# Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
# Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *Zoom*, on Tuesday 02 March 2021 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor S Williams

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

Apologies Councillors S Atkins, E Hastings, R Lewis, A Threlfall

**139 YARN BOMB**

Chair welcomed Michelle Patterson to the meeting. M Patterson addressed council and explained that it was the 10-year anniversary of the loss of her son, Harry Patterson this September. She would like to put on an event in memory of Harry and has started organising a Yarn Bomb for Alltwen and Pontardawe. This includes people making items out of wool and wrapping them around objects in the community such as trees, bollards, fences etc. M Patterson showed example photos of Yarn Bombs in other communities. She hopes that community groups would like to be involved in the project.

M Patterson has decided to call the event, 'Spinning Yarns' with three themes, Memory, Legacy and Hope. She went on to explain that Memory could be pieces of artwork or textiles made to remember loved ones; Legacy could ask the question, who do we leave behind, and could be something like sewing a jumper onto a tree; Hope could involve lifting the spirits of the community with a walking gallery.

M Patterson explained that the 'route' would run from Pontardawe Arts Centre down Herbert Street to Cwmtawe School and then up to Alltwen where the Triangle, Church and Alltwen Community Garden would be involved. She is hoping to have a piece of art commissioned for the event which would run from Friday 10th September to Monday 13th September 2021. M Patterson explained that she hopes the event will grow year-on-year and hopes it becomes a mini festival with street performers, music, stalls etc. She hopes to gain funding from the Arts Council for the project. M Patterson explained that Harry's Fund have also agreed to support the event.

Chair stated that she thought this was a great idea and could be a light at the end of a very dark time for lots of people. Council agreed to support the project and invited M Patterson to apply to the council for Section 137 funding towards the event. Cllr A Melen stated that it was a brilliant idea and asked if the schools would be involved. M Patterson stated that she would like both Alltwen Primary and Cwmtawe schools to be involved in the project. This could be run as an after-school club as funding would not permit this to be run during school time. She

also stated that getting the local residential homes involved would be a good idea. Cllr D Atkins asked what the legalities were surrounding an event of this kind. Clerk suggested that M Patterson get in touch with NPTCBC events team in order to gain approval and permission for the event. Cllr D Atkins also asked what the possible funding would be needed for. M Patterson explained that there would need to be an artist and freelancer involved in the project. Members agreed to wholeheartedly support the project and event. RESOLVED noted.

M Patterson stated that Harry's Fund are also looking to carry out some maintenance works at Harry's Park including painting, pressure washing, improving the stage area etc. She also suggested that an artist could be involved in creating a mural on the wall within the park. M Patterson will keep council informed of works. RESOLVED noted.

Chair thanked M Patterson for attending the meeting. M Patterson left the meeting.

**140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs C Jones and M Spooner declared an interest in item 6 Planning Applications. RESOLVED.

**141 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online on 02 February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**142 MATTERS ARISING**

Further to Minute 130 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that the Book Swap Cabinets had been completed and installed in Alltwen Community Garden. Chair and Clerk had posted photos on Facebook of the completed cabinets. Members stated that the cabinets look great and that there is a positive buzz on Facebook about the scheme. It was suggested that a photo be sent to the Evening Post to advertise the scheme. RESOLVED noted. Chair thanked Cllr C Jones for organising the works. Cllr A Melen suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Lliw Building Supplies for their contribution to the materials as well as Cerianne and Keith for their work on building the cabinets. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 130 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that after a site survey had been undertaken by Sovereign Play, three items of the gym equipment cannot be installed due to the angle of the ground. Members were disappointed with this. Clerk reported that Sovereign had sent an email showing some play panels that could be included instead. After much deliberation, Members agreed that the project would continue as per the amended plans. Any surplus funding could then be spent on grass-matting under the trail equipment as Cllr L Rees stated that the ground is often sodden after heavy rain. RESOLVED. Cllr C Jones suggested that if any other items of equipment would be needed in the park in

future, then council could again apply for the Mynydd Y Betws Wind Farm grant in order to do this. Members thought this was a good idea. RESOLVED noted.

