Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *Zoom*, on Tuesday 04 May 2021 at 7:05 pm

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors S Williams, D Atkins, S Atkins A Melen, L Rees, Y James, I Jones, R Lewis, A Threlfall

Apologies Councillors R Stephens, E Hastings, D Jones, A Thomas, C Jones

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Spooner declared an interest in item 6 Planning Applications. RESOLVED.

33 MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM AND MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Open Forum and Monthly Meeting of Council held online on 06 April 2021 be confirmed as correct records.

34 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 4 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that the Handyperson will let the Clerk know how many grass-matting tiles are needed for Brynmorgrug Park. RESOLVED noted. Clerk reported that she has not yet put a post on Facebook about the project as the Elections are currently taking place. Once this is over, she will put a post on Facebook about the project. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 7 Maintenance, Signs on Cycle Track - Clerk reported that she has been liaising with Shelly Signs Ltd with regards to the signage on the cycle track. They can reproduce or create new illustrations and maps. Awaiting quotes. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 9 Applications for Financial Assistance - Clerk reported that she is still awaiting guidance on Section 137 payments to places of worship. She has contacted SLCC for advice. Cllr A Melen stated that she will pass on this message to the chapel. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 10 A4067 Safety Changes – Clerk reported that she is awaiting responses from City & County Swansea and NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 12 10th Anniversary of Gleision Disaster - Clerk reported that Ystalyfera Community Council are keen to carry out a joint remembrance project. Clerk to arrange joint project meeting over the coming weeks. RESOLVED noted.

35 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

15B-18B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2851.38
19B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	919.18
20B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	315.66
21D	NPTCBC	Non-dom Rates: Alltwen CC	342.00
22D	NPTCBC	Non-dom Rates: Rhos CC	380.00
23B	Corona Energy	Gas: Alltwen CC	84.30
24B	Avanti	Gas: Rhos CC	193.73
25B	Westward	Boiler Repair: Rhos CC	346.55
26B	The Arb Team	Rhos Park Tree Works	2,640.00
27B	FPS	Fire extinguisher servicing: Rhos CC	54.66
28B	FPS	Fire extinguisher servicing: Alltwen CC	49.44
29B	NPTCBC	Knotweed Treatment: Edward St, Alltwen	245.09
30D	Dwr Cymru	Water: Alltwen CC	76.12
31D	Dwr Cymru	Water: Rhos CC	143.64
32B	NPTCBC	Trade Waste: Alltwen CC	360.98
33B	NPTCBC	Trade Waste: Rhos CC	360.98
34B	Wales Air Ambulance	Financial Assistance	200.00
35B	CISS	Financial Assistance	200.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 10,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. RESOLVED.

Clerk reported that her expenses payments are now included in her wages and are paid monthly. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the 2020-21 accounts are currently undergoing an internal audit by Ferguson & Peters, Pontardawe. RESOLVED noted.

36 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

P2021/0401	Replacement of flat roof porch with pitched roof porch to front elevation.	23 Ashwood Drive, Gellinudd SA8 3HL
P2021/0389	Propsoed first floor rear extension above existing fround floor extension with a single storey rear extension.	65 Gwyn Street, Alltwen SA8 3AN
P2021/0189	Extension of agricultural building.	Ty'n Y Cwm Meadows, Rhos SA8 3EY
P2021/0432	Removal of conditon 2 of Planning Permission N96/7113 which restricted any development beyond the rear elevation of the property.	Pen Yr Alltwen House, 75 Pen Yr Alltwen, Alltwen SA8 3EA
P2021/0348	Two-storey rear extension.	218 Tyn Y Cae, Alltwen SA8 3DN

P2021/0269	Single storey side extension, including retaining works to create a footpath following the plateau of the bank along the highway.	105 Delffordd, Rhos SA8 3EN
P2021/0410	Single storey rear extension	Pen Yr Alltwen House, 75 Pen Yr Alltwen, Alltwen SA8 3EA

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

With regards to application number P2021/0432, Members asked why there was a condition on extending the property in the first place. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC with regards to this matter.

37 MAINTENANCE

Alltwen CC Car Park: Clerk reported that the Handyperson has cleared the top layer of the bottom car park and he is now ready to spray paint the parking spaces. RESOLVED noted.

Playgrounds: Clerk reported that there are minor works to be carried out on playgrounds before the next ROSPA inspection such as surface patching. Clerk to order supplies. Handyperson to carry out works. RESOLVED noted.

