Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *Zoom*, on Tuesday 02 November 2021 at 6:45 pm

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors E Hastings, R Lewis, D Jones, A Melen, Y James, I Jones, C Jones, D Atkins,

Apologies Councillors S Atkins, A Threlfall, L Rees, R Stephens

91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs M Spooner and C Jones declared an interest in item 7 Planning Applications. RESOLVED.

92 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

93 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 82 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has emailed Undeb yr Annibynwyr for some advice on the cemetery in Rhos. She is awaiting a response. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 82 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Cllr D Jones has completed the online first aid training. He will now be listed as a first aider for the Christmas event. Members thanked him for doing this. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 85 Rhos Park Damage – Clerk reported that she had sent a letter to no.74 Neath Road. Cllr R Lewis stated that the hedge cuttings have now been removed but the tyre damage is still visible. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 86 Community Centre Management - Clerk reported that she is currently liaising with PRS PPL in order to ascertain the need for a licence for Alltwen Community Centre. A licence will more than likely be necessary due to the new activities and groups using the hall. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 88 Members Community Fund – Chair stated that she is in the process of gaining quotes for works. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 90 Any Other Urgent Business – Clerk reported that Shaw Trust asked for photos of the Pool Table and will decide if they still want it. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 90 Any Other Urgent Business – Clerk reported that Pontardawe Town Council Clerk has not yet provided information regarding the new footpaths maps. RESOLVED noted.

94 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

115B-118B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2,497.89
119B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	784.34
120B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	300.48
121D	NPTCBC	Non-dom Rates: Alltwen CC	342.00
122D	NPTCBC	Non-dom Rates: Rhos CC	380.00
123B	Total Gas & Power	Alltwen CC: Gas	0.00*
124B	Avanti Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	0.00*
125B	Peter Davies, SW Woodturners	Alltwen CC: Reimbursement materials for partition wall	411.80
126B	PPL PRS	Music Licence	181.66
127B	Dwr Cymru	Alltwen CC: Water	110.82
128B	Dwr Cymru	Rhos CC: Water	182.54
129B	Alltwen Community Gardening Club	Section 137: Financial Assistance	300.00
130B	Dramatic Performance Academy	Section 137: Financial Assistance	70.00
131B	Cwmtawe Youth Band	Section 137: Financial Assistance	50.00
132B	Cllr D Jones	Reimbursement First Aid Training	30.00
133B	Lliw Building Supplies	Saw, line-marking paint	39.04

Income:

Rhos CC	October Hire	£730.00
Alltwen CC	October Hire	£392.00
Rhos PF	Pitch fees	£108.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 6,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. RESOLVED.

*Avanti and Total Gas accounts in credit. No bills to pay.

Clerk reported that as Cllr A Threlfall has difficulty in signing into the council's bank account, an additional signatory is needed. RESOLVED that Cllr S Atkins and Cllr I Jones be added as signatories.

95 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

As Chair had to leave the meeting due to declaration of interest, Cllr D Jones stepped-in to Chair planning applications. RESOLVED.

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

P2021/1029	Two storey rear extension.	47 Graig Road, Alltwen SA8 3DA

P2021/0308	Conversion of existing integral garage into entrance hall, removal of existing entrance porch, replaced with extension to living room on front elevation. Construction of attached garage and workshop to side elevation and detached timber car port with wood/bicycle store attached, located on the turning head. Works include relocation of the turning head (amended description of works & amended plans received 05/09/21).	4 Corner Meadow, Rhos SA8 3DR
P2021/1098	First floor side/rear extension.	The Sanctuary, 81 Neath Road, Rhos SA8 3EH

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

96 MAINTENANCE

Footpath 13: Clerk reported that handyperson had contacted her as he could not find footpath 13. Cllr Y James stated that it was an unpassable footpath off the cycle path. RESOLVED that Clerk let handyperson know the position of the footpath.

Alltwen Triangle: Cllr A Melen reported that the grass on the triangle had been cut by NPTCBC. She stated that the bus shelter was still dirty. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC for cleaning.

Harry's Park: Clerk reported that Harry's Fund are replacing the rotten fence posts. Members were pleased with this. Cllr R Lewis suggested that in future composite plastic posts be considered as they are resistant to bad weather. Cllr A Melen stated that Harry's Fund wanted to use wood as it is a softer material, and they wanted a 'softer' space in memory of Harry. RESOLVED noted.

