Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held at Alltwen Community Centre and online via Zoom on 02 May 2023 at 7:05 pm

Presiding Councillor D Jones

Present Councillors L Rees, M Spooner, R Lewis, A Melen, A Richards, N Jenkins, D Atkins, J Pugh, D Baker, S Atkins (online)

Apologies Councillors M Hutchings, S Hart

30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Pugh declared an interest in item 12, AOUB as a resident of Gellinudd. RESOLVED.

31 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Open Forum held at Rhos Community Centre on 04 April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record thereof.

Clerk stated that an amendment was needed to minute no.7 Planning – sentence regarding Finance meeting should be moved up to minute no.6. Also, Cllr A Richards reported the stump in the road and not Cllr S Hart. RESOLVED that the remainder of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held at Rhos Community Centre on 04 April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record thereof.

32 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 5 Matters Arising - Clerk reported that the Handyperson has completed the raised beds near the Memorial Dram at Rhos Park. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 5 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has reported the stump sticking out into the road opposite Rhos Meadow garage to NPTCBC Highways department. RESOLVED noted. There is also a telegraph pole near the stump that is leaning considerably. RESOLVED that Clerk write to Western Power regarding this matter.

Further to minute 9 Community Centre Management – Clerk reported that she has ordered the cupboards for Rhos Community Centre. Cllr D Baker stated that Rhos FC will be emptying their cupboard shortly therefore there will be a spare cupboard for the centre. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 12 Management Committee – Clerk reported that the Committee have agreed to employ a weekend and relief caretaker for Rhos Community Centre. The role would be 4 hours per week. RESOLVED that Clerk advertise vacancy. Also, further to minute 12 Management Committee,

RESOLVED that Terms of Reference be amended to read, Chair, Vice-chair and previous Chair as members of the Committee.

Further to minute 15 Any Other Urgent Business – Clerk reported that the plans for a new super school in Pontardawe were turned down by NPTCBC Cabinet. The majority of Members were pleased with this news. Chair reminded Members of the importance of predetermination matters. RESOLVED noted.

33 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts approved for payment –

14B-17B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	3,119.72
18B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	948.80
19B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	387.63
20D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non-dom Rates	329.50
21D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non-dom Rates	345.50
22B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	374.92
23B	British Gas	Rhos CC: Gas (1/4 bill)	2,717.15
24B	DWP DEP	A. Jenkins	4.66
25B	Old School Nursery	Small Christmas Trees	240.00
26B	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Trade Waste	376.68
27B	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Trade Waste	376.68
28B	Tawe Tricity	Alltwen CC: Sockets	225.29
29B	Centregreat	Christmas lights Alltwen	1,212.00
30B	One Voice Wales	Training	70.00
31B	Wicksteed	Shackle, bolt and pin (swing)	17.02
32B	Dramatic Performance	Financial Assistance Grant	300.00
33B	Alltwen Bowls Club	Financial Assistance Grant	500.00
34B	Llangollen Eisteddfod	Financial Assistance Grant	25.00
35B	Pontardawe Repair Shop	Financial Assistance Grant	30.00
36B	FPS	Alltwen CC: Fire extinguisher inspections	154.38
37B	Lliw Building Supplies	Padlocks, chains, Rocksalt, hex sockets, bolts, Bostick, LED light	502.53
38B	Amazon Business	Magnifying sheet, A4 files, dividers	35.43
39B	Cllr R Lewis	Reimbursement for Dram items	32.57

Income:

Alltwen CC	April Hire	£ 396.00
Rhos CC	April Hire	£ 1,169.50
Rhos PF	April Hire	£ 384.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £12,500.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was approved. RESOLVED.

Cllr D Atkins stated that the British Gas bill was very high. RESOLVED that Cllr D Atkins visit Rhos Community Centre to look at the heating system.

Cllr A Melen suggested advertising spaces at Alltwen Community Centre. RESOLVED that Clerk advertise on Facebook and website.

34 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. (Amended plans received 16/04/2023 illustrating revised window/door locations, parking arrangement and vehicular access).	9 Primrose Lane, Rhos SA8 3ES
P2023/0254	Proposed means of enclosure (railings) forward of front elevation along driveway side boundaries.	14 Heol Cynfeli, Rhos SA8 3FD
P2023/0261	Details to be agreed in association with condition 3 (drainage scheme) of planning application no. P2022/0929 granted 13/01/2023.	Rhos Primary School, Neath Road, Rhos SA8 3EB

RESOLVED that Clerk forward all decisions to NPTCBC.

