOLVED that, further to S19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Council agree to provide a grant in the sum of £2,500.00 immediately to Alltwen RFC for their training paddock project at Gwyn Street, and agree to provide a further £2,500.00 from their 2013/14 budget. It was further RESOLVED that discussions regarding community activities continue, and that the request for an annual revenue grant to support maintenance of the facilities be referred to the Finance and Development Committee for consideration.

At the request of a Member, RESOLVED that the vote be recorded as follows -

For -	Councillors M Spooner A Threlfall A Melen G Threlfall P Vine L Tams D Atkins E Harris A Thomas K Taylor
Against -	None
Abstentions -	Councillors R Lewis A Kingra

b) The Clerk advised Members that an application for funding for Harry's Park was soon to be submitted jointly with Harry's Fund to WREN. He reminded Members that Council had agreed to coordinate delivery of the project and explained that there was a risk in reepct of reclaiming VAT from HMRC. RESOLVED that the Clerk's disucssions with Harry's Fund in relation to ntis risk continue, and that the risk be managed with updates to Council as necessary.

c) The Clerk advised Members that he was not in a position to update them on the funding bid in respect of Brynmorgrug Playground, and consequently that a discussion on the proposals and costs received would not be appropriate. Members RESOLVED to defer this discussion, and to authorise Councillors L Tams, K Taylor and N O'Sullivan to undretake a local consultation that will inform the selection of proposals for implementation in due course.

89 CHRISTMAS EVENT ALLTWEN TRIANGLE

The Clerk updated Members with arrangements for a permanent Christmas Tree to be installed at Alltwen Triangle. RESOLVED that the arrangements be noted.

90 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2011/12

The Clerk reported that the External Auditors had indicated that there were no matters that they wished to draw to the Council's attention. RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Chairperson and Clerk be authorised to sign the Annual Return accordingly.

91 RHOS PRIMARY SCHOOL - GOVERNOR REPRESENTATION

RESOLVED that Councillor M Spooner be appointed to represent the Council on the Governing Body of Rhos Primary school.

92 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOLVED noted that applications for financial assistance would be considered at the next meeting of Council.

93 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted -

1	NPT CBC Planning	Acknowledgement of Enforcement Complaint
2	Playsafety Ltd	Play Area Inspection Report Rhos Park
3	RES	Update re Mynydd March Hywel Windfarm
4	NPT CBC	Community Councils Liaison Forum Notification
5	South Wales Police	Community Safety Volunteer Awards
6	Play Wales	Journal
7	One Voice Wales	Conference Motions
9	National Grid	Ynysymond Road Update
10	Rhos AFC	Correspondence re Rhos Pavilion
12	One Voice Wales	E-mail re Citizien Panels for Social Services in Wales
13	NALC	Legal Topic Note re Equality Act 2010

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be actioned as indicated -

8	NPT CBC Planning	LDP Stakeholder Meeting Notice

Councillors A Threlfall and D atkins represent the Council

11	Welsh Government	Consultation re Power of Well Being

Clerk to send the link around to Members

14	Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board	Letter re Gellinudd Hospital

Clerk to write and seek confirmation that Council would be consulted as a separate representative body when public consultation begins.

94 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

Signed Dated 02 October 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 02 October 2012 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Melen G Threlfall D Atkins E Harris R Lewis A Kingra D Lewis G Davies

Apologies Councillor N O'Sullivan A Threlfall P Vine L Tams A Thomas K Taylor

95 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed at the start of the Meeting.

96 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 04 September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

97 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

98 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

99	Celtic Mowers (balancing amount)	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	12.95
103	Alltwen CC (balancing voucher - book entry only)	Unpaid Cheque	42.00
104-107)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
108)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	2193.42
109)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
110	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	581.96
111	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
112	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.40
113	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	96.26
114	British Gas	Electricity Rhos CC	70.62
115	SWALEC	Electricity Alltwen CC	151.44
116	SWALEC	Electricity Rhos Pavilion	18.00
117	Alltwen RFC	Grant Training Paddock	2500.00

118	E G Lewis Ltd	Rhos CC Roof and Gutters	3300.00
119	County Contracts Flooring	Rhos CC Flooring Improvements	1134.00
120	Plaztec Installations	Alltwen CC Window Replacement	1145.20
121	Cotton & Sons	Maintenance Supplies	12.42
122	Mazars	External Audit 2011/12	660.00
123	STRI Ltd	Site Visit Expenses	91.08
124	The Rod Squad	Alltwen CC Drain Clearance	350.00

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	August/September Income	473.00
2	Rhos CC	August Income	167.50
3	Rhos CC	September Income	167.50

RESOLVED that the sum of £12,500.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

99 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications -

12/0659	Extensions and dormer windows	Cilhendre Fawr Farm Wernddu Road Alltwen
12/0818	Extension and Porch	Llanllechau Cottage Primrose Lane Rhos

100 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report on maintenance be noted.

101 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

4. RESOLVED that the Clerk take advice on whether the Council is responsible for ensuring that its user groups have appropriate CRB checks, before agreeing to use of its facilities.

5. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to residents in the vicinity of the Alltwen Community Centre reminding them of the need to keep private parking in the car park and accesses under control.

102 PACT MEETINGS

RESOLVED noted that the Alltwen meeting expressed concerns about parking at Alltwen Primary School.

103 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(Councillor M Spooner declared an interest in Application No. 5)

The Clerk outlined the Council's budget situation with regard to this item and offered a brief summary of each of the applications.

RESOLVED that the following applications be supported in the sums indicated -

1	Swansea Valley History Society	£70.00
2	Cilybebyll Parochial Church Council - St John's Alltwen	£70.00
3	Cilybebyll Parochial Church Council - Parish Church Cilybebyll	£70.00
4	Eglwys Annibynnol yr Alltwen	£70.00
13	Alltwen Senior Citizens	£70.00

RESOLVED that the following applications be not supported -

5 Rhos Primary School
6 Alltwen RFC
7 Wales Dyslexia
8 Shelter Cymru
9 Bobath Cymru
10 Marie Curie Cancer Care
11 West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
12 NSPCC Wales

104 WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON POWER OF WELL BEING

The Clerk summarised the Consultation Document issued by the Welsh Government on the "power to promote well being", which he had previously circulated to all Members. RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the consultation indicating that the Council welcomed the power as an additional mechanism that would be at its disposal, if it exercised the discretion to use it.

105 NEATH PORT TALBOT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(Councillor D Lewis declared an interest in this Agenda Item)

The Clerk summarised the background to the Informal Consultation on the Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan, which commenced on the 24 September 2012. He indicated that there was a full representation of the emerging proposals on the LDP website, and that this would be expanded upon further at the stakeholder meetings, where the Council would be represented. He confirmed that there were three residential allocations proposed in the Cilybebyll area, one of which was a landbank allocation (Brynmorgrug), whilst the others were new sites at Ynysymond Road Alltwen, and Neath Road Rhos. RESOLVED that the Council's representatives report to the next meeting of Council following the stakeholder meetings.

