Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held at Alltwen Community Centre and online via Zoom on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Presiding Councillor B Williams

Present Councillors, I Humphreys, B Woolford, N Jenkins, D Jones (online)

N Parr-Williams (Clerk to Community Council)

106 APOLOGIES: Councillors D Atkins, S Atkins, S Hart, R Phillips, G Williams, A Melen, D Baker, M Hutchings. RESOLVED.

107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest. RESOLVED.

108 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 were confirmed as a correct record thereof. Further RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Development Committee held on Thursday 27th November 2025 were confirmed as a correct record thereof.

109 MATTERS ARISING
Further to minute 92 Rhos FC lease – Clerk reported that she has made the requested amendments and will await news from Rhos FC as to the new company details. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 94 Matters Arising – Cllr B Woolford has spoken to NPTCBC regarding land valuation but has not yet received a value. He will speak to D Hutching regarding this to try to find out square meterage of the land and update Council in due course. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 94 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has ordered the playground equipment. RESOLVED noted

Further to minute 94 Matters Arising – Cllr B Woolford reported that the notice board looks great and has been installed by Rhodri Lewis free of charge. Members thanked Mr Lewis for his kind work. Cathy Dykes will be 'notice board warden' and locals will be able to email her to put notices on the board. She will keep the notice board organised. Members thanked her for this. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 94 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that PCSO Collins has spoken with the vehicle owners regarding the parking at Alltwen CC. It was mentioned that this cannot be enforced. Cllr N Jenkins asked who owns the land just outside the main entrance. This is not clear. She will speak to NPTCBC Planning department to see if they can find out via Land Registry. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 94 Matters Arising – Chair reported that the Remembrance Sunday event at Pontardawe had gone very well. RESOLVED.

Further to minute 95 Finance – Clerk reported that she will liaise with Estate Agent regarding the possibility of leasing out parts of Alltwen CC in due course. Cllr N Jenkins stated that J Hartland had asked to rent the Unders as storage in the past – he would convert them at no cost to Council. She will speak to him further on this. This could bring in an extra monthly income to Council. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 99 Christmas 2025 – Clerk reported that it was decided that the Alltwen Christmas Tree lights switch-on event had to be cancelled due to safety concerns and the Amber Weather Warning from the Met Office. Chair, Health and Safety Officer and Clerk had liaised during the morning with regards to the safety of the event and had decided that cancelling was the only safe option. Members were disappointed with this but were fully supportive of the decision made on safety ground. RESOLVED noted. Cllr N Jenkins reported that she has spoken to Alltwen Primary school and she has arranged to take Santa there to give out the chocolates purchased for the event. Members thought this was a lovely idea. RESOLVED noted. Chair reported that the lights on Alltwen tree look terrible this year as they have been installed from top to bottom as opposed to around the tree. Clerk will report this to Centregreat. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 99 Christmas 2025 – Cllr B Woolford reported that Rhos Christmas Tree lights switch-on event will take place this coming Sunday. Richard Medwin has helped him set up a 12v battery system for the tree lights. Members thanked R Medwin for his kind assistance. Cllr B Woolford has purchased the tree lights at a cost of £180 and will fund them from his Members Allowance payment. Members thanked him for doing this. It was reported that the tree looks beautiful. The Brownies will decorate the tree and will be served hot chocolate on the evening. D & H Cotton will provide hot dogs at The Smiths for the event. The first tractor run will run during the event. A second tractor run will take place on the 13th December 2025. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 100 Correspondence – Cllr B Woolford reported that the defibrillator training had gone very well at The Smiths. There were 2 sessions held and both were full. Cllr B Woolford went on to explain that there is now a post on the green at Delffordd ready for a defibrillator. There is also a redundant Post Office sack box which will be taken out and a post installed for another defibrillator. The defibrillator at Rhos Primary school will be fitted to the outside fence so that it can be accessible at all times. Members were pleased with this news. RESOLVED noted.