35 MAINTENANCE

Clerk reported that the Handyperson is carrying out playground repairs in preparation for ROSPA inspections in June. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the Recycling Bins had been delivered for Gwynfryn Park. Handyperson stated that concrete bases were needed for them. Clerk contacted A Jenkins (Glantawe Landscapes) to assist Handyperson with creating the bases. Cllr N Jenkins reported that they are also installing the picnic bench in the park. Members were pleased with this news. RESOLVED noted.

Chair reported that he will explain Health and Safety report requirements in the next meeting of council. RESOLVED.

36 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Rhos Community Centre: Clerk reported that 2 light fittings have broken in Rhos Community Centre. RESOLVED that Keith, KDY Electrics be instructed to change the light fittings in Bronwen's Room and the foyer to LED.

Quote for Structural Survey received from Hurley & Davies: £1,350.00 + VAT. RESOLVED that Hurley & Davies be instructed to carry out the survey due to council having used them in the past. Council very pleased with their previous works.

Alltwen Community Centre: Clerk reported that she had so far received 2 quotes for repair and restoration of the hall flooring:

- The Floor Restoration Company – Removing old filler and replacing with new filler, gap filling, repairs of split boards, new section to be placed where the old dividing doors used to be, sanding, sealing and 6 coats of varnish: £3,500.00

- Restore-a-floor - Sanding, sealing plus 3 coats of varnish: £2,904.00

Members agreed that a third quote be considered before making a final decision. RESOLVED that Clerk obtain third quote.

Quote for Feasibility Study received on Alltwen CC 'Unders' from Hurley & Davies: £2,860.00 + VAT. RESOLVED that Hurley & Davies be instructed to carry out the study due to council having used them in the past. Council were very pleased with their previous works.

37 RHOS BMX TRACK

Clerk reported that she is still awaiting a quote from Sutcliffe Play Ltd.

Clerk reported that she has spoken to West Wales Trails about the possibility of adding a bike parking section to the development.

Cllr R. Lewis stated that a site meeting would be beneficial.

RESOLVED that this matter to be revisited and a site meeting arranged when more information becomes available.

38 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	Cllr D. Baker	Rhos fun day
2	R. Headon, NPTCBC	Welsh Language consultation
3	R. Jordan, NPTCBC	LDP
4	Cllr A. Melen	Heol Glanllechau, Alltwen
5	G. Lane	Edward Street Knotweed

1 Rhos FC would like to organise a family fun day in July. Council thought this was a good idea and would like to organise some activities in the centre during the event. RESOLVED that Clerk check with NPTCBC if Special Events rules apply and to contact MICNPT to see if they would like to be involved.

2 RESOLVED that Clerk contact forward link to consultation to Members.

3 Information on Local Development Plan. RESOLVED that Clerk forward to Members.

4 Cllr A Melen reported that residents of Heol Glanllechau are complaining about the wooden bollards that have been installed on the grass verge. Cllr N Jenkins stated that NPTCBC have put these there to stop parking on the verge. Highway regulations have been followed. RESOLVED noted.

5 RESOLVED that Clerk relay knotweed treatment information to G. Lane.

39 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr M Spooner stated that the no dog signs have been taken down in Rhos Park. RESOLVED that Clerk order new signage and reiterate information on Facebook and website. Cllr N Jenkins reported that she has been spraying dog poo pink in order to warn people not to step in it.

Cllr R Lewis reported that Simon has completed the work on the dram free of charge. RESOLVED that Clerk send letter of thanks.

Cllr R Lewis reported that Dwr Cymru have blocked the short footpath from Plas Road to the Main Road. RESOLVED that Cllr N Jenkins enquire as to this matter.

Cllr J Pugh asked why the post box has been taken away in Gellinudd. Cllr M Spooner stated that she is working on getting it replaced. RESOLVED that Clerk write letter to Royal Mail regarding this matter.

Cllr J Pugh reported that the road at Henfelin has been unadopted for 50 years. The road is in a state with potholes. He asked if there could be a temporary repair or if NPTCBC would adopt the road. Cllr N Jenkins stated that NPTCBC will only adopt roads with all the services and streetlamps. Cllr J Pugh stated that the road

meets these requirements. RESOLVED that Cllrs M Spooner and N Jenkins look into this matter.

Cllr L Rees reported that there is a broken slat in the bridge from Heol y Parc to the Alltwen RFC ground. RESOLVED that Clerk report to NPTCBC.

It was decided that the next meeting of Council should be held in Rhos Community Centre. RESOLVED noted.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 8:28pm.

Signed Dated 06 June 2023