5 106 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted -

1	One Voice Wales	NPT Area Committee
2	NPT CBC Transportation	Notification of Service Changes
3	NPT Credit Union	Invitation to Participate
6	NPT Local Service Board	Seminar Invitation
7	NPT CBC Licensing	Gambling Policy Consultation
8	Mid and West Wales Fire Service	Draft Implementation Plan Consultation
9	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Notification of Works at Lon Tanyrallt Alltwen
10	Alltwen RFC	Letter of Appreciation for Council Support of Project

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be actioned as indicated -

4	NPT CVS	Invitation to AGM

Councillor M Spooner to attend.

5	STRI Ltd	Report on Rhos Park Playing Fields

Improvements be noted and Clerk to action any further work.

107 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following two items, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

108 BRYNMORGRUG PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

The Clerk advised Members that he was still not in a position to update them on the funding bid submitted in respect of Brynmorgrug Playground, and that the local consultation to inform the selection of proposals for implementation had not taken place because of adverse weather. RESOLVED to defer and to receive a report on consultation, proposals and costs at the next meeting.

109 STAFF REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Caretaker at Rhos Community Centre - Mrs Ann Coombs - had recently fallen and was currently not at work. He further reported that Mrs Coombs had indicated her intention to retire and provided the requisite notice to the Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk -

- Write to Mrs Coombs wishing her well for a speedy recovery;
- Accept her letter of resignation, acknowledging her service to the Council as an employee over a period of 21 years, and before that in the capacity of fund-raiser, volunteer and management committee member;
- Invite Mrs Coombs to attend a future meeting of Council; and

- Advertise the position of Caretaker at Rhos Community Centre as soon as possible.

110 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

Signed Dated 06 November 2012

Minute 111 does not exist - R Lanchbury, Clerk to the Council

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of an Open Forum Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 06 November 2012 at 6.45pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall R Lewis P Vine G Threlfall D Lewis A Melen E Harris D Atkins G Davies A Thomas K Taylor N O'Sullivan

4 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies L Tams A Kingra

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

113 ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Members received representations regarding the speed of traffic along New Road in Rhos, compounded by parking on footways, and the consequential difficulties in accessing and egressing properties. County Borugh Councillors commented on the position of Neath Port Talbot CBC and on their discussions with the Police. RESOLVED that Councillor A Thomas, as Ward Member on NPT CBC, raise the matter with the Authority and with the new Sector Police Inspector.

2. Council was advised of the concerns circulating with regard to the potential allocation of land for residential development in Alltwen and Rhos in the emerging Local Development Plan, and the inaccurate representation of the Alltwen site in the Plan. County Borough Councillors acknowledged the unacceptability of inaccurate information and explained the process to date, and that which is expected to follow. RESOLVED that the situation be kept under review by the Ward Members on NPT CBC, and members of the public be encouraged to raise matters of concern directly with the officers.

3. Council was asked whether any approach had been received from the developers of the prospective windfarm to be sited on March Hywel. Whilst Members had received no approach, the Clerk indicated that e-mail correspondence had been received, suggesting that the developers were considering the possibility of attending a meeting of Council, or writing directly to Council outlining their proposals, which were expected to be reflected imminently in a planning application to Neath Port Talbot CBC. RESOLVED that the situation be noted and kept under review by the Clerk.

The meeting ended at 7.22 pm

Signed Dated 04 December 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 06 November 2012 at 7.23pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall R Lewis P Vine G Threlfall D Lewis A Melen E Harris D Atkins G Davies A Thomas K Taylor N O'Sullivan

Apologies L Tams A Kingra

114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 6 - Planning Applications - on the agenda.

115 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 02 October 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

116 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

117 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

125-128)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
129)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	2334.23
130)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
131	Inland Revenue	Income Tax and NI	551.26
132	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
133	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.40
134	Swansea Valley History Society	Donation	70.00
135	Cilybebyll PCC - St John's Alltwen	Donation	70.00
136	Cilybebyll PCC - Parish Church Cilybebyll	Donation	70.00
137	Eglwys Annibynnol yr Alltwen	Donation	70.00
138	Alltwen Senior Citizens Club	Donation	70.00

139	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	82.01
140	British Gas Business	Electricity Rhos CC	69.97
141	Westward Energy Services	Water Heater Rhos CC	226.80
142	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Trade Waste Charge Alltwen CC	160.68
143	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Trade Waste Charge Rhos CC	160.68
144	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Materials	154.75
145	Lliw Building Supplies	Building Materials	77.00
146	SWALEC	Electricity Rhos Pavilion	4.15
147	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Water Charges Alltwen CC	144.76
148	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Water Charges Rhos CC	212.73
149	British Gas Business	Gas Rhos CC	182.26
150	PRS for Music	Royalties Rhos CC	98.26
151	NPT CBC	Photocopying	114.96
152	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreaths	40.00

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	October Income	194.50
2	Rhos CC	October Income	199.50
3	Rhos AFC	September/October Income	380.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £5,500.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

118 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in this item, left the Chamber and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon. Councillor D Lewis declared an interest in Application 12/0938, left the Chamber and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon)

RESOLVED no objection to the following application, for the reasons indicated -

12/0577 Residential Development Land at Graig Road Alltwen
Council requests that no access is allowed from the site or individual properties to Dyffryn Road, that the potential to use the site as parking by parents visting the school is minimised, and that a new street nameplate for Banwen Lane is included in the development.

RESOLVED no objection to the following application subject to there being a restriction on development encroaching further into the countryside -

12/0920	Stable Block, Hardstanding and Access	39 Neath Road Fforestgoch

RESOLVED no objection to the following application -

12/0938	Floodlight Columns	Rugby Ground Gwyn Street Alltwen

RESOLVED objection to the following application, for the reasons indicated -

12/0653	Conversion to Supported Living Apartments	7 Mill Row Alltwen

Council considers that the nursing home development, any potential extensions or associated developments should be restricted without further encroachment beyond its original footprint, and also considers that Mill Row should remain as a residential street.

119 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED that the Clerk's report on maintenance be noted.

120 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED that payment of water charges to Dwr Cymru Welsh Water be undertaken through Direct Debit.

121 PACT MEETINGS

RESOLVED that reports from Members be noted.

122 CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported on Council's previous practice of assisting with the cost of cemetery maintenance within the community, and confirmed that a budget of £650 had been set aside by Council. RESOLVED that contributions in the following sums be made –

- Capel yr Alltwen £300
- Ebeneser Rhos £150
- St John's Cilybebyll £150
- St John's Church memorial garden Alltwen £ 50

123 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following item, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

124 BRYNMORGRUG PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Council received a report from Councillors K Taylor and N O'Sullivan on the informative playground consultation undertaken by Members, and the Clerk confirmed that no information had been received with regard to Council's funding bid. RESOLVED that the Clerk issue the consultation report to three of the companies who had expressed an interest by submitting costed proposals, and invite them to review their proposals to reflect the outcome of the consultation.

125 NPT CBC COMMUNITY COUNCILS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor G Davies submitted a report on the recent meeting of the NPT CBC Community Councils Liaison Committee, highlighting that the main issues addressed had been in connection with bus services and the budget. RESOLVED that Councillor Davies' report be noted.

