# Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
# Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *GoTo Meeting*, on Tuesday 02 June 2020 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor S Williams

Present Councillors M Spooner, D Jones, Y James, I Jones, A Melen, L Rees, D Atkins, S Atkins, A Threlfall, R Stephens, A Thomas

Apologies Councillors C Jones, R Lewis, E Hastings

## 18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 19 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online on 04 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

## 20 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 14 Applications for Financial Support – Clerk reported that she had contacted Eagles After School Club for more information. She will contact OVW on advice regarding Section 137 payments. It was suggested that accompanying guidance be sent out with all application forms. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 14 Applications for Financial Support – Clerk reported that the £500.00 funding had been received from NPTCVS for Alltwen Covid-19 Community Volunteers. Clerk reported that she had ordered Hand Sanitiser and Facemasks and that these were handed over to the group. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 17 Any Other Urgent Business – it was reported that the light on top of the memorial fountain had been fitted. RESOLVED noted.

## 21 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

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| 31B-35B) | Staff | Wages, Expenses ) | 2650.82 |
| 36B | City & County of Swansea | Pension Contributions | 887.34 |
| 37B | HMRC | Income Tax and NI | 501.65 |
| 38B | Corona Energy | Gas: Alltwen CC | 260.63 |
| 39B | Non-dom Rates | Alltwen CC | 342.00 |
| 40B | Non-dom Rates | Rhos CC | 380.00 |
| 41B | SSE | Electric: Alltwen CC | 193.71 |
| 42B | Wayne Duggan | Maintenance: Rhos Playing Fields | 737.00 |
| 43B | Ecosolve | Maintenance: Rhos Playing Fields | 7618.24 |
| 44B | 1358 Pontardawe Cadets | Financial Assistance Grant | 250.00 |

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| 45B | Alltwen Bowls Club | Financial Assistance Grant | 300.00 |
| 46B | Wales Air Ambulance | Financial Assistance Grant | 200.00 |
| 47B | Dwr Cymru | Water: Alltwen CC | 102.32 |
| 48B | Dwr Cymru | Water: Rhos CC | 126.92 |
| 49B | SSE | Electric: Rhos CC | 301.17 |
| 50B | Amazon | Facemasks (Alltwen Covid Volunteers) | 118.93 |
| 51B | Fergusons & Peters | Internal Audit | 720.00 |

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

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| 1 | NPTCVS | Grant Funding (Alltwen Covid-19 Community Volunteers) | 500.00 |

RESOLVED that the sum of £16,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account.

## 22 ANNUAL RETURN 2019-20

Clerk reported that Ferguson Peters had completed the internal audit. No issues raised. Clerk presented annual return to council and explained variances. It was noted that there was an error in the variance sheet sent to councillors, it should have read Precept variance £8,000.00 not £1,000.00. RESOLVED noted.

Annual Return 2019-20 approved by full council and signed by RFO (Clerk) and Chair immediately following the meeting. RESOLVED.

## 23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following application –

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| P2020/ 0372 | Single storey flat roof rear extension together with extension to existing rear roof plane. | 91 Pen Yr Alltwen, Alltwen SA8 3EA |
| P2020/ 0376 | TPO Oak Tree - trimming of the lower canopy by 2m to 3m. | 21 Corner Meadow, Rhos SA8 3DR |
| P2020/ 0425 | First Floor Rear Extension | 5 Mill Row, Alltwen SA8 3AD |

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

## 24 MAINTENANCE

**Footpaths:** Clerk reported that Aled (footpaths officer) is continuing to cut footpaths. He stated that he has walked the path up towards Crynant (the Cilybebyll Walk) and will return to cut back overgrowth as much as possible. If there are trees or obstacles that he can't move himself, he will contact the Clerk. Members were pleased with this. RESOLVED noted.

## 25 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

**Rhos:** Clerk reported that the painting of the main hall and Bronwen's room has almost been completed. Glossing has also been completed. Works completed for a total cost of £208.15. Members were pleased with this. RESOLVED noted.

