Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 05 November 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Rhos Community Centre

Presiding Councillor H David

Present Councillors C Jones, D Jones, M Spooner, R Lewis, A Melen, S Atkins, D Atkins, S Williams, Y James

Apologies Councillors L Rees, I Jones, A Threlfall, E Hastings

108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C Jones declared an interest in Item 6 – Planning Applications.

109 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Amendment to minute 106 Any Other Urgent Business – Councillor A Thomas has resigned as County Councillor but will stay on as Community Councillor for the time being. RESOLVED that the remainder of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 01 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

110 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 92 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that due to the busy period with regards to arranging the Christmas event, she was unable to arrange a convenient meeting of the Task & Finish group for Alltwen Community Centre during October. RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged for January 2020.

Further to minute 92 Matters Arising, Cllr C Jones reported that the Lon Tan yr Allt Park project was moving forward. He reported that Sutcliffe had been selected to complete the work as they had included groundworks in their plan for the site. £10,000.00 could be allocated from the NPTCBC Members fund with the remainder coming from Mynydd Y Betws grant. NPTCBC Cabinet will meet shortly to decide on the matter. Members were very pleased with the progress on this matter. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 96 Community Centre Management, the Clerk reported that the 5 lever lock has been installed in Alltwen Community Centre. The signage has also been erected in both Alltwen and Rhos Community Centres. The Clerk has ordered solar security lights for Alltwen Community Centre. They will be installed asap. RESOLVED noted.

111 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

108B-112B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2422.64
113B)	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions)	992.31
114B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	551.38
115D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Alltwen CC	337.00
116D	NPT CBC	Non Domestic Rates: Rhos CC	373.00
117B	Corona Energy	Gas: Alltwen CC	127.38
118B	PPL PRS	Music Licencing	147.51
119B	NPTCBC	Trade Waste: Alltwen CC	332.93
120B	NPTCBC	Trade Waste: Rhos CC	332.93
121B	STRI	Pitch Inspection: Rhos PF	108.04
122B	CLC Chartered Surveyors	Valuations: Rhos CC & Alltwen CC	500.00
123D	Dwr Cymru	Water: Alltwen CC	112.23
124D	Dwr Cymru	Water: Rhos CC	134.25
125B	Wayne Duggan	Fertiliser: Rhos PF	399.00
126C	Papur Bro Llais	Financial Assistance Grant	300.00
127C	Alltwen Community Gardening Club	Financial Assistance Grant	700.00
128B	Menter Iaith CNPT	Financial Assistance Grant	200.00
129C	Capel Alltwen	Financial Assistance Grant: Cemetery	350.00
130C	St John's Cilybebyll	Financial Assistance Grant: Cemetery	200.00
131C	Ebeneser Rhos	Financial Assistance Grant: Cemetery	200.00
132B	Cilybebyll PCC	Financial Assistance Grant: Cemetery	100.00
133C	Ty Olwen	Donation in Memory of Ceri Evans	50.00
134C	Ty Olwen	Donation on behalf of Spencer Morgan Jewellers (valuation of chain of office)	50.00
135C	Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreaths	50.00
136B	Amazon Business	Dementia Toilet Seat, signs & lights	57.44
137B	Martin Redmond	Gutter Clearance: Alltwen CC	90.00

RESOLVED that the following receipts be noted –

1	Alltwen CC	October Income	392.00
2	Rhos CC	October Income	995.00
3	Rhos FC	October Income PF	97.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £9,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account.

Cllr A Melen reported that she had spoken to a representative of Alltwen OAP's as a grant is usually given by council to the group for their Christmas dinner. The representative stated that unfortunately, due to low numbers, the group will cease meeting after Christmas. They will use the money in their reserves to cover the cost of the Christmas dinner this year. Members were disappointed at the news that the group were disbanding. RESOLVED noted.

112 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

19/5523	Partial discharge (plots 14 to 16 only) of condition 8	Alltwen Ind. Estate, Alltwen SA8 3DE
19/5534	Certificate of Lawfulness - Single storey side extension	45 Waun Daniel, Rhos SA8 3HR
19/5364	TPO	113 Delffordd, Rhos SA8 3EN
19/5232	Part single storey side extension & first floor rear extension	2 Pen Y Graig Road, Alltwen SA8 3BS

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

113 MAINTENANCE

Footpaths Officer: Clerk reported that the footpaths officer has now finished but will be happy to complete one-off jobs throughout the Winter months if required. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen: Cllr S Williams reported that there is a tree with low hanging branches on the footpath between Alltwen Chapel and the cemetery (Alltwen Chwith). RESOLVED that Clerk check who is responsible for maintaining this footpath and surrounding area, as it was suggested that it may be a tree owned by 'The Butchers' Pub.

Northern Footpaths: Cllr R Lewis suggested that a survey be carried out by NPTCBC on the most northern footpaths on Mynnydd March Hywel to ascertain the condition of the paths. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC regarding this matter.

Footpath, Neath Road, Rhos: Cllr D Atkins reported that the footpath between Pen yr Alltwen and Rhos Primary School needs maintenance. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC regarding this matter.

Footpath, Primrose Lane: It was reported that there is a tree over the path at the bottom of Primrose Lane at the Heol Y Parc end. RESOLVED that Clerk report this to NPTCBC.

