Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 03 December 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Alltwen Community Centre

Presiding Councillor H David

Present Councillors D Jones, M Spooner, R Lewis, A Melen, D Atkins, S Williams, Y James, L Rees, I Jones, E Hastings

Apologies Councillors S Atkins, A Threlfall

128 SOUTH WALES WOODTURNERS

Representatives, S. Griffiths, H. McMillan and J. Zenazzi from the Woodturners club attended the meeting to discuss possible plans for converting the 'Unders' at Alltwen into further useable space to be utilised by the club. They explained that plans had been designed by MJ Designs in early 2018 and they enquired as to whether or not these plans would be feasible. They stated that the club is very successful and has been running for over 30 years. The club has 47 members at this time and accepts new members over the age of 16 (or 14 with a guardian present).

The Clerk explained that she had only received one firm estimate on the cost of the potential project of approx. £50,000.00. She explained that many builders and building companies either see the job as too small or too big for them. Swift Property Maintenance are the only company to show a real interest in carrying out the job at the moment. The representatives stated that they would be happy to fundraise for the project, apply for lottery funding and carry out some of the work themselves to save on costs such as building and carpentry. Members were pleased with this.

Representatives enquired as to whether or not it may be possible to lease the new rooms and pay a peppercorn rent for a period of 5 years as this would aid with funding applications. Cllr A Melen explained that the issue at this time with the under-use of Alltwen Community Centre could be detrimental to any funding applications.

It was suggested that the current meeting room, used by council and the WI, could be converted into a workshop, as a quicker alternative option than converting the Unders. Members thought that this was a good idea and suggested that the rooms be swapped over i.e. the workshop move into the meeting room and vice versa. The meeting room would need electricity supplies for the machinery brought down from the ceiling as well as safety surfacing under foot and extraction facilities. The current workshop could then be refurbished into a smaller meeting room. Cllr Y James mentioned that some groups have been turned down in the past from hiring a room on an on-going basis for their use only but if the current workshop was turned into a meeting room then this concern would be negated. It may be possible for this work to be done via Awards for All funding, Clerk to check this. All agreed that this was the best option if suitable for

the Woodturners club. RESOLVED that Woodturners club measure the larger meeting room, check suitability for the machinery and liaise with council on this matter.

It was suggested that the Woodturners could put on an exhibition of their works in the Community Centre. RESOLVED that this be considered in the near future.

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

130 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Amendment to minute 112 Planning – application 19/5610 2 storey rear extension at 3 Plas Road, Rhos was also approved. RESOLVED that the remainder of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 05 November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

131 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 113 Maintenance, Clerk reported that she had received a response from L Barrett, NPTCBC regarding footpaths. The footpath behind Alltwen Chapel has now been cut back and tree trimmed. A survey was carried out on all March Hywel footpaths earlier this year. Cllr R Lewis requested that a survey be carried out on the footpaths between Mynydd y Darren and Crynant Common. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 114 Community Centre Management, Clerk reported that she had spoken to M Vale regarding the dementia friendly toilets and she will meet the Clerk at the centre to take a look before giving a decision on whether or not each individual toilet seat will need to be changed. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 116 BMX Track, the Clerk reported that Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) has now completed drawings for the track repairs. RESOLVED that Clerk arrange site meeting with Andrew and Members over the coming week to discuss further. Clerk reported that she contacted One Voice Wales for advice on the work carried out by Dragon Play and Sports. P Egan (OVW) has sent the details forward to their solicitors in London for further legal advice. Clerk is awaiting response. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 117 Council Mission Statement on Climate Breakdown Emergency, Cllr I Jones reported that he is looking into funding for potential projects. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 119 Commemorative Dram, Cllr R Lewis stated that he will order the dram. He suggested chippings for the base as this will be cheaper than a concrete base. He will also obtain 2 sleepers on which the wheelbase of the dram can rest. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 122 Any Other Urgent Business - Christmas Trees for Rhos, Clerk reported that she ordered 2 trees from Tonmawr Christmas Tree Farm but on the day before delivery, the school said they no longer wanted the tree. Chair and Vice-chair suggested that the spare tree be placed inside the main hall of Rhos Community Centre instead. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 122 Any Other Urgent Business - Remembrance Sunday, Cllr A Melen reported that Alltwen Primary School are usually invited to lay the wreath at Alltwen Monument but were not invited this year. RESOLVED that school be invited next year.