126 WESTERN VALLEYS REGENERATION AREA - SWANSEA VALLEY FORUM

Councillor A Melen submitted a report on the Swansea Valley Forum meeting of the Western Valleys Regeneration Area. The report was supplemented by Councillor D Lewis and the Clerk. Whilst a considerable amount had been achieved, it was evident that the future remains uncertain, and it was RESOLVED that the situation be monitored and further reports be submitted in due course.

127 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted -

1	City & County of Swansea	Proposed Amendments to Footpath 21 in Alltwen
4	South Wales Police	Personnel Changes
6	One Voice Wales	Climate Change Adaptation Project
7	Boundary Commission for Wales	2013 Review - Revised Proposals
8	One Voice Wales	Training Information
9	CPRW	Rural Wales Journal
10	Play for Wales	Journal

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be actioned as indicated -

2 Mid & West Wales Fire Service Request to attend Meeting
Representatives be invited to the next monthly meeting.

3 Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board Notice of Consultation Event and Request to attend Meeting
Representatives be invited to a special meeting of Council.

5 Keep Wales Tidy Request for support
Council support the campaign not to allow balloons and lanterns at events for the reasons indicated, and forward details to the Governing Bodies of Alltwen and Rhos Primary Schools.

128 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. RESOLVED that the Clerk's update on the Alltwen Triangle Christmas Tree be noted.
2. RESOLVED that the verbal approach made on behalf of Pontardawe Town Council regarding a Young People's Event be noted, and that a representative be invited to address Council at an appropriate date.
3. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Rhos AFC regarding problems with litter in Rhos Park.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed Dated 04 December 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Development Committee of the Council held on Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Alltwen Community Centre.

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall D Atkins G Davies D Lewis

Apologies Councillor A Melen G Threlfall

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

130 CHARGES AT COUNCIL FACILITIES

The Clerk reminded Members that Council had a duty to review charges on an annual basis. Members were advised of the charges for use of the Council's two Community Centres and the Rhos Park Playing Field in 2012-13, as reviewed and set by Council on 06 December 2011 (Minute 156 refers). Members RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the charges remain the same in 2013-14.

131 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2012-13

The Clerk referred to the Council's allocation of £17,736 for capital schemes within its 2012-13 budget, and instructions arising therefrom (Minute 36, Finance and Development Committee, 29 May 2012, and Minute 46, Council, 05 June 2012 refer as amended by Minute 61 of Council on 3 July 2012).

It was noted that the majoirty of the allocated schemes had been completed and that instructions had been issued regarding the remainder. Council's capital allocation was largely committed and previous decisions had resulted in a further commitment of £7,500 from the Council's reserves.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to note the report.

132 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2013-14

Members were provided with a review of a previous scoping report which outlined possible schemes for consideration as part of its capital programme commitment for 2012-13. Schemes which had not been committed were noted along with other possible schemes identified by the Clerk, some of which would not require a capital contribution from the Council, or may not be desirable. Following discussion of the merits of individual schemes and the need for feasibility and investigative work to inform anticipated cost and grant bids, it

was RESOLVED that Council be recommended to approve the following list of potential schemes for further consideration as indicated -

- Alltwen CC - Health and Safety Improvements
- Alltwen CC - Boiler and Radiator Replacement
- Alltwen CC - Internal Porch
- Alltwen CC - Roof Section remaining and facing Dyffryn Road
- Alltwen CC - Unders
- Alltwen CC - Children's Park, in partnership with Harry's Fund
- Alltwen CC - Kitchen Upgrade
- Rhos CC - Toilet Refurbishment
- Rhos CC - Car Park Resurfacing
- Brynmorgrug Playground - Replacement Playground
- Gwynfryn Park - Improvements to Footpaths
- Rhos Park Playing Field - Drainage Improvements
- Alltwen RFC - Contribution to Playing Field Improvements for the wider community, arising from Partnership Working

It was further RESOLVED that Council be recommended to note the possibility of -

- Contributing further to a fund for future major investments
- Investigating grant funding opportunities.

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133 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND PRECEPT FOR 2013-14

The Clerk submitted his report on the 2013-14 budget estimates, based on anticipated expenditure and income in 2012-13. Respective heads of expenditure were considered, and Members discussed the possible obligations that might be placed on the budget, particularly arising from recent pressure on the Donations budget, and from Parks and Open Spaces. Expenditure options, precept options and the implications for Council Tax were considered.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to:

1. Agree the Clerk's report on estimates for 2013-14;
2. Levy a Precept in the sum of £84,000.00 for the financial year 2013-14.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

Signed Dated 04 December 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 27 November 2012 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Melen G Threlfall E Harris R Lewis A Kingra N O'Sullivan A Threlfall L Tams A Thomas K Taylor

Apologies Councillor P Vine D Atkins G Davies

134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed at the start of the Meeting.

135 GELLINUDD HOSPITAL

The Chair welcomed Paul Stauber, Director of Planning, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board and Hilary Dover, Locality Director Neath Port Talbot. They were attending following their request to address Council on the Community Resource Model for the Frail and Older Persons within Neath Port Talbot, and representations by Council regarding Gellinudd Hospital.

Mr Stauber and Ms Dover oultined the purpose of the consultation exercise which they were undertaking and set it within the context of the change agenda that the Health Board was currently progressing. They confirmed that there was widespread engagement taking place including ongoing discussions with Neath Port Talbot CBC, and bespoke meetings with the Gellinudd Hospital League of Friends and staff at Gellinudd Hospital. It was stressed that no decision had yet been taken regarding the future of services provided at Gellinudd Hospital.

They indicated that -

- Changes at the Hospital were under consideration as there was a new focus on providing services in the community, supported by clinical direction and patient engagement, and facilities at Gellinudd were no longer adequate;
- This was underpinned by an assessment of needs, and of the potential to accommodate services in the community and at other locations, with improved access to medical services;
- The proposals involved a significant commitment of funding to a multi-disciplinary team working in the community, considered more effective and efficient than existing arrangements.

In response to specific questions from Members, the following responses were received and discussed -

- Three networks of services were provided in the valley areas, and there was the potential for Gellinudd to support one of these networks;
- There had been no consideration of future use of the buildings or the site at present as this was considered premature;
- It was ackowledged that care in the community has an impact on families, on the confidence of patients and their perception of individual security, but that there would be support available to meet these issues and concerns;
- Neath Port Talbot CBC were closely involved in developing the package of care services, given their role in providing social care;
- The budget for the care team in the community would commit £340k out of the current Gellinudd budget of £828k, with the residual amounts committed to patient services elsewhere in the Neath Port Talbot locality;
- The medical profile of patients at Gellinudd was clarified, confirming that a revised model of care was appropriate, and there was full commitment to this from the Consultancy Team;
- Community resource teams would be accessible and emergency response would be available to health care professionals;
- The process of decision making involved the Health Board and the Community Health Council, who could require further consultation, with the ultimate decision potentially deferred until after April 2013;
- Full consultation would occur with the staff, various career options along with retirement/redeployment possibilites would be available and there would be no compulsory redundancies.

