Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held at Alltwen Community Centre and online via Zoom on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Presiding Councillor D Atkins

Present Councillors B Woolford, R Lewis, B Williams, D Baker, S Hart, R Phillips, M Richards, N Jenkins (online), A Melen (online), D Jones (online)

N Parr-Williams (Clerk to Community Council)

107 Apologies: Councillor S Atkins

108 MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

Chair reminded members of the Code of Conduct at the start of the meeting. He passed out information on the new Standing Orders (approved by Council in July 2024 meeting) which reads that all Members must complete the Code of Conduct training within 6 months of joining Council. RESOLVED that Members who have not completed the training to inform the Clerk so that she can book them onto appropriate training with either OVW or NPTCBC.

109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

110 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2024

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 were confirmed as a correct record thereof.

111 MATTERS ARISING

Further to minute 98 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she will ask Handyperson to measure the concrete base that used to house the see-saw in Lon Tanyrallt Park so that a suitable new item can be costed. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 98 Matters Arising – Cllr B Woolford reported that he is awaiting news on the sand-blasting. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 98 Matters Arising - Clerk read out the report from Propest explaining that there is still evidence of mice at Rhos Community Centre. Cllr D Jones suggested that as there are entry points at the building, and the bait is there, then mice will always try to get in. Chair suggested that Council could pause the service but after discussion, it was RESOLVED that the period of service be extended for the time being and that visits should be carried out quarterly.

Further to minute 98 Matters Arising – Cllr B Woolford reported that L Dykes would be happy to open the MUGA but she will need a date so that she can check her diary. It was suggested that the opening could be carried out in conjunction with Rhos FC for their Family Fun Day in May. Members thought this was a great idea. RESOLVED noted. Cllr B Woolford reported that he noticed that there are a few bolts missing in the MUGA fencing. RESOLVED that Clerk

inform P Hinder of this. It was reported that the lines on the surfacing will be painted in March, once the weather has warmed slightly. Clerk reported that a £5,000 payment is being held back by Council to ensure Sutcliffe return to complete the works. Sutcliffe have agreed to this. RESOLVED noted. Cllr S Hart asked if the road from the car park to the allotments will have tarmac laid. This is not the case. It was suggested that this could be costed. It was suggested that Clerk find out who did the main car park in the first instance. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 99 – Finance, Clerk reported that the precept for 2025-26 had been accepted and approved by NPTCBC. RESOLVED.

Further to minute 102 – Cllr N Jenkins reported that NPTCBC are selling the TV stands for £100. RESOLVED that new ones are almost as cheap, so no point in purchasing one.

Further to minute 103 – CCTV, Cllr D Baker reported that Rhos FC had approved the CCTV plans. RESOLVED that Clerk, Chair and Cllr D Baker discuss and order.

Further to minute 104 – Christmas Event, Clerk reported that the event went generally well despite the bad weather. Attendance was good. Cllr N Jenkins reported that the road closure did not happen until just before the event and First Cymru had not been informed by Core Highways that the road was closing. It was suggested that Clerk raise this with Core Highways. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 105 – Correspondence, Clerk reported that one tree at the allotments has been dealt with after the storms (a branch had fallen onto the roof of a shed). It was suggested that as it had been 5 years (2020) since the last tree survey that a new one be carried out. RESOLVED that Clerk contact tree surgeon to carry out report.

112 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED the following transactions were presented for scrutiny and approved for payment.

230B-234B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	3,317.29
235B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	764.66
236B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	469.89
237D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non dom Rates	343.00
238D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non dom Rates	365.00
239B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	474.30
240B	British Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	518.54
241B	BT Broadband	Alltwen CC: Broadband	87.54
242B	Lliw Buliding Supplies	Battens, timber, screws, tap connector, rocksalt, foam, gloves, bolt, brackets	309.45
243D	EE	Rhos CC: Broadband	46.61
244D	3 Mobile	Staff mobiles	27.58
245B	SLCC	Annual Membership	300.00
246B	Humphreys Tree & Garden Services	Emergency removal of broken and damaged crown of oak tree at allotments	540.00
247B	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	Rhos Park MUGA	18,000.00
248D	SSE	Alltwen CC: Electric	500.11
249B	SSE	Rhos CC: Electric	718.38

Income:	Rhos CC	December Hire	£ 930.50
	Alltwen CC	November Hire	£ 585.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £27,500.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. Payments and Transfer approved RESOLVED.