97 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Rhos Community Centre: Clerk reported that she had received one quote for new fire doors – Daniel's Doors and Locks Ltd £1,749.50 + VAT. Cllr C Jones suggested getting a further quote from Paul Chart Carpentry. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that Cllr R Stephens had contacted a company to provide a report on the state of the roof. Company have been out to do an initial assessment but need to carry out a drone inspection. RESOLVED noted.

98 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2021

Clerk reported that she contacted Pontardawe Town Council to find out plans for Remembrance Sunday. The Pontardawe wreath laying will take place at 10:30 – 10:45am on 14th November 2021. RESOLVED that Chair attend and lay wreath.

It was suggested that the laying of a wreath at Alltwen Triangle be carried out at 11am on 14th November 2021. Chair agreed that this was a good idea. It was suggested that some pupils from Alltwen Primary School be asked to attend at the Triangle. RESOLVED that Cllr A Melen and Cllr Y James ask the school for representatives.

Clerk reported that she has ordered 2 wreaths from L Jones, British Legion representative, and will pick up next week in preparation for the event. She will make centrepieces for the wreaths. RESOLVED.

99 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	K Lake	Orienteering Club
2	S Smith	Wildlife Pond in Community Garden Allotments
3	Cllr D Jones	Dementia Friends
4	C Jones, MICNPT	Meeting re: Rhos
5	K Wright, NPTCBC	New Primary School in Pontardawe

1 Clerk reported that she had passed on information on hall hire to K Lake. Members thought that an Orienteering Club in the area would be great. RESOLVED.

2 Clerk read email from S Smith. Members felt that losing the wildlife pond would be very sad. Cllr Y James asked how much it would cost to fence around it. Cllr A Melen suggested placing a sign to state all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Cllr D Atkins stated that signage may not be suitable or effective. He suggested using chicken wire and framing it to put over the pond. Cllr D Jones asked if there was a possibility of newts being in the pond. He suggested there should be a survey carried out to find out what wildlife is living there before a decision is made. Cllr Y James stated that rehoming newts can cost a large amount of money. Cllr I Jones suggested that a Financial Assistance application from the Community growers could be considered to fund a fence around the pond. RESOLVED that Clerk ask the group what type of Public Liability insurance they need and whether they can get a quote from a different company in the first instance.

3 Cllr D Jones explained that M Vale had been made redundant from her post with the Alzheimer's Society due to Covid-19. Members were saddened by this news. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Alzheimer's Society to find out what provision they are offering in our area. RESOLVED noted.

4 It was suggested that a meeting be set up to discuss Welsh Language promotion in Rhos. RESOLVED noted.

5 Members were saddened and disappointed with the notice received that the proposal for a new Super Primary School in Pontardawe had been approved by NPTCBC Cabinet. Cllr A Melen suggested that council let schools know that we will support staff in any way possible. It was stated that former Chair of Cilybebyll Community Council, Sioned Williams MS has written to Jeremy Miles MS regarding this decision. Members asked was there any further right of protest. Chair stated that the project is still in its early stages. Environmental assessments, highway plans and more are still to be carried out. Cllr Y James stated that NPTCBC seem to be overly optimistic with their timescales as the project could take a lot longer to complete than stated. RESOLVED that council support staff and schools as much as possible.

100 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr A Melen stated that there is water pouring out of a pipe near the Spar in Alltwen. She also stated that there is a huge pothole on Ynysymond Road. RESOLVED that Cllr C Jones raise these issues with NPTCBC.

Cllr A Melen stated that D Thomas will accept 20 attendees in the defibrillator training on 16th November 2021. RESOLVED that Clerk send list of attendees to D Thomas.

It was suggested that due to the short timescale, a potted Christmas tree could be placed within Rhos for this year. RESOLVED that Clerk cost this with Quid's In at The Old School Nursery.

Cllr R Lewis asked Cllr C Jones if there was any progress with regards to the cleaning of the Tesco bridge. Cllr C Jones stated that the matter is ongoing. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr R Lewis asked permission from council to plant a Sycamore tree just beyond the gate at the play area in Rhos Park. Members thought this was a good idea. RESOLVED.

Chair stated that she had received a phone call asking whether or not the plaque of dedication was still in Bronwen's room. Clerk stated that she thought the plaque was still there but will check with the Caretaker to make sure. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr R Lewis stated that the stainless-steel plaques would be most suitable for the Memorial Dram in Rhos Park as slate plaques could break easily. RESOLVED that Chair, Cllr R Lewis and Clerk meet to decide on wording for plaque.

The meeting ended at 7:50pm.

Signed Dated 07 December 2021