**Alltwen:** Clerk reported that the cost of painting the main hall in Alltwen is likely to be the same as Rhos (approx. £210.00). Members agreed to proceed with these works. It was suggested that the kitchen also be looked at in order to ascertain if it also needs painting. Clerk to ask caretaker to check this. Caretaker and handyman to complete works. RESOLVED noted.

Handyman had suggested to Clerk that hares fencing be used to block-off the unders at Alltwen. Members did not think this was a good idea as it could antagonise the youths. Cllr D Jones stated that at the meeting with the Police and PCSOs, they had suggested that if the unders were blocked-off, it may cause the youths to attempt to vandalise the community centre itself. Clerk reported that there had been fires started in the unders and that this was a concern with regards to council insurance. Members stated that they would be happy to agree with the Police in making it a safe space for youths to congregate and a sign could be erected to state that fires should not be started. Members agreed that the risk of the community centre being damaged by the youths would be minimal and decided to monitor the situation. RESOLVED noted.

## 26 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PARKS & FOOTPATHS

Chair reported that NPTCBC will be re-opening their parks on 04 June 2020 but that playgrounds will remain closed. Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Police stating that they would not have any issues with Rhos Park and Gwynfryn Park being re-opened. RESOLVED that Rhos Park and Gwynfryn Park be re-opened in line with NPTCBC but that playgrounds remain closed.

Councillors were concerned that members of the public may sit on benches within the parks (which is currently not allowed). Cllr D Atkins stated that as it is impossible to remove the benches from the parks, then this may be unavoidable. It was decided that signs telling the public to follow government guidelines on social distancing be made and placed on park entrances before they re-open. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr M Spooner explained that the reason NPTCBC had closed certain public footpaths was due to landowners' requests. Some of the paths cross their land and they were concerned that members of the public would come into close contact with them whilst walking on the footpaths. The decisions on re-opening footpaths is out of Community Council's hands – it is a NPTCBC decision that will be decided on county level. Cllr M Spooner will contact NPTCBC for an update on this matter. RESOLVED noted.

## 27 BOARD OF GOVERNORS, RHOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cllr M Spooner explained that the board of governors has 3 vacancies. She is currently representing the community on the board but will become a local authority member instead. There is one further vacancy for a local authority member and one vacancy for a community member. Cllr R Stephens suggested that as he is on the board as a parent governor, that he could possibly become a community member instead. Councillors to consider if they would like to become involved with the board of governors. RESOLVED that this matter be revisited in the next meeting of council.

## 28 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

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| 1 | NPTCBC: D Phillips | Lease Lon Tan Yr Allt must be paid in full |
| 2 | J Plenty | Footpath no.20 |
| 3 | S Smith | Watering Allotments |
| 4 | Cllr R Lewis | Youths in cars causing nuisance at Rhos CC Car Park |
| 5 | L Reynolds | Request for advice re: land/field for rent |

2 Facebook message from J Plenty received regarding works at Footpath no.20. Clerk contacted NPTCBC for explanation: footpath 20 was damaged during storm Dennis. A new bridge is being constructed to cover both waterways. RESOLVED noted.

3 Email from S Smith requesting access to the allotments in order to fill water tanks. Access granted as long as gate is locked once leaving the site. RESOLVED noted.

4 Cllr R Lewis reported via phone call that he had received a report from a member of the public regarding youths congregating in their cars and causing a nuisance in Rhos Community Centre car park. He suggested that the main gates to the car park could be reinstated to avoid further issues. Members did not think this would be a good idea due to the potential need for emergency vehicles to access the site. It was suggested that the Police be alerted to this activity and the situation be monitored. RESOLVED noted.

5 Call from L Reynolds enquiring as to any land/field that could be rented. It was suggested that she contact NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

## 29 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr R Stephens reported that the allotment holders had again asked for a water supply. Clerk stated that Dwr Cymru had visited and that the water supply to the pavilion building is now working. RESOLVED that Cllr R Stephens liaise with allotment holders.

Cllr A Melen gave thanks to the member of the public that observed the meeting. Councillors were pleased that members of the community are interested in local council matters. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr A Thomas stated that although it is difficult for him to attend council meetings due to his new work commitments, he would like to stay on as Community Councillor for the time being. Members agreed to this request. RESOLVED noted.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm.

Signed Dated 07 June 2020