## 143 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

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| 189B | Lliw Building Supplies | Materials for Book Swap Cabinet | 182.54 |
| 190B-193B) | Staff | Wages, Expenses ) | 2263.83 |
| 194B | City & County of Swansea | Pension Contributions | 794.68 |
| 195B | HMRC | Income Tax and NI | 379.96 |
| 196B | Corona Energy | Gas: Alltwen CC | 377.32 |
| 197B | Avanti | Gas: Rhos CC | 560.47 |
| 198B | Celtic Mowers Ltd | Multi-tool | 299.00 |
| 199B | SSE | Electric: Rhos CC | 308.14 |
| 200D | SSE | Electric: Alltwen CC | 190.98 |

Clerk explained that there was an amendment to 189B as stated on last month's payments as Lliw Building Supplies had discounted the items used to make the Book Swap Cabinets. Members were pleased with this. RESOLVED noted.

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| Income: | NPTCBC | Brynmorgrug Grant | £14,000.00 |
| | NPTCBC | Footpaths Grant | £1,800.00 |

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 5,250.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. RESOLVED.

Clerk stated that the Handyperson has now completed his period of probation with the council and suggested that as Members are happy with his work that his wages be increased from £9.27 per hour to £9.84 per hour in line with the wages of other members of staff. Members agreed. RESOLVED that handyperson's wages be set at £9.84 per hour.

Clerk explained to Members that she usually receives her expenses payments every quarter. She requested that this be changed, as of the new financial year, to monthly expenses payments. Members agreed. RESOLVED.

Chair stated that she had contacted NPTCVS regarding the Alltwen Volunteer Group surplus funds of £193.00 (from the original grant of £500.00) retained in the council bank account. C Miles, NPTCVS responded to Chair to state that this money may be put towards something else in the community. She suggested wellbeing projects etc. Cllr D Atkins asked whether it would be possible to add these funds to the Section 137 funds in order to boost the amounts given to local organisations. It was suggested that the money could be put towards the Yarn Bomb project. Members thought this was a good idea. RESOLVED noted.

## 144 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

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| P2021/0125 | 2 single storey rear extensions and external Works. | 11-13 Bryn Llewelyn, Alltwen SA8 3BR |

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| P2020/1114 | Detached rural enterprise dwelling, parking and associated works and an agricultural barn | Ty'n Y Cwm Farm, Ty'n Y Cwm Lane SA8 3EY |
| P2021/0176 | TPO | Land adjacent to Tirbach House, Tirbach Drive, Rhos SA8 3EG |

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

**145 MAINTENANCE**

**Alltwen Community Centre Car Park Line Marking:** Clerk reported that the Handyperson has completed the top section of the car park. She explained that Aled had contacted her to report that the bottom car park would need concrete or tarmac strips inserted as the ground is gravel. Aled is prepared to do this work. Members agreed that this would be a good idea in order to have additional parking spaces. RESOLVED that Handyperson carries out this work.

**Signs on Cycle Path:** Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Signs Express stating that they cannot reproduce the design on the broken sign. Clerk contacted NPTCBC to find out who had originally designed the sign. Unfortunately, the designer has left NPTCBC and there are no PDF copies of the original design. This means that a new design will need to be made. Clerk ascertained via NPTCBC that the original sign was funded by a Rural Development Grant. Clerk will find out if this grant still exists and if so, will apply for funding. If not, council will need to fund the new sign directly. RESOLVED noted.

**Wire on Bridge at Rhos:** The handyperson reported to the Clerk that he had received correspondence from a lady from Rhos to say that she had tripped over wire on the bridge in the field above Rhos Park. Even though this is technically nothing to do with the footpaths or the community council, Aled went up to remove the wire in order to ensure that the bridge was safe to cross. Members thanked Aled for doing this. RESOLVED noted.

**Footpaths:** Clerk reported that Aled has walked some footpaths already in order to prioritise works for April. He stated that the hedges and bushes will need cutting as soon as possible particularly on the footpath near Lon Y Wern and Alltwen RFC. RESOLVED noted.

**146 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT**

Clerk reported that the Community Centres are still currently closed due to the Covid-19 lockdown Welsh Government legislation. Clerk to monitor Guidelines as and when they are amended. RESOLVED noted.