Following the discussions, the Chair thanked Mr Stauber and Ms Dover for attending, and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Members continued to discuss the proposals and the explanations given to the various questions. RESOLVED that a draft response be tabled at the next meeting of Council in the following terms -

- Gellinudd Hospital is considered to be a valuable and much appreciated facility in the Swansea Valley providing essential care opportunities close to the homes of the patients and their families, and well supported by local communities. Council is, therefore, disappointed that closure is being considered by the Health Board.
- If a decision is taken to close the Hospital, Council deems it essential that all the replacement arrangements are robust, prepared in advance and in place before closure. These include arrangements with Neath Port Talbot CBC and the private sector for sufficient levels of Social Care, resourcing and establishment of the community resource team, proper provision for medical and emergency support, and ongoing engagement and support for the staff at Gellinudd Hospital.

- Furthermore, Council would encourage the Health Board to consider the future of the Hospital as a properly resourced facility that could continue to provide day care services for local people, as it would be “close to home”, reducing the need for lengthy journeys, often by vulnerable people and their families, to hospitals at Morriston, Singleton and Neath Port Talbot.

The meeting ended at 8.18 pm

Signed Dated 04 December 2012

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 04 December 2012 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Melen G Threlfall D Atkins E Harris R Lewis G Davies A Threlfall P Vine L Tams A Thomas K Taylor

Apologies Councillor N O'Sullivan A Kingra D Lewis

136 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed at the start of the Meeting.

137 MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

The Chair welcomed Group Manager C Magretts, Head of the Fire and Rescue Service in Neath Port Talbot, who addressed Members on the Fire Authority's Draft Annual Improvement Plan for 2013-14. He outlined the objectives of the Plan for the next 5 years and referred to the intention to roll out the successful changes at Pontardawe Fire Station to other areas for which he has responsibility. He responded to questions on crewing, funding and the frequency of incidents. The report from Group Manager Magretts was duly NOTED, and he was thanked by the Chair for attending and making an extremely informative presentation.

138 MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Open Forum Meeting of Council held on 06 November 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

139 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 06 November 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

140 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 27 November 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

141 MATTERS ARISING

1. Further to Minute 113.1 relating to the windfarm enquiry at the Open Forum meeting, RESOLVED that a special meeting of Council be held

with RES in January 2013, and that the Clerk liaise with Crynant and Blaenhonddan Community Councils regarding information which they had received.

2. Further to Minute 135 regarding Gellinudd Hospital, RESOLVED that the draft letter tabled by the Clerk be amended to include reference to the good work undertaken by volunteers, and that the Clerk's response to Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board be copied to the League of Friends, Community Health Council, Pontardawe Health Centre and Members.

142 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

153-155)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
156)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	1925.54
157)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
158	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	589.25
159	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
160	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.40
161	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	262.54
162	British Gas	Electricity Rhos CC	39.47
163	Fire Protection Services	Fire Ext Maint Alltwen & Rhos CC	125.81
164	NPT CBC	Election Charge	210.00
165	Capel yr Alltwen	Cemetery Maintenance Contribution	300.00
166	Cilybebyll Churchyard Maintenance Fund	Cemetery Maintenance Contribution	150.00
167	Ebeneser Rhos	Cemetery Maintenance Contribution	150.00
168	Cilybebyll PCC	Cemetery Maintenance Contribution	50.00
169	R Lanchbury	Quarterly Admin Expenses	310.08
170	James Roller Shutters	Roller Shutter Repair Rhos Pavn	180.00
171	SLCC	Subscription 2013	145.00
172	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Materials	50.40
173	STRI Ltd	Subscription 2013	546.00
174	Neath Port Talbot CBC	CRB Check	26.00
175	Cwmtawe & District Band	Christmas Event	100.00
176	St John's Alltwen	Christmas Event	25.00

Further RESOLVED that a donation be made to Pontardawe Chamber of Trade for assistance given with the Christmas Event at Alltwen Triangle.

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	November Income	206.00
2	Rhos CC	November Income	198.00
3	Rhos AFC	November Income	65.00
4	NPT CBC Returning Officer	Election Fee	70.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £6,500.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

143 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in this item, left the Chamber and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon)

RESOLVED no objection to the following applications -

12/0634	Access	Land at Ynysymond Uchaf Farm, Alltwen
12/0981	Detached Dwelling	Land at The Rectory Cwmnantllwyd Rd Gellinudd
12/998	Extension & New Roof	73 Edward St Alltwen
12/0860	C/use to Tourist Accommodation	Plas Farm Cilybebyll
12/1079	Extension	28 New Road Gellinudd
12/0309	Extension	14 Delffordd Rhos

RESOLVED that Neath Port Talbot CBC's determination of the above application be noted -

12/1004	Screening for Solar Farm	Cilhendre Fawr Farm, Alltwen

144 MAINTENANCE

There were no substantive reports relating to maintenance.

145 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

There were no substantive reports relating to community centre management.

146 PACT MEETINGS

RESOLVED noted that a parking campaign would soon be launched at Rhos Primary School.

147 FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee held on the 20 November 2012 be adopted, subject to inclusion of possible schemes for consideration at the BMX track in Rhos Park and the field outside Rhos Park as potential capital projects (Minute 133 refers). Further RESOLVED that the Council's precept for the financial year 2013/14 be endorsed as £84,000.00 (Minute 133 refers).

148 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the

meeting during the following item, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

149 BRYNMORGRUG PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Council received a report from the Clerk on the revised costed proposals received from two companies, the third company contacted having declined to respond further. He also confirmed that no information had been received with regard to Council's funding bid. RESOLVED that the Clerk report to the next meeting and remind National Grid that a response to the grant bid was still outstanding.

150 TREE SURGERY AND PLANTING

The Clerk reminded Members of the tree surgery recommendations received in 2011 and of the work undertaken early in 2012. He indicated that he had now sought prices for the second tranche of work at Gwynfryn Park and Rhos Park. He also reported that a request to plant two trees had been received on Alltwen Triangle. RESOLVED that in view of the expenditure decisions required, the matter be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

151 CARETAKER CLEANER RHOS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that following receipt of applications, four candidates had been interviewed for the post of Caretaker Cleaner at Rhos Community Centre by the Chair and Vice Chair, and Linda Reynolds of Rhos was duly appointed. RESOLVED that the appointment be endorsed.

152 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be actioned as indicated -

1 Wynford Thomas & Son Invitation to Remembrance Service
Chair to attend if available.

2 Welsh Government Consultation re Local Democracy Bill
Clerk to report to the next meeting

153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED 8 January 2013.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed Dated 08 January 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 08 January 2013 at 7.00pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor A Threlfall

Present Councillors A Melen G Threlfall D Atkins E Harris R Lewis G Davies P Vine L Tams A Thomas K Taylor N O'Sullivan A Kingra D Lewis

Apologies Councillor M Spooner

154 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 7 - Planning Applications.

155 COUNCILLOR V HOTTEN, PONTARDAWE TOWN COUNCIL

The Chair referred to the expected presentation from Councillor V Hotten of Pontardawe Town Council. RESOLVED that as Councillor Hotten had been unable to attend, he be invited to address the next meeting of Council.