114 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Clerk reported that the signs for the Rhos and Alltwen Community Centre car parks have been erected. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the front door lock of Alltwen Community Centre has now been changed to a 5 lever lock. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the Solar Security Lights have been delivered and will be fitted asap. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that a red, dementia friendly toilet seat had been delivered and will be installed in the disabled toilet in Rhos Community Centre asap. Clerk has placed a dementia friendly toilet sticker on the disabled toilet door but they were not available in English and Welsh, therefore Clerk will cut a vinyl 'toiled' to place on top of the sticker asap. RESOLVED that Clerk check with M Vale whether or not all toilets will need to be done or will the one disabled toilet being dementia friendly be acceptable. Cllr D Jones reported that M Vale will provide red mats for the entrance to the centre. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr Y James reported that there is a broken door in the Ladies toilets at Rhos Community Centre. RESOLVED that Clerk ask Maintenance Officer to fix this.

115 POLICE AND PACT MATTERS

It was reported that a PACT meeting had not been held as yet. RESOLVED noted.

116 BMX TRACK

Clerk reported that she had spoken to Andrew Jenkins (Glantawe Landscapes) regarding the BMX track. He stated that he has ridden hundreds of BMX tracks and noted that the BMX track in Rhos Park does not come up to the usual standard. A Jenkins stated that he would be happy to do the remedial work to the track free of charge, the council would only need to cover the cost of materials which he estimated would be in the region of £3,000.00. This work would include widening the track, using different grades of stones to build up the track and press into a solid, all-weather surface. Council were pleased with this offer and it was RESOVED that this be considered in the Finance and Development Committee Meeting. Clerk reported that A Jenkins had said that the track wasn't suitable to be run as a clockwise track due to its design. It was suggested that a site meeting be held with A Jenkins and members to discuss this further. RESOLVED noted.

It was suggested that council gain advice from Trading Standards and One Voice wales with regards to the work carried out on the BMX track by Dragon Play & Sports. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that she had emailed Rhos Primary School to inform them of the temporary closure of the BMX track and that she had posted the information on the council's Facebook page. RESOLVED noted.

117 COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT ON CLIMATE BREAKDOWN EMERGENCY

Cllr Y James reported that free consultancy advice could be obtained regarding this matter. It was suggested that approx. £2,000.00 be put aside to cover any related costs. RESOLVED noted.

118 SECTION 106 FUNDING – RHOS PARK

Clerk reported that she had received suggestions from locals that a dog-walking area would be an asset to the community. It was suggested that the field next to the football pitch could be leased from NPTCBC and used for this purpose.

Results of the consultation at Rhos Community Centre in May 2019 included suggestions of a running track (similar to Cwrt Herbert) around the park and outdoor gym equipment.

It was suggested that a Cricket pitch and Bowls green be considered.

Members agreed that looking at Phase 2 of the playground at Rhos Park be considered. RESOLVED that Clerk contact Sutcliffe Play for updated prices for this project.

It was stated that before a decision is made that the criteria of the Section 106 funding should be checked. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC for more details.

119 COMMEMORATIVE TRAM

Cllr R Lewis suggested that a tram be acquired as a reminder to the community of the mining history of Rhos. He stated that the tram itself would be free of charge but that it would need sand-blasting and a concrete base to stand on. RESOLVED that Clerk cost this. It was suggested that a plaque be placed on the side of the tram with names of local mines. RESOLVED that this be agreed in principle subject to costings.

120 ALLTWEN MONUMENT

Clerk reported that she had received a quote for cleaning and re-guilding, with gold-leaf, the text on the monument. Gold leaf: £504 + VAT, Cleaning of monument: £300 + VAT and Painting of the railings: £150 + VAT. RESOLVED that this be agreed in principle subject to its consideration in the Finance and Development Committee Meeting.

It was stated that the bus shelter at Alltwen Triangle needs cleaning. RESOLVED that Clerk contact First Cymru regarding this matter.

121 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	S. Smith, Community Growers	Unsafe Trees
2	D. Evans, Rhos FC	Holes in mini pitch
3	A. Davies	Notice Boards
4	CHC	NHS Services Review
5		Diversity in Democracy Workshops

1 RESOLVED that the trees be included in the tree survey undertaken by Arborum.

2 RESOLVED that members are happy for Rhos FC to go ahead and fill in any Holes/divots. Members noted that the park should be used responsibly by all.

3 RESOLVED that no notice boards will be purchased at this time due to the extra work involved in maintaining them and possible vandalism.

4 RESOLVED that Clerk forwards details to members for further consideration.

122 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Christmas Event: Clerk reported that all is arranged for the event. First Aiders for the event needed. RESOLVED that Clerk contact St John's in the first instance for first aid cover. RESOLVED that members meet at 5.00pm at the Triangle on 02 December 2019.

Remembrance Sunday: Clerk reported that she had obtained 2 wreaths and made centrepieces for them with the council logo. RESOLVED that Chair attend service in St Peters Church, Pontardawe and lay wreaths at Pontardawe and Alltwen Monument.

Christmas Tree for Rhos Community Centre: It was suggested that a Christmas tree be purchased for Rhos Community Centre. RESOLVED that Clerk order tree and 2 packs of solar lights (£20 per pack). It was suggested that Rhos Primary School may also like a tree. RESOLVED that M Spooner contact school.

Alltwen Unders: Cllr C Jones reported that he had attended a meeting with South Wales Wood Turners. They are looking into Lottery funding for the Unders project. Clerk reported that due to the fact that the Alltwen Communuity Centre is under-used, gaining funding may prove difficult. It was suggested that the Wood Turners use the centre on more than one day (split their group over two or more days). RESOLVED noted.

Traffic Lights at Rhos
It was reported that the traffic lights at Rhos are causing significant delays. Traffic is building up on the main road and causing pollution next to Rhos Primary School. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC Highways to suggest altering the sequence of the lights.

Heol Y Nant
It was suggested that Heol Y Nant be made into a one-way street as it is very narrow with vehicles parked on both sides. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC Highways to suggest this.

The meeting ended at 9:30pm.

Signed Dated 03 December 2019