Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Cilybebyll Community Council held at Alltwen Community Centre and online via Zoom on 03 October 2023 at 7.00pm.

Presiding Councillor D Jones

Present Councillors N Jenkins, L Rees, R Lewis, B Williams, M Hutchings, D Baker, A Melen (online)

Council Employees Present: Nia Parr-Williams Clerk to the Council, Linda Evans Temporary Clerk to the Council

Councillor D Jones started the Meeting.

82 APOLOGIES Councillors M Spooner, A Richards, D Atkins, S Atkins, S Hart

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr DJ declared an interest in the "Partition Wall" due to him knowing one of the Builders. Cllr AM declared an interest in the "Financial Application – Dramatic Performance Academy" due to her Granddaughter being a member of the Group.

84 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Proposed and seconded that the minutes from the meeting on 5th September 2023 are a correct record thereof. RESOLVED.

85 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 68 Matters Arising – The grant form for the Wi-Fi installation at Rhos Community Centre has been completed and waiting an outcome. RESOLVED: Clerk will keep the Councillors updated on this matter.

Further to Minute 71 Matters Arising - Maintenance and Health and Safety – Clerk will post on the Facebook page regarding the vandalism at Lon Tanyrallt Park. RESOLVED.

Further to Minute 71 Matters Arising Maintenance and Health and Safety – Cllr DB has purchased the combination lock for the Rhos overflow car park and will wait until all users that need the code are contacted with the combination before fitting. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Allotment Society with the combination for the lock.

Further to Minute 76 Matters Arising Tea and Chat Morning at Rhos Community Centre – The event will restart on Thursday 5th October. ACTION: Cllr DB to update poster and add to post to Council FB page. Cllr NJ will send details of existing grant possibility from NPT Warm Hub Scheme. RESOLVED.

Further to Minute 78 Matters Arising – Any other Business – Clerk has ordered the yellow paint so that the parking bays can be refreshed at Alltwen Centre along

with the bike lock. Clerk has sent the letter to Tesco regarding the information board. RESOLVED.

86 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts approved for payment –

117B-123B	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	£ 3,619.39
124B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	924.44
125B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	590.57
126D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non-dom Rates	326.00
127D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non-dom Rates	348.00
128B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	150.02
129B	British Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	505.10
130B	Lliw Building Supplies	Tape, bolts and paint	90.98
131B	ICO	Data Protection Renewal	35.00
132B	Amberon	Alltwen Christmas Event	387.13
133B	KDY Electrics	Rhos CC – replace switch	77.04
134B	Cotton and Sons	Alltwen CC – liquid soap	11.99
135B	Cotton and Sons	Rhos CC: Refuse supplies	35.98
136B	S Williams	Party bond refund	20.00
137B	Amazon Business	Paper, charging lead (L Evans)	24.97
138B	Cllr D Baker	Reimbursement: lock, toilet seat, lighting, padlock chain	113.37

Income:

Rhos CC:	Sept Hire	£ 1,173.00
Alltwen CC:	Sept Hire	£ 494.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 7,500.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was approved.

It was noted that hire fees have dropped in both Rhos and Alltwen CC, this is due to group events being cancelled. RESOLVED: Clerk to check available dates at both Centres so that they can be advertised as vacant on the Council website and FB page.

The Handyperson has informed the Clerk that a new Leaf Blower is needed due to the existing machine being unrepairable. Handyperson has investigated the best options for reliability. Cllrs agreed the best option due to the amount of area's to be cleared, the purchase of - Sthil BR700. RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate best options to purchase including through NPT.

The AED at Rhos CC has been used during a Cardiac Arrest – Cllr LR assisted until the Ambulance Team arrived. RESOLVED Clerk will arrange for used equipment to be replaced. Cllrs passed on their well wishes to the patient.

87 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications:

P2023/0686 Proposed two storey extension and construction of canopy style extension to existing garage, the works for which include internal alterations to the main dwellinghouse plus construction of shed/store. (amended design received19/09/2023 changing the initally single storey extension element of the proposal to a two-storey extension) Tynycoed, 17 Graig Gellinudd, Gellinudd SA8 3HP

P2023/0686 P2023/0577 Proposed development of detached annexe situated to the side of main dwellinghouse for family use, development of raised patio surrounding annex, and canopy walkway between annex and main dwellinghouse. 25 Neath Road Fforest Goch SA8 3JB

P2023/0577 P2023/0640 Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for a single storey side extension 22 Plas Road, Rhos SA8 3HD

P2023/0640 P2023/0693 Details submitted for Prior Approval for a detached agricultural building used for storage of tools, machinery and hay (as required by Prior Notification Application P2023/0161) Blaennant Farm Blaenant Farm Access Road Cilybebyll SA8 3JH

88 MAINTENANCE AND HEALTH & SAFETY

Primrose Lane Path – A concerned Resident has contacted the Council regarding Primrose Lane Path being overgrown. Though this area is not the responsibility of the Community Council, as a gesture of good-will the Handyperson has been to clear the area. RESOLVED.

There was no updated Health & Safety information. RESOLVED noted.