156 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 04 December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

157 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

158 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

177-180)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
181)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	1912.26
182)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
183	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	513.26
184	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	271.00
185	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	348.00
186	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	347.70
187	SWALEC	Electricity Alltwen CC	235.52
188	British Gas	Gas Rhos CC	932.95
189	British Gas	Electricity Rhos CC	104.20
190	Pontardawe Chamber of Trade	Christmas Event 2012	100.00

191	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Materials	46.44
192	O Jones	Christmas Trees	112.00
193	Nigel Talbot	Artist Inputs Harry's Park	1920.00
194	Tudor Davies & Sons	Car Park Repairs Alltwen CC	2850.00
195	R Lanchbury	Reimburse Locksmith Payment Alltwen CC	150.00

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Rhos CC	December Income	145.50

RESOLVED that the sums of £2,000.00, £6,000.00 and £2,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account, and that the sum of £1,600.00 be transferred from the Council's Deposit Account to its Current Account.

159 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in this item, left the Chamber and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon)

RESOLVED no objection to the following applications -

12/0983	Extensions	17 Maeslan Rhos
12/1122	Extensions	Gelli Cottage, Tramway Road Gellinudd

RESOLVED that an objection be made to the following application for the reasons indicated -

12/1116	Demolition of Scrap Yard, Construction of 51 Dwellings	Craig yr Awel and Industrial Unit, Lon Hir Alltwen

- The application is outside the area allocated within the Unitary Development Plan for development and should, therefore, be refused on policy grounds, as it represents an extension of development into the rural area beyond the current settlement limits.
- There are already traffic issues along Edward Street and Lon Hir, and particularly at the junction of Lon Hir with the Alltwen Roundabout, where a school is located. This proposal is bound to exacerbate those problems. The area served by this junction and the Lon Hir and Edward Street roads is, effectively, one long cul de sac, and despite the suggestion of the applicant, there is no effective alternative emergency access available or deliverable. No further development should be contemplated for this area, unless a second access / egress for this area can be identified and delivered, in a manner that does not further compromise Lon Hir and Edward Street.
- There are concerns that ecological grounds are not sufficiently addressed.
- On the basis of current experience, there are concerns about surface water drainage, particularly given the topography and geology of the area, and the apparent need for attenuation.

RESOLVED that a decision on the following application be deferred pending a further meeting and presentation by the proposed developers -

12/0999 Wind Turbines etc Mynydd March Hywel Rhos

Further to the debate on planning applications, RESOLVED that a Special Meeting be convened to discuss the emerging Local Development Plan and infrastructure concerns.

160 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED noted that alleged damage to the safety surfacing at the Rhos Park Playground be investigated.

161 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

The Clerk reported that new cleaning machines at Rhos Community Centre were needed as existing machines were broken beyond repair. RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate comparative prices.

162 PACT MEETINGS

There were no substantive updates following recent PACT meetings.

163 TREE SURGERY AND PLANTING

The Clerk reminded Members of the tree surgery recommendations received in 2011 and of the work undertaken early in 2012. He indicated that he had now sought prices for the second tranche of work at Gwynfryn Park and Rhos Park. RESOLVED that the work at Rhos Park proceed at the cost identified to Council, but that the work at Gwynfryn Park be reviewed. Further RESOLVED that the Council accede to the request from NPT CBC to fund and plant two trees on Alltwen Triangle.

164 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following item, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

165 BRYNMORGRUG PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Council received a report from the Clerk on the revised costed proposals received from two companies, the third company contacted having declined to respond further. He outlined the nature of the two schemes proposed and indicated the tender prices quoted by the two suppliers. He also confirmed that Council's funding bid to National Grid had been successsful in the sum of £10,610.00, and that further capital funding could be drawn down from Neath Port Talbot CBC following a recent Section 106 legal agreement. RESOLVED that, based on a qualitative and financial assessment, Council accept the proposal submitted by Wicksteed Leisure Limited, in the sum of £24,450.00

plus VAT, the Clerk clarify issues relating to the safety surfacing and slide with the supplier, and progress the scheme as soon as financial confirmation had been received in writing.

166 HARRY'S PARK

The Clerk confirmed that WREN had supported the financial bid submitted jointly by Harry's Fund and the Council, and indicated that a meeting was now scheduled with the design consultants so that work could be progressed. RESOLVED that the report be noted and a further report be submitted to the next meeting of Council.

167 WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION RE LOCAL DEMOCRACY BILL

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in this Item)

The Clerk summarised the intentions of the Bill, and the requirements of the Consultation. RESOLVED noted.

168 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted -

1	Alltwen RFC	Update re work at Gwyn Street
2	NPT CBC Finance	Information re Council Tax
3	One Voice Wales	Information re meeting held on 12 December 2012, advice on Planning Policy and Journal

The meeting ended at 9.08 pm

Signed Dated 05 February 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 15 January 2013 at 7.00pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Melen G Threlfall D Atkins G Davies P Vine N O'Sullivan A Kingra A Threlfall

Apologies Councillor L Tams A Thomas K Taylor D Lewis

169 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

170 RES PRESENTATION

The Chairperson welcomed Messrs C Jackson and R Evans from RES UK and Ireland Ltd who were present to address the Council with regard to the company's planning application for a windfarm at Mynydd March Hywel. Mr Jackson delivered a presentation which covered a range of matters including the following -

- Background to RES as a company
- Government policy and targets, Strategic Search Areas (SSAs), and progress towards achievement
- Details relating to the site, substation proposal along with underground cabling, and turbine locations
- Design considerations and optimum number of turbines
- Evidence relating to property values
- Response to environmental surveys
- Undergound cabling to Rhos Substation and the Western Power planning application to follow
- Viewpoints agreed with local authorities, and the criteria recommendations of the Landscape Institute and Scottish National Heritage
- Wind speed evidence, capacity and ability to serve 10,000 homes
- Community benefits - local authorities' expectations, consultations, and the Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS).
- Employment - 25 construction jobs and 2 f/t serving more than one site
- Timescale and programme - Consultation now, planning decision in 2013, procurement in 2014, construction in 2015, operation from 2016 and implications of planning refusal and appeal process
- Residential Amenity Survey.

Members were then afforded an opportunity to ask questions and both Mr Jackson and Mr Evans responded to or clarified the following -

- Evidence that other countries are withdrawing from wind power
- Reinstatement of concrete bases
- Investment in other renewables as an alternative, including Severn Barrage
- Previous experience and planning record
- Property value experience and compensation options
- Economic benefits, business and employment opportunities
- Landowners affected
- Responding to objections
- Distance from houses
- Community Fund size and arrangements for distribution
- Topography of March Hywel
- Energy pressures on Neath Port Talbot
- Momentum in Wales in comparison to other areas of UK, and reasons for differences in approach

Mr Jackson and Mr Evans were then thanked for attending. Council RESOLVED to note the presentation and discussions, and to make a decision on the planning application in due course, at which point Mr Jackson and Mr Evans withdrew from the meeting.

171 PLANNING APPLICATION P2012/0999, ERECTION OF WIND TURBINES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS, MYNYDD MARCH HYWEL, RHOS

The Clerk advised Members that a formal request to address Council had also been received from the Mynydd March Hywel Protection Group. RESOLVED that the Council accede to the request, receive the Group at the next meeting and defer consideration of the planning application until then.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed Dated 05 February 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 05 February 2013 at 7.00pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Melen G Threlfall D Atkins E Harris R Lewis G Davies A Threlfall P Vine L Tams N O'Sullivan A Kingra

Apologies Councillor D Lewis A Thomas K Taylor

172 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed at the start of the Meeting.

