Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor Y James

Present Councillors R Lewis, H David, I Jones, A Thomas, E Hastings, A Threlfall, C Jones, D Jones, L Rees

Apologies M Spooner, S Atkins, D Atkins, S Williams

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Thomas and C Jones declared an interest in Item 8 – Planning Applications.

44 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 07 May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

45 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 42 Any Other Urgent Business, Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Footpaths officer regarding the tree. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 34 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that Sutcliffe Play have completed repairs at Rhos Park playground. RESOLVED.

46 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

23B-27B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	
28B)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	3482.70
29B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	574.60
30D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Alltwen CC	337.00
31D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Rhos CC	373.00
32B	Corona Energy	Gas: Alltwen CC (April)	314.22
33D	Dwr Cymru	Water: Rhos CC	170.23
34D	Dwr Cymru	Water: Alltwen CC	122.62
35B	Wayne Duggan	Fertiliser & Herbicide: Rhos PF	722.00
36B	SSE	Electric: Rhos CC (April)	276.65
37B	NPTCBC	Trade Refuse: Alltwen CC	332.93
38B	NPTCBC	Trade Refuse: Rhos CC	332.93
39B	Corona Energy	Gas: Alltwen CC (May)	274.37
40B	Entertainment Explosion UK	Children's Entertainment (Rhos Fun Day)	400.00
41B	SSE	Electric: Rhos CC (May)	263.40
42B	SSE	Electric: Alltwen CC	189.74

43B	Lliw Building Supplies	Maintenance Supplies	77.87
44B	N Parr-Williams	Clerk's Quarterly Expenses (Jan-Mar)	117.42

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	May Income	275.00
2	Rhos CC	May Income	820.00
3	Rhos PF	May Income	121.00

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

47 ANNUAL RETURN

Clerk reported that Ferguson Peters had completed the internal audit. No issues raised. Clerk presented annual return to council and explained variances.

Annual Return 2018-19 approved by full council and signed by Chair and RFO (Clerk). RESOLVED.

48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

19/0421	Discharge of conditions	27 Derwen Road, Alltwen
19/0134	2 Storey side and rear extension	13 Plas Road, Rhos

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

Members decided that they would like more information on planning ref:

19/0427	Variation of conditions	Land off Dyffryn Road, Alltwen
19/05046 & 5047	Discharge of conditions	Alltwen Industrial Estate Development

RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPT CBC for more detailed information particularly with regards to vehicle access and road links on both applications.

49 MAINTENANCE

Harry's Park Playground: Clerk reported that an item of equipment has broken in Harry's Park. Handyman and Clerk have both contact Wicksteed. Wicksteed will visit the site asap. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen Community Centre: Clerk reported that an outer pane of glass has been smashed in the toilets. Glazier has been contacted. Awaiting quote for new pane. RESOLVED noted.

Footpaths: Clerk reported that Western Power will be cutting trees on two footpaths in Alltwen where the trees are almost touching overhead cables. RESOLVED noted. Members reported overgrowth on footpath leading down the incline to Tesco. Clerk to ask Footpaths officer to look at this asap. RESOLVED noted.

Bund at Rhos Park: Clerk has liaised with Glantawe Landscapes regarding moving bund. Work to be carried out as soon as possible. RESOLVED noted.

50 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Alltwen Community Centre: Members reported that local residents are parking on the entrances to the car park at the Community Centre. This is an issue as these parked cars are making access to the car park difficult. Local residents are also using some of the parking spaces in the car park to park their cars throughout the day and night. RESOLVED that Clerk order signage noting that Car Park is only to be used by Community Centre and Harry's Park users.

Alltwen & Rhos Community Centres: Members reported that there are no disclaimer notices in either of the car parks warning that cars are parked at owners own risk. RESOLVED that Clerk order signage.