89 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Alltwen CC – Quotes received for partition wall. 3 quotes were requested – M Chapman did not provide a quote in time for the meeting. R Mercer quoted £2,950.00, ML General Builder quoted £1,150.00. Pros and Cons of both quotes were debated, and all agreed that R Mercer be asked to complete the work. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact R Mercer and thank all others for providing quotes and the Council's decision.

Cllr AM had been contacted by a resident who wishes to donate a celebratory school mug that had been given to them when the Community Centre was still the local school. Cllrs thought this was a kind gesture and would like to accept. It was proposed and agreed that it should be displayed in the conference room after the refurbishment. RESOLVED: Clerk to look at purchasing a display cabinet for the conference room for memorabilia of this kind.

Rhos CC – Light switch needs repairing in the disabled toilet. Clerk confirmed this had been completed. RESOLVED noted.

90 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

1) Dramatic Performance Academy – application received for assistance towards their Christmas Performance 2023. Section 137 - Councillors approved the sum of £500.00 RESOLVED.
2) Alltwen After School Football Club – assistance to cover a shortfall in funding an upcoming trip. Section 137 – Councillors approved in principle the sum of £200.00 pending application process is completed. RESOLVED.

91 COUNCIL VACANCY GELLINUDD

The Clerk had received 2 applications for the Co-Opted vacancy. Both applicants meet the requirements, and the application letters were read aloud to the Councillors by the Clerk.

Councillors conducted a private vote with Rhiain Malpas receiving the highest number of votes. RESOLVED: Clerk to inform both candidates of the outcome.

92 PLANS AND TIMESCALES FOR RHOS BMX TRACK

Further to minute 68 The Clerk has not received an updated itemised invoice or plans. Due to many Councillors concerns and frustration with the continued delays and lack of information it was proposed, and all Councillors agreed to reject the planned work due to loss of faith in the contractor. RESOLVED: Clerk to inform contractor and P Hinder of the Council's decision. Further discussion is needed, at the next meeting, on the development of the BMX Track and to look at the recommendations given from the latest ROSPA report.

93 MAINTAINANCE OF RHOS PLAYING FIELD

Cllr D Baker reported on the inspection carried out on Rhos Playing Fields by Countrywide Ground Maintenance. In their opinion a repair to the "bald patches" on the field is not currently viable due to the time of year and recent weather. Therefore, the pitch is not in a usable state. Countrywide has supplied a yearlong maintenance contract quote; the cost of the different levels are as follows:
1 - £1956 +VAT
2 - £1400 + VAT
3 - £8350 + VAT
4 - £14500 + VAT
It was proposed and seconded that the maintenance contracts be passed to the Finance Committee to look at the pros and cons of the current contract, Ecosolve and the options quoted by Countrywide. To speak at the meeting, it was suggested that Cllr D Baker along with members of the Football Committee are invited to give their opinion as members of the public and football club. RESOLVED: Clerk to agenda for the next Finance Committee meeting.

94 Rhos Community Centre – Halloween Party

The summer events at the Community Centre have been successful. A resident has asked if the Council would be arranging a Children's Halloween Party. It was proposed and agreed that due to there not being enough time to organise and the number of "already" advertised parties, that it would not be possible this year. RESOLVED.

95 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	C Bowman	Defibrillator grant funding
2	C Bevan, NPTCBC	H&S advice
3	Cllr L Rees	Grass cutting, 20mph signage, bee-friendly area
4	Chair	20mph and 40 mph bypass
5	Cllr L Rees and B Williams	Bus Services

1. Resident enquiry regarding a defibrillator grant for Bryn Morgrug. Due to the proximity of other devices this may not be available. ACTION: Clerk will check with D Thomas the possibility of a defibrillator in this area.
2. NPTCBC unable to give direct help. ACTION: Clerk to contact OVW for the cost of their H&S Consultancy Services and what they can provide.
3. Cllr LR has had reports from residents - there is no 20-sign stating entering a 20mph area – Alltwen to Maes y Cornel. The grass cutting in Gwynfryn Park and Verges is not being carried out. Tyn y Cae bee friendly area has possibly been sprayed with weed killer. All these were noted by Cllr N Jenkins who will investigate the concerns. RESOLVED
4. Cllr DJ raised concerns around several 20-signs. Cllr NJ noted the concerns and advised that a review will be taking place at CBC level. Cllr DJ also raised the question – with the introduction of average speed cameras on the "bypass," will this mean the return to a 60-mph limit? ACTION: Clerk to contact Swansea City Council to find out further information.
5. Cllr LR and Cllr BW raised concerns regarding the news of the reduction of bus services in the area. Though the CC or CBC have no input into these changes, all Councillors share the concerns of residents. ACTION: Clerk will add a FB post sharing the view that the Community Council support residents in their concerns.

96 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr NJ has received a resident complaint regarding the lack of child/toddler swings in the Bryn Morgrug Park. It was confirmed that the funding was to provide apparatus for older children. Due to the size of the park, it is unsure if any further items can be added RESOLVED: Cllr DJ will visit the site and establish if there is space to add swings suitable for younger children.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 8:38 pm

Signed Dated 7th November 2023