173 MARCH HYWEL PROTECTION GROUP

The Chair welcomed two representatives of the March Hywel Protection Group who addressed Council on the proposal for a windfarm on Mynydd March Hywel. The representatives submitted a briefing note and focussed their comments on the following aspects of the proposal -

- Visual impact
- Policy considerations
- Scale
- Recreation and tourism
- The RES Residential Visual Amenity Survey
- Noise nuisance
- Environmental impact
- Community Fund

Following a series of questions posed by Members, the Chair thanked the representatives for attending, indicating that the comments woudl be NOTED and would inform the Council's decision on the planning application. The representatives thereupon withdrew from the Chamber.

174 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 08 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

175 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 15 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

176 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 161 relating to the purchase of equipment for Rhos Communtiy Centre, the Clerk reported on the comparative prices received. RESOLVED that the equipment be purchased from Cotton & Sons, Swansea at a combined price of £554.00 plus VAT.

177 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

196-199)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
200)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	2018.11
201)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
202	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	512.06
203	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	410.76
204	British Gas	Electricity Rhos CC	68.70
205	Westward Energy Services Ltd	Heating Repairs Rhos CC	418.85
206	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Equipment	365.04
207	FC Bookbinders	Binding Documents for Archives	170.00
208	Lliw Building Supplies	Building Materials	28.68

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	December/January Income	497.00
2	Rhos AFC	December Income PF	120.00
3	Rhos CC	January Income	158.00
4	Rhos AFC	January Income PF	75.00
5	National Grid	Grant	10,610.00
6	Alltwen CC	ACH Income	84.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £5,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

178 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED to offer observations expressing significant concern at the following application on the gounds of visual impact, residential amenity, proximity to properties, noise, adverse effect on recreation and tourism, and on the inadequate consideration of environmental issues. Further RESOLVED to seek additional information regarding this proposal at a proposed site visit, to write to NPT CBC seeking clarification of national policy, and if appropriate to reconsider the observations and confirm the Council's position -

12/0999	Wind Turbines etc	Mynydd March Hywel Rhos

RESOLVED no objection to the following applications -

12/1099	Extensions	70 Gwyn Street Alltwen
12/1138	Extension	35 Ty'n y Cae, Alltwen

RESOLVED that Council adds nothing further to the Objection lodged on 08 January 2013 to the following application -

12/1116	Amended Plans - Demolition of Scrap Yard, Construction of 51 Dwellings	Craig yr Awel and Industrial Unit, Lon Hir Alltwen

RESOLVED noted that the following application had been determined -

13/0010	Amended Plans - Barn Conversion	Blaennant Farm, Cilybebyll

179 MAINTENANCE

There were no substantive reports relating to maintenance.

180 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

There were no substantive reports relating to community centre management.

181 PACT MEETINGS

RESOLVED noted that a one hour slot for PACT meetings was acceptable to Members if other demands were placed on Council facilities.

182 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY LEAFLET

The Chair welcomed Councillor V Hotten of Pontardawe Town Council who addressed Members on a proposal to publish a children's activity leaflet outlining all the various opportunities that were evident in the Pontardawe and Cilybebyll areas. Councillor Hotten summarised the proposal, and responded to questions, confirming that all Cilybebyll's activities could be added and that an electronic version of the leaflet could be explored. He concluded with a request that Council make a contribution towards the cost.

RESOLVED that the request be considered further when applications for financial assistance were being addressed at the next meeting.

183 BRYNMORGRUG PLAYGROUND

The Clerk advised Members that the funding from National Grid had been received, and that he had clarified procedures with NPT CBC relating to the Section 106 funding. Following the appointment of Wicksteed Leisure, a meeting had been held on site to finalise design and installation issues, and two variations had been discussed. As a consequence, a revised price in the sum of £26,618.70 plus VAT had been proposed. RESOLVED that the revisions to the design and the amended cost be accepted.

184 HARRY'S PARK

Following the award of a grant by WREN, the Clerk advised Members that design work was progressing and that a number of procedural issues needed to be clarified in advance of the procurement exercises. RESOLVED that -

- The Clerk be authorised to enter into a contract with WREN on behalf of the Council and Harry's Fund;
- A report be submitted to Council on the final design for the playground before any public engagement;
- In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, decisions on tenders be delegated to the Finance and Development Committee;
- In view of the agreement signed with the Council, representatives of Harry's Fund be invited to attend opening of tenders and relevant meetings of the Committee.

185 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2013/14

The Clerk reminded Members that Council had appointed two contractors in 2012/13 to undertake Routine Grounds Maintenance and Specialist Maintenance of the Rhos Park Playing Field, with each contract ending on 31 March 2012. Following discussion, RESOLVED that -

- NPT CBC Streetcare be invited to review the specification and price submitted in 2012/13 for Routine Maintenance, and submit a revised price for 2013/14;
- Wayne Duggan Fine Turf Maintenance and Ecosolve be invited to review the specification and price submitted in 2012/13 for Specialist Maintenance of the Rhos Park Playing Field, and submit a revised price for 2013/14.

186 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted, but that in relation it Item 1, Council draw attention to the poor drainage in the car park at the bottom of Herbert Street -

1	NPT CBC Regeneration	Consultation of Pontardawe Town Centre Enhancements
2	NPT CBC Planning	Notification of Plabnning Appeal, Land at the Rectory, Cwmnantllwyd Road, Gellinudd
3	ROSPA	Annual Playground Inspections 2013
4	One Voice Wales	Circular re WG grants for websites

187 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Members were advised of the recent death of Mr M Thomas, husband of Gwenda Thomas AM. RESOLVED that the Clerk send a letter of condolence from Council to Mrs Thomas.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed Dated 05 March 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 05 March 2013 at 7.00pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Melen G Threlfall R Lewis G Davies P Vine L Tams A Thomas K Taylor N O'Sullivan A Kingra D Lewis A Threlfall

Apologies Councillor D Atkins E Harris

188 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

189 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 05 February 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

190 MATTERS ARISING

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 1 below, left the Chamber, and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon)

1. Further to Minute 178 relating to Planning Application P2012/0999 relating to a Wind Farm development at Mynydd March Hywel, the Clerk reported on the clarification received from NPT CBC regarding policy, and on his discussion with the applicant regarding the proposed site visit. He reminded Members that Council had previously indicated that it might reconsider its position on the application in its response to NPT CBC. RESOLVED that the Council strengthen its previous resolution by offering a formal objection on the grounds previously cited.

2. Further to Minute 183 relating to Grounds Maintenance in 2013/14, the Clerk submitted a report on the outcome of his discussions with the two contractors concerned. RESOLVED that the present contractors be re-engaged by Council on the favourable terms indicated to Council.

