Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held at Alltwen Community Centre and online via Zoom on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Presiding Councillor D Atkins

Present Councillors S Atkins, B Williams, N Jenkins, B Woolford, D Baker, D Jones (online), A Melen (online), Meinir Hutchings

N Parr-Williams (Clerk to Community Council)

3 Apologies: Councillors R Lewis, B Woolford, S Hart, R Phillips

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Melen decalred an interest in item 6 Planning due to knowing the people applying for planning permission.

5 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 were confirmed as a correct record thereof.

6 MATTERS ARISING

Further to minute 131 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she had received advice from C Griffiths NPTCBC regarding Code of Conduct training. He stated that the training only needs to be carried out once, no need for a refresher. Although, if Members feel they would like a refresher, they are able to do this. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 131 Matters Arising – it was suggested that one extra camera may be needed. Chair and Cllr D Baker to liaise regarding this matter. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 131 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that The Arb Team have now completed the tree survey at Rhos Park. Clerk will go through it and highlight any urgent works. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 131 Matters Arising, it was reported that the Monkey Puzzle trees have been taken out. Handyperson asked what he should do with them. Cllr D Jones stated that he would be happy to take them. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 131 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that gate gap cover was ordered and should be delivered any day. Handyperson will fit. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 131 Matters Arising, Cllr D Baker reported that the Fun Day and official MUGA opening will hopefully be held on Sunday 25th May. He is awaiting confirmation from the bouncy castle hire. Cllr B Woolford stated that he is awaiting confirmation from L Dykes. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 132 Financial Transactions, it was reported that the broadband is still not working in Rhos CC. RESOLVED that Clerk ask for refund.

Further to minute 136 Correspondence, Clerk reported that the Warm Spaces Grant money had been spent. £5 to return to NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 136 Correspondence, Clerk reported that D Garnell is keen to attend the Tea & Chat to speak to attendees. He is looking at dates for the end of April, beginning of May. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 136 Correspondence, Clerk reported that D Thomas is happy to deliver the defibrillator training. It was suggested that dates for the training be discussed with D Thomas. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 136 Correspondence, Clerk reported that there are solar cabinet options for the defibrillator for Brynmorgrug. National Grid connection likely to be approx. £1800. Cllr N Jenkins stated that insulated cabinets are available. RESOLVED that Clerk cost.

Further to minute 136 Correspondence, Clerk reported that the critical bleed kits from the High Sherriff are available. RESOLVED that 2 be purchased.

Further to minute 136 Correspondence, Clerk reported that Sovereign Play are coming out on 28th April to look at options for the space where the see-saw used to be at Lon Tanyrallt Park. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 137 AOUB, Clerk reported that she has requested dog fouling posters from NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

7 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

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

1B-5B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	3,314.82
6B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	781.68
7B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI (acc. In credit £543.14 – nothing to pay)	0.00*
8D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non dom Rates	350.80
9D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non dom Rates	371.00
10B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	580.17
11B	British Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	821.69
12B	BT Broadband	Alltwen CC: Broadband	87.54
13D	EE	Rhos CC: Broadband	46.61
14D	3 Mobile	Staff mobiles	27.58
15D	SSE	Alltwen CC: Electric	603.98
16B	The Arb Team	Rhos Park Tree Survey	384.00
17B	Propest Ltd	Rhos CC: Pest control	240.00
18B	Cotton & Sons	Rhos CC: Cleaning supplies	91.44
19B	K Thomas	Rhos Party Bond Refund	20.00
20B	FDS Corporation Limited	Alltwen CC: 14 packs chairs (6 in each pack)	£1,959.30
21B	Fingersafe Worldwide Ltd	Gatesafe gap strip	148.20
22B	Cllr S Hart	Tea & Chat reimbursement (from Warm Spaces Grant)	950.24
23B	James Bayliss Property Care	Rhos CC: Painting Main Hall (from Warm Spaces Grant)	1,300.00

24B	Propest Ltd	Pest control invoice from Nov 24	720.00
25B	SSE	Rhos CC: Electric	732.69
26B	Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	4.25
27B	L Reynolds	Tea & Chat reimbursement	39.67
28B	Cllr D Atkins	Reimbursement chair racks	399.82

*no payments due.

