Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *Zoom*, on Tuesday 01 September 2020 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor S Williams

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

Apologies Councillors E Hastings, R Stephens, R Lewis

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs D Atkins, S Atkins and M Spooner declared an interest in item 6 Planning applications – application no. P2018/1032.

54 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online on 07 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

55 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 32 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she had contacted Rhos FC to find out if the water supply is now connected at the pavilion. They say that it is, so a pipe can now be joined to this for the use of the allotments. It was suggested that the Clerk check the legal agreements between Rhos FC, the Community Growers and the council to find out who will be responsible for paying for plumbing works. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 32 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Handyman regarding a solar light for the pavilion. Matter is in hand. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 37 Tree Survey for Rhos Park – Clerk reported that she has received one quote thus far for the survey. She is awaiting further quotes. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 40 Correspondence – Clerk reported that she had received an email from NPTCBC and BT to say that the kiosk at Rhos will be removed as the call numbers are extremely low and there were not enough objections to the proposals to justify keeping the kiosk in operation. RESOLVED noted.

56 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED via email that the following accounts be approved for payment in August –

67B	Signs Express	Playground Signs	192.10
68B-72B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2495.20
73B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	876.22
74B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	400.65
75B	Corona Energy	Gas: Alltwen CC	125.96
76D	Non-dom Rates	Alltwen CC	342.00
77D	Non-dom Rates	Rhos CC	380.00
78B	Sutcliffe Play	Lon Tanyrallt Goal End	13470.00
79B	Glantawe Landscapes Ltd	Moving Play Equipment: Rhos	70.00
80B	Glantawe Landscapes Ltd	Security fencing & parks	70.00
81B	Avanti	Gas: Rhos CC	86.33
82B	W Duggan	Rhos: Goalmouth Maintenance	210.00
83B	Lliw Building Supplies	Skeleton gun, paint stripper	27.10
84B	ROSPA Play Safety	Annual Playground Inspections	525.00
85B	W Duggan	Rhos: Pitch Fertiliser	407.00

RESOLVED that the sum of £20,000.00 was transferred from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account for August payments.

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment in September–

86B	Amazon Business	Alltwen CC & Rhos CC: PPE, Hand-san stations, Hand-san, Wipes	202.79
87B-91B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2,514.11
92B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	871.46
93B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	394.13
94B	Corona Energy	Gas: Alltwen CC	119.92
95D	Non-dom Rates	Alltwen CC	342.00
96D	Non-dom Rates	Rhos CC	380.00
97D	ICO	Data Protection Fee	35.00
98B	Came & Company	Council Insurance	3,600.66
99B	Glamorgan Services	Alltwen CC: Roof Repairs & replacement slates	1,020.00
100B	Avanti	Gas: Rhos CC	82.42
101B	Sutcliffe Play	Rhos: Phase 2 Playground	44,774.40
102B	SSE	Rhos CC: Electric	239.88
103D	SSE	Alltwen CC: Electric	126.87
104B	Cotton & Sons	Alltwen CC: Cleaning Supplies	110.11

RESOLVED that the sum of £55,000.00 be transferred from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account for September payments.

57 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

P2020/0717	2 storey side extension and garage	11 Hen Felin, Gellinudd SA8 3HN
P2020/0532	2 storey rear extension and single storey extension	63 Pen Yr Alltwen, Alltwen SA8 3BA
P2020/0766	First floor bay window	106 Graig Road, Gellinudd SA8 3DS

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

Members would like to comment on the following application –

P2020/0722	Application for lawful development certificate, residential dwelling since 2015	The Barn at Pen Y Bontbren Farm Lane, Rhos SA8 3JT

Members were concerned that this barn had been used as a residential property since 2015 with no planning application having been approved. Members were surprised at the lack of respect for the law and felt that these residents may have knowingly avoided planning regulations. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPT CBC with comments.

Members would like to object to the following application –

P2018/1032	8 Split level, 3 storey dwellings and highway works	Land East of Minyrawel, Rhos

Members had many concerns with regards to this planning application including:

a. The development being too large for the area and road access is limited to a very narrow, busy lane.
b. There is a ‘green belt’ issue and there is an ancient hedgerow at the proposed site. Many animals and birds currently live within this area. The ecology report backs up this issue.
c. There is the potential for flooding. Members felt that NPTCBC should have a duty of care not to approve plans that may cause further issues with flooding in the area.
d. It was felt that due to the Persimmon Development, there would be plenty of new housing already in Rhos at this time.
e. The identities of Alltwen and Rhos were discussed and members felt that the two villages needed to be kept separate. This development would join both villages. Boundaries need to be considered.
f. The proposed designs of the houses, although very impressive, do not fit in with the local area.

A copy of an objection to the development by A Reed, a local resident, was read out to members and they agreed with each comment on his objection. Councillors were grateful to A Reed for his letter.

RESOLVED that Clerk send objection to NPTCBC.