113 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications:

P2024/0662	Single storey front porch extension and single storey rear extension.	205 Delffordd Rhos SA8 3EW
P2024/0775	Proposed 8m tall freestanding aluminium and timber effect totem sign with internally illuminated McDonald's logo and 'drive-thru' appendage.	Tesco Supermarket Alltwen SA8 3AZ
P2024/0783	Non-Material Amendment to planning permission P2024/0496 granted consent on 26.9.24 - amendment to intake position within the watercourse.	Plas Farm Lane From Church Road To Plas Farm Rhos SA8 3JQ
P2024/0753	Proposed ground floor rear extension, roof conversion, roof extension, two pitched front dormers and fenestration alterations.	18 Primrose Lane Rhos SA8 3ES
P2024/0771	Details to be agreed in association with conditions 3 (demolition & construction method statement), 4 (gigabit capable broadband infrastructure) of P2023/0632 granted on 24/07/24.	9 Primrose Lane Rhos SA8 3ES
P2024/0803	Discharge of condition 17 (coal risk safety declaration) of planning permission P2023/0101 granted on 16.08.2024 (for the erection of a freestanding drive-thru/restaurant, car parking, landscaping and associated works)	Tesco Supermarket Alltwen SA8 3AZ

114 MAINTENANCE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Footpaths -

Clerk reported that Footpaths Officer has reported that there are lots of broken branches along the footpaths after the storms. He suggested that he clear them bit-by-bit as they do

not block the paths completely, so are not an urgent H&S matter. Members agreed. RESOLVED noted. Cllr B Woolford stated that the volunteer group could help with the clearance of the paths as well. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos Park -
Clerk reported that she had received 2 quotes to urgently remove the branch that had fallen on the shed in the allotments. Glantawe Landscapes £800 and Humphreys Tree Services £540. Chair approved the urgent works and Humphreys Tree Services were awarded the work. RESOLVED noted.

Flooding from Rhos Park to 76 Neath Road -
Cllr B Woolford reported that S Jones, NPTCBC had been out to assess and described it as a single event. NPTCBC were involved as well as Dwr Cymru who stated that there was no sewerage spillage in the water. Cllr D Baker reported that there are drains outside the Pavilion that may have become overloaded due to the storms. Cllr R Lewis stated that the concrete area with a vent used to be an old toilet block. Cllr B Woolford suggested that this may have temporarily overloaded with water due to the amount of rainfall in a short space of time. It was reported that it was unlikely that there had been a leaking water pipe as a new supply was fitted to the Pavilion only a few years ago. NPTCBC were confident that a flood should not happen again. RESOLVED noted.

115 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Alltwen CC -
Clerk had printed out some examples of cabinets that could be purchased for the display of the memorial mug – prices ranged from £149 upwards. Members felt this was a lot of money to spend on a cabinet. RESOLVED that Clerk look for cabinet on Facebook. Cllr B Woolford stated that he would be happy to make one if needed. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos CC -
Clerk reported that she will get further quotes for the guttering in the next few weeks as well as contact the company in Milland Road, Neath to see how much a fully new roof with solar panels would cost. She will also look into Big Lottery funding to see if a new building could be funded. RESOLVED noted.

The roof had a leak after the storms. This was fixed immediately by Glantawe Landscapes for a cost of £200. Members were pleased that the work had been carried out quickly. RESOLVED.

It was reported that the fire door is still loose. RESOLVED that Clerk find company to look at this.

Clerk reported that ROSPA post installation inspection of the MUGA had been received and passed. Cllr B Woolford stated that the missing bolts may have been pushed out due to the recent storms. RESOLVED noted.

116 CORRESPONDENCE

1. J Miles MS – Christmas wishes. RESOLVED noted.
2. S Williams MS – Christmas wished. RESOLVED noted.
3. NPTCVS – High Sheriff Awards for volunteers. It was suggested that Linda Reynolds be nominated for starting the Tea & Chat in Rhos CC. RESOLVED noted.
4. Cllr L Rees – Resignation from Council. Members thanked him for his service to the Community. RESOLVED that Clerk advertise all 3 vacancies.

117 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. Cllr B Woolford stated that C Morgan had offered to take away the Christmas Tree in Rhos for recycling. Members thanked C Morgan for this. RESOLVED noted.
2. Cllr B Woolford reported that he is trying to get planters put on the corners to stop people parking in the centre of Rhos. He is hoping to get recycled plastic planters as they will not need maintenance. Cllr B Woolford is also hoping to get a sign and notice board placed in the same area. Members thought this was a good idea. RESOLVED noted.
3. It was suggested that a 'tree light switch on' at Rhos be coincided with the tractor run. Cllr N Jenkins stated that it would have been nice if Council had been invited to the tractor run. RESOLVED that this be discussed later in the year.
4. It was stated that parking at Alltwen CC was awkward on a Tuesday. Dramatic Performance Academy need to leave on time. RESOLVED that Clerk check with Caretaker what time they should leave the building.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 8.10 pm.

Signed Dated Tuesday 4th February 2025