Income:	Rhos CC	March Hire	£ 1,239.00
	Alltwen CC	February Hire	£ 458.00
	NPTCBC	Footpaths Grant	£ 2,700.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £13,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. Payments and Transfer approved, RESOLVED.

Clerk suggested opening a PayPal account for Council to pay for items online. It was suggested that Clerk look into the requirements of this in the first instance. RESOLVED noted.

Chair asked how much the Woodturners are paying for Alltwen CC and what exactly are they hiring. Clerk will discuss with Caretaker to find out exact details. RESOLVED noted.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications:

P2025/0160	Outline application (all matters reserved) for the siting of two detached dwellinghouses.	Land Between 2 & 12 Neath Road Fforestgoch SA8 3JB https://appsportal2.npt.gov.uk/ords/idocs12/f?p=Planning:2:0::NO::P2_REFERENCE:P2025/0160
P2025/0157	Two storey detached dwelling and associated works	Land Off Graig Road Gellinudd SA8 3DG https://appsportal2.npt.gov.uk/ords/idocs12/f?p=Planning:2:0::NO::P2_REFERENCE:P2025/0157

9 MAINTENANCE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Rhos Park -

Clerk reported that The Arb Team have completed the tree survey. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that Handyperson had reported that bird boxes and saplings have been donated to the park. Members were grateful for these. RESOLVED noted.

Handyman requested that chippings be purchased for the path from car park to allotments. It was stated that re-establishing the pathway was part of the MUGA project. It was also stated that the speed hump was very high. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise with P Hinder regarding these matters.

Gwynfryn Park -
Clerk reported that Handyperson had asked to have some funds towards the purchase of plants. It was suggested that plants that will not need a lot of work be purchased. A sum of £40 was agreed. RESOLVED.

Rhos CC -
Clerk reported that she had received a request for a larger keysafe for Rhos CC. Group users are finding it difficult to use the current keysafe. It was suggested that a large keysafe be purchased from Amazon. RESOLVED.

10 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Alltwen CC -
Clerk reported that the chairs are on order. Chair offered to pay for the rack systems and be reimbursed as BACS payment was not accepted by the company. Members thanked him for this. RESOLVED noted.

It was suggested that a Coffee Morning be started in Alltwen CC in September. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos CC -
Clerk reported that James Bayliss is happy to look for rodent entry points at Rhos CC. RESOLVED.

Clerk reported that James Bayliss will be painting the main hall. This paid for by the Warm Spaces grant. She asked if Council would like the rest of the building painted. Members agreed to have Bronwen's room and Kitchen painted at a cost of £960. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise with James Bayliss regarding this matter.

11 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Clerk read out applications. Members discussed and agreed to the following donations:
Dramatic Performance: £300
Rhos Community Garden: £250
Rhos Short Mat Bowls: £400
Alltwen Bowls Club: £400
Marie Curie: £25
RESOLVED.

Members also agreed to donate to the cemeteries as usual with the following amounts:
Capel yr Alltwen: £200
Cilybebyll St Johns: £100
Alltwen St Johns: £100
RESOLVED.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

1. C Griffiths, NPTCBC – Code of Conduct advice. RESOLVED.
2. D Garnell, NPTCBC – Tea & Chat visits. RESOLVED.
3. Parish Accounts – offer of free trial. £9.99 per month thereafter. RESOLVED that Clerk try for a month and then review.

4. L Feagan – Dogs Trust. Request to show Canine Care poster. It was suggested that this be shared on Facebook. RESOLVED noted.
5. E Burrows – Wales Prestige Awards. RESOLVED that correspondence be noted.

13 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. Cllr D Jones had spoken to a lady who wants to run the book and DVD exchange in Rhos CC. Members agreed not to make it an official Council project as there could be issues with age restrictions on DVDs etc. RESOLVED noted.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 8.00 pm.

Signed Dated Tuesday 6th May 2025