## 147 INFORMATION BOARD AT ALLTWEN TRIANGLE

Clerk reported that she had liaised with Notice Boards Online Ltd regarding an information board. There are many options. Members agreed that the 'Interpretation Panel' style would be most suitable for the Triangle as they are slanted and the information on them is fixed. This would also mean that the information board would not take away from the impact of the monument on the Triangle. It was suggested that a footpaths map be placed on the board as well as interesting information about the area and famous people from Alltwen. The approx. cost of these signs is around £1,000.00. Clerk will check new Heritage Lottery Fund criteria to see if this type of project could be funded by them. Clerk advised against applying for Lottery Community Fund funding for this project as up to £10,000.00 can be applied for. She suggested that this funding could be used for a larger project. Members agreed. RESOLVED noted.

It was suggested that the design and cost could be further discussed in future meetings of the Project Committee and Finance Committee. RESOLVED noted.

## 148 WORKS TO TREES BEHIND EDWARD STREET, ALLTWEN

Clerk stated that two quotes had been received for the works on the three trees behind Edward Street, Alltwen:

Quote 1. Glantawe Landscapes and Tree Services Ltd: £900.00

Quote 2. The Arb Team: £1,500.00 + VAT

RESOLVED that Glantawe Landscapes and Tree Services be awarded the works.

## 149 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

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| 1 | Centregreat | Reverse VAT Notification Request |
| 2 | M Williams – Parish Councils UK | Link to Universal Credit |
| 3 | OVW | Elections Newsletter |
| 4 | K Powis – Keep Wales Safe Campaign | Resources |
| 5 | K Davies – NPTCBC | Cycle Track Sign |
| 6 | L Edmunds – Tesco | Footbridges |
| 7 | Cllr E Hastings | Footpath – Delffordd to Primrose Lane |
| 8 | D Hughes | Lon Tanyrallt boundary |
| 9 | Cllr R Lewis – Phone call | Footbridges, Zip Wire, Wood |

1 Clerk to complete form. RESOLVED noted.

2 Clerk to place link on council website. RESOLVED noted.

3 Clerk to forward Newsletter to members. RESOLVED noted.

4 Clerk to place resources on council's Facebook page. RESOLVED noted.

6 Clerk to send information to Tesco. RESOLVED noted.

7 Cllr E Hastings reported that the path leading from Delffordd to the bottom of Primrose Lane was not visited by the street cleaner due to there being a barrier. Handyman to check this area. RESOLVED noted.

8 D Hughes contacted council to state that the sycamore tree on the edge of Lon Tanyrallt park is overhanging her garden. She also stated that they will be carrying out works to their perimeter wall. RESOLVED that Handyperson look at the tree to see what works need to be done and Clerk to respond to D Hughes.

9 Cllr R Lewis stated that he noticed that the pulley on the Zip Wire in Rhos Park seems to be jammed. RESOLVED that Handyperson look at this initially to ascertain the problem.

Cllr R Lewis also requested that Members allow him to take some of the smaller tree branches that have been cut down in Rhos Park for firewood. Members agreed to this in principle. Cllr D Jones stated that Clerk should check ownership of branches before Cllr R Lewis takes any from the park. RESOLVED that Clerk contact the Arb Team to ascertain ownership and ask for permission to take some of the branches for Cllr R Lewis.

Cllr R Lewis also suggested that Aled take some photos of the worst affected footpaths in order for Members to see the extent of works needed. RESOLVED noted.

**150 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr A Melen reported that it had been 10 years since the Gleision Mining disaster. She stated that she had received reports that the bench in Cilybebyll near the Miners Memorial was in a bad state and needs maintenance. She also stated that under the bench is very muddy. It was suggested that a new base may be needed for the bench. RESOLVED that Handyperson visit the bench to carry out an inspection.

Cllr A Melen stated that the bus shelter on Alltwen Triangle is in a poor state of repair with broken windows. She asked if this could be taken away. Cllr L Rees stated that the X6 bus stops at the bus shelter therefore it is in use. RESOLVED that Clerk ascertain ownership of the shelter and ask for it to be repaired and maintained.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm.

Signed Dated 06 April 2021