132 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & PRECEPT 2020-21

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

138B	Amazon Business	Christmas tree lights: Rhos CC	83.37
139B-142B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2211.13
143B)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	910.89
144B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	501.18
145D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Alltwen CC	337.00
146D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Rhos CC	373.00
147B	Corona Energy	Gas: Alltwen CC	255.95
148D	SSE	Electric: Alltwen CC	21.97
149B	SSE	Electric: Rhos CC	277.78
150B	Wales Audit Office	External Audit Fee	256.05
151B	Lliw Building Supplies	Keysafe, fence posts, postfix, nut & bolt	104.60
152B	Cllr L. Rees	Reimbursement: First Aid Certification	30.00
153B	Tonmawr Christmas Farm	2 x Christmas Trees: Rhos CC	96.00
154B	Cotton & Sons	Hand towels & Toilet roll: Rhos CC	103.50
155B	Cotton & Sons	Liquid Soap: Rhos CC	17.40

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	November Income	171.00
2	Rhos CC	November Income	820.00
3	Rhos FC	November Income PF	186.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £6,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance and Development Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and be adopted.

RESOLVED that Community Centre Hire charges not be increased for 2020-21.

RESOLVED that charges for use of the football pitch be increased as below:

	2019-20 Charges	**2020-21 Charges**
Senior Football	£28.00 per match	£30.00 per match
Junior Football	£15.00 per match	£16.00 per match
Mini Football	£7.00 per match	£8.00 per match

The schedule of new charges as drafted by the Committee to be implemented as of 01 April 2020.

RESOLVED that Rhos FC be charged for changing room cleaning services overtime costs.

RESOLVED that Capital Schemes spending priorities be adopted as of Finance and Development Committee Meeting Minute 125. Section 106 funding to be used for funding of projects within Rhos Park.

Further RESOLVED that the Council's precept for the financial year 2020-21 be endorsed as £100,000.00 (Minute 127 refers).

133 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

19/5569	Retention of dwelling	Land adj. 74 Gwyn Street, Alltwen SA8 3AN
19/5587	Single storey side extensions	44 Delffordd, Rhos SA8 3EL
19/5633	Garage conversion with replacement parking	191 Bryn Morgrug, Alltwen SA8 3BE

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

134 MAINTENANCE

Footpath, Neath Road, Rhos: Cllr D Atkins reported that the footpath between Pen yr Alltwen and Rhos Primary School has been cut but there is still a large branch hanging opposite no. 12 Neath Road. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC regarding this matter.

Heol Y Nant: Clerk reported that she had received a response from NPTCBC highways regarding making the road a one-way street. NPTCBC have no plans to do this. Cllr M Spooner reported that she has a meeting with NPTCBC highways regarding this matter and will follow up on this. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos Traffic Lights: Clerk reported that NPTCBC will look at sequence of lights. Cllr D Jones stated that minimal time is given on a green light for traffic leaving Delffordd early in the morning. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC regarding this matter.

Alltwen Monument: Cllr A Melen reported that she had spoken with NPTCBC regarding planning for a new light at the top of the monument. She stated that as the monument has protected status, there would be no cost for listed buildings consent. RESOLVED noted.

135 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Clerk reported that the roof of the community centre in Alltwen has some lose tiles and some mushrooms growing in one corner of the roof. A roofer is going to give a quote on rectifying this. RESOLVED noted.

It was reported that the front door handle of Alltwen Community Centre is not working. RESOLVED that Clerk speak to handyman regarding this.

136 POLICE AND PACT MATTERS

It was reported that the PACT meeting will be held in Rhos Community Centre at 6pm tomorrow evening. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that she had spoken to PCSO regarding needles found at the rear of Alltwen Community Centre. He said he will monitor the area. RESOLVED noted.

137 ALLTWEN TRIANGLE CHRISTMAS EVENT REVIEW

It was reported that slightly fewer people attended this year's event. The event went well and the church raised almost £300.00 in total from hot-dog sales etc.

It was reported that the bus had to be let through the road closure. Clerk reported that First Cymru were aware of the closure and had acknowledged this via email. It was reported that the closure had worked more efficiently once the PCSO's started taking control and directing traffic. It was suggested that next year part of Gwyn Street also be closed between 5:30pm – 7:00pm to enable Santa to stop in front of Gwyn Arms and public could then gather round on the road. RESOLVED noted.