51 POLICE AND PACT MATTERS

Cllr C Jones reported that he had attended the last PACT meeting. It was reported that the area has a new PCSO but he was not available to attend the meeting. PCSO Singh will attend the next meeting. Issues were raised with regards to green recycling bags. It was reported that PCSO's are patrolling Alltwen Community Centre and both schools (Rhos and Alltwen) and noting parking issues at the sites. RESOLVED noted.

52 RHOS FUN DAY & CONSULTATION EVENT REVIEW

Cllr A Thomas reported that he had received very positive responses from the community regarding the event. Over 100 people attended the event. Parents were keen to see more events such as this take place in the future. Members happy to consider more events at a later date. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr A Thomas presented a summary of the results of the consultation. Most responses were very positive about Rhos Park and the main request was to reinstate the old BMX track. Cllr A Thomas is happy to use his NPTCBC Member's Fund money to cover the cost of completing this. He has spoken to Paul Hinder at NPTCBC with regards to this and he is supportive of the idea as there is enough evidence of community support and backing for the project. RESOLVED that Cllr A Thomas in conjunction with the Clerk go ahead with the application for funding.

Cllr A Thomas reported that suggestions for other park equipment were received including a zip-wire, picnic tables, outdoor gym and running track. These potential projects to be looked at in due course. Clerk suggested that Awards for All funding could be applied for in order to fund some of these projects. Council

will revisit in near future. RESOLVED that Clerk cost picnic tables and seating for the park.

Members suggested that it would be useful to publish the results of the consultation on the council's website. RESOLVED.

It was suggested that all 'good news' story's be published every quarter in the Pontardawe/Community Mag. RESOLVED that Clerk cost this.

53 CND CYMRU

It was decided that this item be postponed until the next meeting of council as the lead on this matter, Cllr S Williams, was unable to attend the meeting. RESOLVED that members will revisit this agenda item in the July meeting of council.

54 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	D Evans – Rhos FC	Judge needed for banner competition
2	Marie Curie	Letter of thanks for donation
3	Cllr D Atkins	Karate Mats
4	M Bubb	Letter of thanks
5	Cllr I Jones	Climate Breakdown Emergency Council Strategy
6	Cllr I Jones	Tools for self-reliance Cymru

1) Cllr H David offered to judge the banner competition. RESOLVED noted.
3) Clerk to check Alltwen Community Centre to see if there are any mats there, if so, move them to Rhos Community Centre. Clerk to contact Karate Club to suggest that they apply for funding from the Community Chest. RESOLVED noted.

5) Cllr I Jones reported that the UK and Welsh governments have announced a Climate Change Emergency due to only 12 years before Global Warming reaches the point of no return. Risk of droughts and flooding will worsen. Cllr I Jones suggested that as the council owns land and property, then a council policy could be created to try to make the council more eco-friendly. Suggestions included looking at renewable energy suppliers, purchasing solar panels for Community Centres etc. Members were generally supportive of this idea but thought that an Environmental Mission Statement would be more appropriate. RESOLVED that Cllr I Jones and Clerk draft mission statement for discussion at next council meeting. Cllr H David reported that NPTCBC have three ecologists working for them. These could be approached for assistance and advice. REOLVED noted.

6) RESOLVED that leaflets be placed on notice boards of both Community Centres.

55 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Footpaths: RESOLVED that Clerk contact land owner again regarding gutter underneath meadow at footpath 26. Cllr A Thomas reported that the bridge repair/replacement on the footpaths will be completed this financial year. RESOLVED noted.

Telephone Kiosk: Cllr R Lewis reported that the telephone kiosk in Rhos is green with algae and needs cleaning.

Third Party Banner Advertising at Community Centres: It was decided that this item be considered in the next meeting of council. RESOLVED that Clerk produce a draft policy.

Clerk's laptop: Clerk reported that the council laptop is whirring and running very slowly. The laptop is over 5 years old and needs replacing. £800.00 was set aside in the budget for this. RESOLVED that Clerk order new laptop suitable for office and meeting use within the £800.00 budget.

The meeting ended at 8:35pm.

Signed Dated 02 July 2019