191 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

209-212)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)		
213)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)		2030.67
214)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)		

215	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	519.46
216	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Grounds Maintenance 2012/13	5438.74
217	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Equipment Rhos CC	664.80
218	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	459.67
219	British Gas	Gas Rhos CC	432.06
220	British Gas	Electricity Rhos CC	66.79
221	R Lanchbury	Quarterly Admin Expenses etc	389.92
222	One Voice Wales	Training Course	30.00
223	NPT CBC	Alltwen Triangle Christmas Lights	1136.87
224	Lliw Building Supplies	Building Materials	71.84

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	February Income	296.00
2	Rhos CC	February Income	179.50
3	Rhos AFC	February Income PF	100.00
4	Other Place AFC	February Income PF	40.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £12,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

192 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in the following item, left the Chamber, and took no part in the discussions or voting thereon)

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications -

12/0901	Extensions	Llety'r Gof Farm Cwmnantllwyd Road Gellinudd
13/0005	Work to TPO Tree	St John's Church Cilybebyll
13/0115	Extension	Glen View High Street Alltwen
12/0484	Extensions	81 Graig Road Gellinudd
12/0894	Extension	39 Neath Road Fforestgoch
13/0119	Extension	9 Maeslan Rhos

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following application, subject to the observations indicated -

13/0176	Condition attached to Redrow consent	Land at Edward Street Alltwen

Council requests that Neath Port Talbot CBC engage with the applicants and seek to secure a visibility splay at this location to meet previously identified concerns, as acknowledged by the applicant, by retaining a diagonal fence line across the present site, even if this involves negotiating with the landowners.

193 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED Clerk to invetsigate see-saw and slide at Rhos Park, footpath between Derwen Road and Ynysymond Road, and external painting of Alltwen Community Centre.

194 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

There were no substantive reports relating to community centre management.

195 PACT MEETINGS

RESOLVED noted that Rhos PACT meeting had been advised of the "sponsored night in the cells" exercise, and had highlighted access difficulties for buggies on footways near Rhos Primary School.

196 TREE MAINTENANCE GWYNFRYN PARK

The Clerk reminded Members of their decision regarding tree maintenance in Gwynfryn Park (Minute 163, Council 08 January 2013 refers). Following the review by Councillor G Davies, RESOLVED that the work proceed and the contractor be engaged at the price confirmed to Council.

197 HARRY'S PARK

The Clerk referred to the ongoing progress with regard to the development of Harry's Park in the grounds of Alltwen Community Centre being undertaken jointly with Harry's Fund. He outlined the proposals and specifications, which had been designed by the landscape consultant and artist appointed, and provided details of the contract procurement arrangements and the timetable for consideration of tenders by Council. RESOLVED that the proposals be commended and that the report be noted, subject to the Clerk being reassured on issues relating to "wetpour" surfaces, shrubs, and the timber specification.

198 FORMER ALLTWEN PARK

Councillor G Davies raised the possibility that a beneficial use might be found for the Alltwen Park which is in Council ownership. RESOLVED that the Clerk seek advice from the Council's legal advisor as to the options that are open to Council.

199 RHOS PARK

Councillor G Davies raised the possibility that improvements could be undertaken in that part of Rhos Park near the Pavilion, possibly delivering an upgraded BMX track and the development of allotments. The Clerk indicated that other improvements could possibly be explored as well, and suggested that a proper feasibility study might be prepared. Given the work being undertaken in the Neath Port Talbot area, and also in support of the Harry's Park project, RESOLVED the Clerk explore the possibility of Groundwork assisting the Council with a feasibility study.

200 NEATH PORT TALBOT CBC COMMUNITY COUNCILS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors A Threlfall and G Davies reported on the discussions of the recent meeting of the Neath Port Talbot CBC Community Councils Liaison Committee. RESOLVED that the report be noted.

201 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that any items of correspondence be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed 02 April 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Development Committee of the Council held on Tuesday 19 March 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Alltwen Community Centre.

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall D Atkins G Davies A Melen G Threlfall

Apologies Councillor D Lewis

202 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

203 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2012-13

The Clerk referred to the Council's allocation of £17,736 for capital schemes within its 2012-13 budget, and instructions arising therefrom (Minute 36, Finance and Development Committee, 29 May 2012, and Minute 46, Council, 05 June 2012 refer as amended by Minute 61 of Council on 3 July 2012).

It was noted that the majority of the allocated schemes had been completed and that instructions had been issued regarding the frontage at Alltwen CC and the fence in Gwynfryn Park. Council's capital allocation was committed and it was anticipated that the remaining schemes would be delivered in 2013.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to note the report.

204 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2013-14

Members were provided with a scoping report, which outlined possible schemes for consideration as part of its capital programme commitment for 2013-14, and reminded Members that the sum of £14,306 had been identified in the budget. The Clerk also referred to external funding secured, schemes that were being funded by others, and the potential to take advantage of grant funding in 2013-14. Following discussion of the merits of individual schemes, the following categorised list of potential schemes was agreed -

Commitments

- Alltwen CC - Frontage area surfaces
- Gwynfryn Park - Fencing Improvements
- Brynmorgrug Playground - Replacement Playground
- Alltwen CC - Children's Park, in partnership with Harry's Fund
- Alltwen RFC - Contribution to Playing Field Improvements - residual 50% grant

Schemes “on hold”

- Alltwen CC - Internal Doors
- Alltwen CC - Boiler and Radiator Replacement
- Alltwen CC - Internal Porch
- Alltwen CC - Unders
- Gwynfryn Park - Improvements to Footpaths
- Rhos Park Playing Field - Drainage Improvements

Feasibility

- Alltwen Park - Options for Future Use
- Rhos Park - Options for area near Pavilion

Priority Schemes

- Alltwen CC - Kitchen Upgrade
- Rhos CC - Toilet Refurbishment
- Rhos CC - Car Park Resurfacing

It was RESOLVED that Council be recommended to -

- Agree the list of categorised schemes
- Deliver the committed schemes and previously agreed feasibility actions
- Explore mechanisms for delivering the priority schemes and any implications for “on hold” schemes through possible grant funding opportunities.

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205 REVENUE SUPPORT REQUEST

The Clerk reminded Members of a request made by Alltwen RFC for support towards annual revenue expenditure at the Gwyn Street Playing Field in Alltwen. He made Members aware of the information provided by the Club in submitting the application, and indicated that the powers available to Council, in supporting third party provision of recereational facilities, had previously been considered (Minute 88, Council 04 September 2012 refers). Members discussed the information provided and considered their options.

RESOLVED that, further to S19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Council be recommeded to

- agree to support this investment in recreational facilities in Alltwen by Alltwen RFC
- provide an annual contribution towards maintenance of the Gwyn Street Playing Field in the sum of £1000 per annum for a period of 3 years commencing with the 2013/14 financial year
- advise Alltwen RFC that this contribution was to supplement their current maintenance expenditure on the site
- advise Alltwen RFC that it would be for them to consider their position at the end of that 3 year period.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

Signed Dated 02 April 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of an Open Forum Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 02 April 2013 at 6.45pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor A Threlfall

Present Councillors P Vine G Threlfall D Atkins G Davies A Thomas N O'Sullivan L Tams A Kingra

2 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies Councillor M Spooner R Lewis D Lewis A Melen K Taylor

206 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

207 ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Members received representations regarding the parking of vehicles on the Graig Road Alltwen footway, at its junction with Dyffryn Road. It was alleged that the parking caused a visibility hazard, that there had been one accident already, and indicated that representations had previously been made at PACT meetings. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Neath Port Talbot CBC to request that the hazard be investigated and to ask for clarification on the law relating to vehicles parked on footways.