It was reported that the stage PA wasn't loud enough, it could only be heard when close to the stage. RESOLVED that this be looked at in plenty of time for next year.

It was suggested that next year a garland be placed on the lamp-post at the top of the triangle. RESOLVED noted.

It was suggested that traders with small fair-rides could be invited to next year's event. Rides would be priced at £2.50 each and traders could donate some of the fee to the church/band etc. Cllr D Jones showed concern for parents, particularly with more than one child, as the event could end up costing them a lot of money. This could put some people off coming along to a community event. It was suggested that keeping the event as a simple, community, village event may be the best idea and that commercialising it may not be a good idea. RESOLVED that this be considered in detail when planning 2020 event.

It was suggested that in 2020, Christmas Carol sheets be produced so that the public could sing along with the brass band. RESOLVED noted.

Members noted their gratitude to Cwmtawe Youth Brass Band, John and Luke (Pontardawe Round Table) for the stage, W Lewis for the electricity supply, St John's Church for the chairs, Rev'd J Shaw for the blessing, M Patterson as compere, M Bubb, volunteers and members for all of their hard work on the evening of the event . RESOLVED noted.

138 SECTION 106 FUNDING – RHOS PARK

RESOLVED that the first instalment of the Section 106 funding to be used for funding of the following projects within Rhos Park:

Rhos Playground – Phase 2: **£37,312.00**

Rhos Park Running/Jogging Track: ***£10,000.00 approx.*** **(gravel & labour – awaiting quote)**

Rhos Commemorative Dram: **£500.00**

Rhos BMX Track repair works: **£3,000.00**

Cllr R Lewis stated that when looking at a running track around the field drainage issues will need to be considered as the East side of the park, behind the bund, is liable to flooding. RESOLVED noted.

139 NEW WEBSITE AND EMAILS

Clerk reported that the new website is coming along well. She has created it as a parallel site with the Welsh on the left and English on the right as per Welsh Language Commissioner recommendations. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk requested that members send any photos of the area or events to her so that she can add to the website gallery. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that due to the Cyber Cover on the new insurance policy, gmail, Hotmail and yahoo email addresses are not secure and could be read by bots. This could have GDPR implications. Clerk will set up new email addresses for each member in the form of initial.surname@cilybebyll.cymru. RESOLVED noted.

140 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	Ty Olwen Trust	Thanks for donation (Spencer Morgan)
2	Ty Olwen Trust	Thanks for donation (ex-cllr Ceri Evans)
3	Victim Support	Application for funding
4.	R. Pritchard – Welsh Government	Consultation – Equality Act 2010
5.	C. Cooke – Boundary Commission	Consultation – Electoral Wards Review
6.	NPTCBC Environment	Heol Y Nant response
7.	Power for People	Request to support local electricity bill

8.	NPTCBC	Response re: footpaths
9.	Cilybebyll Community Growers	Christmas trees
10.	D. Evans – Rhos FC	Dog fouling

3 RESOLVED that Clerk to send funding application form to Victim Support.

4,5,7 RESOLVED that Clerk forward emails to members for consideration.

9 RESOLVED that it be granted that Christmas trees be placed on entrance and exit of Rhos. Clerk to contact NPTCBC regarding this.

10 RESOLVED that a post be placed on Facebook regarding dog fouling on Rhos Park football pitch.

141 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Parking on pavements, Rhos: Cllr R Lewis reported that he had been approached by a local resident complaining about parked cars on pavements in Rhos. Cllr M Spooner will raise this with NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

Chair Resignation: Chair stated that she would unfortunately be resigning from council due to the fact that she and her family are imminently moving to the USA. Vice-Chair, Cllr S Williams gave a vote of thanks to Cllr H David for her work as Chair over the previous months. Cllr S Williams will take over as Chair as of January 2020. RESOLVED noted.

Council Vacancy: It was reported that there is now a vacancy on the council for the Cilybebyll Ward. There may also be a vacancy for the Rhos Ward if Cllr A Thomas is not going to return to council. RESOLVED that Clerk contact Cllr A Thomas for update.

The meeting ended at 9:20pm.

Signed Dated 07 January 2020