Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online via Zoom on 03 January 2023 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor L Rees

Present Councillors M Spooner, R Lewis, D Jones, S Hart, M Hutchings, B Williams, J Todd, A Melen, D Baker

Apologies Councillors D Atkins, S Atkins, N Jenkins

124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

M Spooner declared an interest in item 6 Planning and item 9 Swansea Valley Schools due to her being a Member of NPTCBC. B Williams declared an interest in the 'Unders' project as a member of the Pottery Group. RESOLVED.

125 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online via Zoom on 06 December 2022 be confirmed as a correct record thereof.

126 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 113 Kickboxing club, Clerk has spoken to building inspectors at NPTCBC. They would like to come to a site meeting to view the 'Unders'. Clerk will arrange a meeting for later this month. Clerk has also spoken to D R James Solicitors regarding lease/rental agreements for Kickboxing Club, Pottery Club and SW Woodturners. C Ritchie is willing to help council with this. She said council would have to decide between two types of agreement and she will speak to council further regarding this. Cllr A Melen suggested contacting One Voice Wales for further advice on this matter. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise.

Further to Minute 115 Matters Arising - Clerk reported that she will re advertise the council vacancy. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 117 Finance & Development - Clerk reported that she has submitted the precept request for 2023-24 to NPTCBC and request has been accepted. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr S Hart asked if the bench in Cilybebyll had been repaired. Clerk will liaise with Handyperson regarding this matter. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 122 Correspondence – Cllr R Lewis stated that due to the extra houses in Brynmorgrug and Bryngwrych this has caused an overpopulation which could be causing the problems at the pharmacies in Pontardawe. He stated that at times there can be 32-35 people in each pharmacy or waiting

outside. Cllr A Melen stated that an additional pharmacy is needed in Pontardawe as the demand is there and the LHB is responsible for this. Cllr J Todd reported that she has had two meetings with the local health board. She reported that Well pharmacy seems to be the main problem. Cllr J Todd suggested that a not-for-profit chemist attached to the health centre would be a good option for an additional pharmacy in the area. She went on to explain that the LHB have investigated both chemists and they are saying that they are running OK. Cllr J Todd is now looking for the next person to contact regarding this. Cllr S Hart stated that she believes there is poor organisation and management in both Well and Lloyds pharmacies. Once prescriptions are ready there should be no need to queue. Cllr J Todd stated that she has taken all complaints forward to the pharmacies and they always have reasons and answers to her questions but nothing changes. Cllr B Williams asked what Pontardawe Town Council are doing about this. Cllr J Todd stated that they are supporting her but are not doing anything themselves. Cllr J Todd stated that she is holding open surgeries for people who can't fill in complaint forms online. It was suggested that Clerk write to Welsh Government, Jeremy Miles MS and Sioned Williams MS regarding this matter. Cllr M Spooner stated that WG have already looked at this appeal and it was thrown out. RESOLVED that Clerk write to J Miles MS and S Williams MS regarding this matter on behalf of council.

127 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts approved for payment –

184B-187B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2,624.10
188B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	873.00
189B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	386.58
190D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non-dom Rates	342.00
191D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non-dom Rates	380.00
192B	Avanti Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	293.72
193B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	290.13
194B	Cotton & Sons	Rhos CC: Supplies	21.00
195B	Lliw Building Supplies	Timber, Gravel Board, Adhesives, Postfix etc	664.87
196B	PPL/PRS	Rhos CC: Music Licence	311.48
197B	Safety-Tec	Rhos CC: AED Cabinet	405.00
198B	SLCC	Membership Renewal	296.00
199B	Rhos FC	Hall hire bond refund – party	20.00

Income:

Rhos CC	December Hire	£ 825.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 7,00.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested and approved. RESOLVED.

Clerk reported that each January her wages are due for review. Members agreed that Clerk's incremental rise from SCP 26 to SCP 27 be implemented as of January 2023. RESOLVED.

128 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications:

P2022/0878	Proposed side and rear extensions, the works for which include the demolition of an existing single storey rear extension, car port and detached garage. Alterations to the existing roof, to provide living accommodation within the roof space, in the form of two rear dormer extensions and the installation of velux windows, the works for which include the removal of an existing rear dormer. Plus increase in garden levels to the front to accommodate an extended level parking area and to the rear to accommodate a raised terrace area. The works will also include a full re-roofing of the existing dwellinghouse.	9 Primrose Lane, Rhos SA8 3ES
P2022/0919	Detached dwelling (outline with all matters reserved).	Brynderwen, 37 Derwen Road, Alltwen SA8 3AU
P2022/0942	Proposed single storey rear extension the works for which include the demolition of the existing conservatory and alterations to existing flat roof side extension to incorporate a pitched roof design.	61 Delffordd, Rhos SA8 3EJ
P2022/1027	Removal of front garden wall, excavation of front garden to create 2no off street parking spaces.	54 Neath Road, Rhos SA8 3EB

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

129 MAINTENANCE

Parks: Clerk reported that the Handyperson is currently working on replacing and repairing small items within parks to adhere to ROSPA reports. RESOLVED noted.