2. Council was advised of the ongoing concerns circulating with regard to parking issues at the approach to Alltwen Primary School, of the efforts made by the Police to date to address the issue, and of the response to those efforts. Members were advised of the actions taken by the Headteacher in writing to parents, and were asked to offer support for the imposition of a "loading ban" at the location. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to NPT CBC supporting the imposition of a loading ban on the approach to Alltwen Primary School from Alltwen Hill.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm

Signed Dated 07 May 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 02 April 2013 at 7.12pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor A Threlfall

Present Councillors P Vine G Threlfall D Atkins G Davies A Thomas N O'Sullivan L Tams A Kingra

Apologies Councillor M Spooner R Lewis D Lewis A Melen K Taylor

208 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thomas declared an interest in Item 6 - Planning Applications.

209 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 05 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

210 MATTERS ARISING

1. Further to Minute 193 regarding repairs at Rhos Park Playground, the Clerk indicated that he had requested a price for the work from a contractor, and would advise Members further in due course. RESOLVED noted.
2. Further to Minute 198 relating to the former Alltwen Park, Councillor G Davies outlined a proposal for further investigation and the Clerk reported on the advice received from the Council's legal advisors. RESOLVED that the Clerk make an informal approach to Neath Port Talbot CBC and report back to Council.

211 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

225	Wicksteed Playscapes	Brynmorgrug Playground Inst 1	24878.90
226	Wicksteed Playscapes	Brynmorgrug Playground Inst 2	7062.34
1-4)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
5)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	1984.00
6)	Prudential	Pension Contributions)	
7	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	508.26
8	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Alltwen CC	282.00
9	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Non Domestic Rates Rhos CC	359.80
10	Corona Energy	Gas Alltwen CC	413.48
11	British Gas	Electricity Rhos CC	63.55
12	British Gas	Gas Rhos CC	335.26

13	Trade UK	Building Materials	25.64
14	One Voice Wales	Membership Fee 2013-14	545.00
15	Ecosolve Ltd	Playing Field Maintenance 3 (2012-13)	1408.80
16	DR James & Son	Legal Advice	120.00
17	SWALEC	Electricity Alltwen CC	181.23
18	NALC	Local Council Review	16.00
19	Cotton & Sons	Cleaning Materials	46.28
20	Westward Energy Services	Heating Repair	230.23

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Rhos CC	March Income	190.50

RESOLVED that the sums of £32,000.00 and £7,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Account to its Current Account.

212 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

213 MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED noted that the Clerk's report on maintenance items be noted.

214 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

There were no substantive reports relating to Community Centre Management.

215 PACT MEETINGS

The Clerk reported an e-mail from the Delffordd Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, drawing Members' attention to current PACT priorities and requesting that the Council write to the Police regarding speeding traffic in Rhos. Following consideration, RESOLVED to wait until the next meeting and receive an update on discussions at the forthcoming PACT meeting.

216 FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee held on the 19 March 2013 be adopted, subject to the Clerk seeking professional advice on specifications, and the inclusion of improved disability access as part of the Rhos Car Park design.

217 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clerk outlined the Council's budget situation with regard to this item and offered a brief summary of each of the applications.

RESOLVED that the following applications be supported in the sums indicated -

1	Pontardawe Town Council Children's Activity Leaflet	£200.00
2	Alltwen Parent and Toddler Group	£150.00
4	NSPCC Cymru	£ 75.00
6	Age Concern Neath Port Talbot	£ 75.00
10	West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Ltd	£100.00
11	Alltwen School PTA	£300.00
12	Aber Valley Heritage Group	£100.00

Further RESOLVED that the Aber Valley Heritage Group be advised that the Council requests that the mining tragedies at the Primrose and Gleision Collieries be recorded at the proposed Welsh National Mining Memorial.

RESOLVED that the following applications be not supported -

3 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru, Sir Ddinbych a'r Cyffiniau
5 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Sir Benfro
7 Victim Support
8 All Wales Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline
9 Stroke Assocation

218 LAND EAST OF RHOS PARK

The Clerk reported an approach by representatives from Rhos AFC and Neath Port Talbot CBC regarding the possibility of granting a temporary access across a corner of Rhos Park to facilitate maintenance access on to land east of Rhos Park. He indicated that this involved access from the public highway on to the Council's land, removal of fencing panels and the provision of a temporary gate and surface, all of which would be the responsibility of the other parties involved.

RESOLVED that the Council accede to the request, subject to agreement of details with the Clerk, and agreement of reinstatement as necessary.

219 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be actioned as indicated -

2 Bethan Jenkins AM Request to address Council

Ms Jenkins be invited to a future meeting of Council.

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted -

1	One Voice Wales	NPT Area Committee
3	Welsh Government Regeneration	Notification of Policy
4	CPRW	Journal
5	NPT CBC	Consultation re Ysgol Maes y Coed Bryncoch

6	Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay	Notice of Consultation
7	Play Wales	Journal

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

Signed Dated 07 May 2013

Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Development Committee of the Council held on Tuesday 30 April 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Alltwen Community Centre.

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors A Threlfall D Atkins A Melen G Threlfall
M Patterson and R Watson, Harry's Fund

Apologies Councillor D Lewis G Davies

220 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting, but the Chairperson welcomed representatives from Harry's Fund, with whom the Council was jointly working to deliver Harry's Park.

221 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following two items, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

222 HARRY'S PARK LANDSCAPE WORKS

The Clerk reported on four tenders received for landscape works associated with the development of Harry's Park at Alltwen Community Centre. He presented a tender report prepared by Groundwork Neath Port Talbot and reminded Members that they could exercise delegated powers in considering the recommendation of the report. RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Afan Landscapes be accepted.

223 HARRY'S PARK PLAYGROUND WORKS

The Clerk reported on the tendering process for playground work initiated on behalf of the Council and Harry's Fund by Groundwork Neath Port Talbot. He indicated that the process of selecting a playground supplier required a qualitative assessment of schemes submitted for a set budget, together with a commitment to work with a preferred supplier to agree a scheme within that budget. He confirmed that a limited time had been available for tendering and that, as a result, only two tenders had been received. The tenders were duly opened and recorded by the Clerk, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairman. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the limited timeframe and the responses received did not provide for an effective qualitative assessment of sufficient tenders.

RESOLVED that -

- the Clerk advise all four contractors invited to tender that a revised timeframe had been agreed and that submission, resubmission or confirmation of tenders was, therefore, invited
- following receipt of tenders an assessment workshop be held involving representatives of Harry's Fund, Groundwork, the appointed artist and the Clerk
- a report be submitted by the Clerk to a future meeting of the Finance and Development Committee, to facilitate a decision, acting with delegated powers, on a preferred playground supplier as the basis for negotiation of a design to the agreed budget.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm.

Signed Dated 07 May 2013