38 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Clerk stated that the Community Centres will re-open on 17th May 2021 as per Welsh Government guidance and legislation. Clerk reported that she will update the Covid risk assessment to reflect the current guidelines (i.e. 15 people in the hall with face coverings at any one time). RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that she had received a call from E Lye, Mountain Movers asking whether or not Members would be happy for 3 or 4 members of her group and one tutor to use Bronwen's Room. Members were happy for the room to be used as long as Covid guidelines and risk assessment were adhered to. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that all payments for hire of Community Centres from here on will be via BACS or cheque. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos Commmunity Centre: Clerk reported that the boiler repair works had been completed. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen Commmunity Centre: Clerk reported that she is awaiting a quote for a new boiler. RESOLVED noted.

39 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & Development Committee meeting held online on 27 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

40 FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAPITAL SPENDING & PROJECTS FOR 2021-22

Clerk presented the committee recommendations for Capital Spending:

- Put aside £1,000.00 of funding for further tree maintenance works for the land behind Edward Street, Alltwen.
- Hold a joint Project Committee meeting with Ystalyfera Community Council with regards to a Memorial Item for the Gleision disaster and to put £1,000.00 aside for this project.
- Put aside £2,000.00 for the Alltwen room swap electrical requirements and liaise with South Wales Woodturners as to costs for refurbishments.
- Put aside £800.00 for a bench at the Memorial Garden.
- Put aside £1,000.00 for a picnic table at Lon Tanyrallt Park.
- Other projects to be funded by Section 106 (Rhos Park), Mynydd Y Betws fund, National Lottery Community Fund etc.
- Leave the remainder of the capital budget, £10,200.00 in abeyance until quotes for works at Alltwen Community Centre and for any other projects can be costed.

Cllr A Melen stated that there was no longer a need for a bench at the memorial garden as one has been placed there by a local gentleman in memory of his late wife. RESOLVED noted.

RESOLVED that funds be used and put aside as per Finance & Development Committee recommendations and that the £800 put aside for a bench for the memorial garden be added to the remainder of the Capital Budget. Total Capital Budget would therefore be £10,900.00.

41 MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR RHOS PLAYING FIELDS

Clerk reported that a quote had been received from Ecosolve for this year's pitch maintenance at a reduced cost of £4691.00 + VAT. She explained that she had received a call from G Davies, Rhos FC stating that games are allowed to recommence towards the end of July. This would mean that if works were to be carried out now, the players would not be able to train on the pitch.

RESOLVED that Clerk speak to G Davies and state that if works are not done, then the pitch condition could be negatively affected. Members suggested that Clerk offer the option to Rhos FC of either possibly playing on a sub-standard pitch or finding somewhere else to train in the short term.

RESOLVED that if Rhos FC can find somewhere else to train in the interim, then the quote from Ecosolve should be accepted and works carried out ASAP.

42 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	C Williams – via FB	Trees behind Edward St.
2	G Davies	Rhos Park
3	H Macmillan	South Wales Woodturners
4	B King – Ecosolve	Quote for playing field works at Rhos Park

1 RESOLVED that Clerk ask Handyperson to take a look at the trees in the first instance to ascertain if they are on Community Council land or NPTCBC land. It was suggested that the Community Council owned land be defined as the boundaries are not clear. RESOLVED noted.

2 Members suggested that the Rhos FC Tuck Shop be set up in the foyer of Rhos Community Centre. This way, no-one would be entering the premises apart from those running the Tuck Shop. RESOLVED noted.

3 Members were happy for the Woodturners to resume their sessions at Alltwen Community Centre as long as Covid guidelines are met. RESOLVED noted.

4 Clerk to email G Davies to explain that maintenance will be done on Rhos Park pitch. RESOLVED noted.

43 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr R Lewis stated that he is still hopeful of getting hold of a Dram for Rhos Park. He will also create a memorial piece for the Gleision Disaster anniversary. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr S Atkins stated that she had received an email from a local resident regarding parking on the grass verge near the junction of Alltwen Hill and Lon Tanyrallt. The resident is concerned for local children walking up from Cwmtawe School as the parked cars cause an obstruction. Chair stated that she will try to obtain information as to who owns the grass verge. It was suggested that NPTCBC monitor the parking situation near on the verge. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr S Williams stated that there had been a crash on Gwyn Street, Alltwen. A car had veered into parked cars on the street. She stated that there are humps on Ynysymond Road. She suggested that humps could be requested for Gwyn Street as it is a continuation of the same road. Cllr A Melen suggested that signage and a 20mph limit be considered. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC Highways department to see what could be done.

Cllr L Rees stated that the tyre buffer on the Zip Wire in Lon Tanyrallt Park is damaged. RESOLVED that Handyman take a look at this and if necessary, order a new tyre buffer.

Cllr S Williams stated that she had received reports of smashed glass in Rhos Park Playground over the bank holiday weekend. Chair stated that she had gone over to the park and that the glass had been cleared. RESOLVED noted.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.

Signed Dated 01 June 2021