58 MAINTENANCE

Phase 2, Rhos Playground: Clerk reported that the works have been completed, post-installation safety check has been completed and that the playground is now open. Clerk mentioned that she was surprised to find out that Sutcliffe Play used the same sub-contractors as Dragon Play (BMX track), members were also surprised at this. Cllr M Spooner reported that there is lots of noise coming from the playground, lots of children laughing and having fun. Members were pleased with this. RESOLVED noted.

ROSPA Playground Inspections: Clerk reported that ROSPA inspections had been completed on all playgrounds and the BMX track. She is currently compiling a list of works based on the report. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the BMX track had passed ROSPA inspection but that a health and safety guidance sign needed to be installed and the drainage needs attention. It was suggested that a post be put on Facebook asking the public for ideas as to how the track could be improved and a site meeting arranged. RESOLVED noted.

Handyman: Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from the Handyman to say that he will be retiring at the end of October 2020. RESOLVED that Clerk advertise job vacancy on Facebook, website and via posters in Community Centres.

59 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Clerk reported that some groups have now started back with reduced numbers at the community centres and all are happy with the council's Covid-19 risk assessments and procedures put in place. Clerk reported that Hand-san kits and posters/signage have been installed at both community centres. Cleaning procedures have been put in place at each centre. RESOLVED noted.

It was suggested that the council Covid-19 risk assessments be put on the council website for information purposes. RESOLVED noted.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email regarding a loss of income fund. She will look into this and find out if the council would be eligible. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos: Clerk reported that Mountain Movers would like to resume sessions at the community centre. Members were concerned that there would be too many children and adults in the centre at one time and this would contravene the council Covid-19 risk assessment. It was suggested that the Clerk speak to the organisation to find out if they could run smaller sessions. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen: Clerk reported that new groups are starting. Cllr A Melen suggested that the new classes and groups should be advertised on the council's Facebook page. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that she had a phone call from a resident of Dyffryn Road. The resident had concerns about cars turning up at the centre car park late at night. She was worried that there may be drugs involved. Clerk contacted the PCSO with the information. PCSO reported that she had been to the car park and met with the youths and that there was no sign of any drugs being involved. It was suggested that more solar security lights be installed at the car park. RESOLVED noted.

60 UNRULY ACTIVITY AT RHOS COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK

Clerk reported that Cllr R Lewis had received reports that youths were congregating in cars at the car park late at night. They were playing football against the shutter door of the community centre. It could be a coincidence, but the shutter door had been broken. The Handyman arranged the repair, but a new motor and new key fobs would be needed. The approximate cost of this will be £300.00. The Clerk explained that the shutters would have to be repaired due to security concerns. RESOLVED noted.

The Clerk reported that she had also reported this to the PCSO and Jess is doing rounds each shift to both Rhos and Alltwen community centres. It was suggested that Gwynfryn Park be added to the rounds due to occasional unruly behaviour at the park. RESOLVED that Clerk contact PCSO.

Cllr M Spooner reported that dog mess had been found within the playground at Rhos Park. It was suggested that signs be installed informing the public that dogs are not allowed within the playground. RESOLVED that Clerk order signage.

61 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	Wales Air Ambulance	Thanks for donation
2	NPTCBC & BT	Payphone removal
3	E Stanton, NPTCBC	Mynydd Y Betws Fund
4	Mountain Movers	Rhos Community Centre
5	Rhos FC	Request to show sponsor banners during matches and training sessions
6	Cllr R Lewis	Car Park issues at Rhos CC, bins & First Cymru Bus Service

3 Clerk will look at funding criteria. RESOLVED that members think of ideas where funding could be spent in Alltwen and this item be re-visited in a future meeting of council.

4 Members were happy for the football club to advertise their sponsors during games and training sessions as long as the banners are taken down immediately following the sessions and matches and that council property is not damaged by the fixings.

Members were keen to differentiate this from banners placed on railings by community centre users to advertise their classes. Rhos FC are showing banners to thank their sponsors and not to advertise their services. RESOLVED noted.

5 Cllr R Lewis phoned to report the issues at Rhos Community Centre car park. He again suggested that gates be installed. RESOLVED that this matter be re-visited at a later date.

Cllr R Lewis also raised issues regarding the bins in the park, and the mess on the car park floor. Clerk reported that this mess has been cleaned by the Handyman. He will also keep an eye on the bins and if new bins are needed, council will purchase accordingly. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr R Lewis asked when the First Cymru no. 56 bus route will restart. Cllr M Spooner reported that First Cymru are resuming the service this week. She also stated that SWT will be resuming as soon as possible, dependant on funding. RESOLVED noted.

62 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Chair reported that she often receives queries regarding similar matters. She suggested that a FAQ section be added to the website to deal with general and repeat queries. Members thought that this was an excellent idea. It was suggested that members think of information that could be useful to local residents such as; footpath maps, plan of land behind Edward Street, Community Centre hire procedures, parks, tree issues etc. It was suggested that positive information also be put on the website such as; volunteer contributions and links to NPTCVS Volunteer Awards etc. RESOLVED that members create lists of information they would like to include.

The meeting ended at 8:55pm.

Signed Dated 06 October 2020