130 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Rhos Community Centre: Clerk reported that Handyperson is currently working on improving the door surrounds for the new fire doors. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that Caretaker is keen to start a ‘Tea and Chat’ morning in the centre. It will be run on a Thursday from 10:00-11:30am. Clerk reported that she has contacted NPTCBC Warm Spaces and will apply for a grant on behalf of council. Members thought this was an excellent idea and thanked Linda for

arranging this. Council are happy to reimburse Caretaker for tea, coffee, cake etc. Cllr S Hart offered to volunteer. Cllr D Baker offered to design a poster and advertise on Facebook. RESOLVED noted.

131 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO SWANSEA VALLEY SCHOOLS CONSULTATION

With regards to Alltwen Primary School, Cllr A Melen reported that the school's governing body has been more involved. They held two meetings over the Christmas period. They are currently liaising with Leon from 'Save our Schools' and looking at being more active via school website, PTA and parents. Cllr A Melen went on to explain that the more people that complete the consultation the better, as this is what NPTCBC will be looking at. People need to respond. She went on to explain that there will be a parents' meeting on 16th of January as well as a staff and governors meeting with NPTCBC on the 10th of January. The feeling seems to be that people are still against the proposals for the new school. The new concerns are not very different to those highlighted in the first consultation. She went on to explain that the school will be sending out newsletters before the end of the consultation period to bring up relevant points. Cllr A Melen explained that there will be a further consultation after this one. She explained that it is a very complex process. Cllr J Todd asked if there will be a public meeting regarding this. Cllr A Melen explained that the meetings will be for parents and carers of the school pupils only. Cllr A Melen explained that the money provided from Welsh Government for 21st century schools can be used to improve the current schools. The money doesn't have to be used on a brand-new school, it is possible to use it to upgrade the current buildings. Cllr D Baker stated that he thought that Alltwen primary school doesn't have the means to become a 21st century school as the building hasn't changed since he was a pupil many years ago. He is not opposed to a new school. Chair thanked Cllr A Melen for her report.

Chair asked Members for a show of hands both for the school and in opposition to the school. The majority of the council voted in opposition to the new school. It was therefore RESOLVED that Clerk send previous comments made by council in opposition to the new school to NPTCBC in response to this new consultation.

132 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	P Hinder, NPTCBC	Rhos CC Section 106 cannot be used for roof
2	T Hull, Ecosolve	Quote for Verti-draining
3	S Waite, NPTCBC	Warm Spaces
4	Gellionnen Chapel	Thanks for donation to Christmas hamper appeal
5	SSE	Energy bill relief scheme
6	Avanti Gas	Energy bill relief scheme
7	Sirus Planning	Solar Farm

1 It was suggested that as the section 106 funding cannot be used for a new roof for Rhos Community Centre, that other funding be sought for this. Clerk suggested the National Lottery Community Fund and NPTCBC Minor Projects Grant. RESOLVED that Clerk investigate these potential options. Cllr D Baker suggested asking if the section 106 money could be used to improve the overflow car park. Cllr D Jones suggested asking for improvements to the car parking (i.e. tarmac) and landscaping, as this may adhere to the criteria of the grant. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise with P Hinder, NPTCBC regarding this.

2 Quote accepted and approved. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise with Ecosolve.

5 & 6 Information regarding energy scheme discounts. Members were pleased with the discounts. RESOLVED noted.

7 Information regarding Solar Farm on Craig Y Perchych, Glais. RESOLVED that Clerk forward information to Members.

133 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr R Lewis asked Clerk to visit Rhos Community Centre to inspect the fire door surrounds. She will arrange to meet him there next week. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr M Spooner reported that 2 new benches will be placed on the cycle path. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr R Lewis suggested asking a retired builder, for example, to help Clerk with checking specification of works. RESOLVED that this be discussed in the next meeting of council.

Cllr R Lewis asked if it would be possible in the next meeting to discuss a wind turbine to create electricity for Rhos and Alltwen Community Centres. Members suggested that Solar Panels may be a better option. Cllr D Jones stated that he has information from EDF regarding Solar Panels that he will forward to council. RESOLVED noted.

RESOLVED that the February meeting of council be held online via Zoom.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 8:36pm.

Signed Dated 07 February 2023