110 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

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

187B-191B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	3,571.74
192B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	811.90
193B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	466.65
194D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non dom Rates	346.00
195D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non dom Rates	369.00
196B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	239.61
197B	British Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	386.30
198B	BT Broadband	Alltwen CC: Broadband	92.53
199D	EE	Rhos CC: Broadband	49.58

200D	3 Mobile	Staff mobiles	28.80
201D	Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	4.25
202B	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Trade Waste	408.46
203B	PPL PRS	Rhos CC: Music licence	376.63
204B	St John's Cilybebyll	Cemetery grant	200.00
205B	Eglwys Annibynnol Alltwen	Cemetery grant	350.00
206B	Cilybebyll PCC Alltwen	Cemetery grant	100.00

Income:	Rhos CC	November Hire	£ 1,109.50
	Alltwen CC	October Hire	£ 190.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £8,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. Payments and Transfer approved. RESOLVED.

Budget - Members agreed Clerk's report on estimates for 2026-27. RESOLVED.

Capital Schemes – Cllr B Woolford reported that there is no grant available via NPTCBC for resurfacing the car park and road but there may be a grant available from the old Abernant tip site. Rhos is within the 5-mile limit for the fund. He will find out more about this. It was suggested that some shale be obtained to fill the potholes on a temporary basis. RESOLVED.

Precept - RESOLVED that the Council's precept for the financial year 2026-27 be endorsed as £130,000.00.

111 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications:

P2025/0815	Proposed rear first floor flat roof extension	2 High Street, Alltwen SA8 3BT
P2025/0826	TPO - 1 x Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) to be felled.	Plas Farm, Lane From Church Road To Plas Farm, Rhos SA8 3JQ
P2025/0679	Proposed single storey rear and side infill extension (amended location and existing floor plan received 12/11/2025).	18 Primrose Lane, Rhos SA8 3ES
P2025/0802	Micro hydroelectric installation (25kw) including intake structure, underground and overground pipeline, turbine, electrical control system and buried electrical cable (existing outfall and detached turbine house serving existing adjacent hydro scheme to be used by the proposed scheme)	Plas Farm, Bwthyn Y Saer, Lane From Church Road To Plas Farm, Rhos SA8 3JQ

RESOLVED that objection be submitted for the following application:

P2025/0792	Outline application for residential development for up to 8 dwellings with approval sought for access, and all other matters reserved	Land East Of Minyrawel, Pen Yr Alltwen

Several reasons for objection were highlighted including:
a. Drainage is poor in this area and members had concerns regarding the possibility of increased flooding if houses are built on this particular site. Drainage is already poor at Maes Y Cornel and members feel that more houses could exacerbate the situation.
b. There are ancient hedgerows on the site and members showed concern regarding the potential loss of wildlife habitat at the site.
c. Members highlighted that houses built on the site would join Alltwen and Rhos with no borders, therefore causing demarcation of village identities.
d. Traffic concerns were raised as the road is very narrow and the junction dangerous as it is near a bend. RESOLVED noted.

112 MAINTENANCE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Rhos CC -
Handyperson has cleared the guttering to try to avid flooding issues this Winter. RESOLVED noted.

Gwyfryn Park Tree Works -
Clerk reported that she has received a further quote for crowning and trimming 3 oaks at the park:
Humphreys Tree Services £1,680
Glantawe Landscapes, £1,000 + VAT
Our Tree Company, £1,100
RESOLVED that Glantawe Landscapes be contracted to carry out the works as VAT may be reclaimed and Members pleased with works carried out by Glantawe Landscapes in the past.

113 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Alltwen CC -
Clerk reported that Handyperson had suggested getting CCTV for Alltwen CC as well as Rhos due to lots of people hanging about in the Unders. He has found bongs there and other paraphernalia. RESOLVED that this be looked at in a future Council meeting.

114 CORRESPONDENCE

1. A Hinder, NPTCBC – Council Tax Base 2026-27. RESOLVED noted.
2. NPTCVS – Invitation to Arts, Culture and Heritage Celebration, 17th December 2025 at the Gwyn Hall, Neath. No Members able to attend. RESOLVED noted.
3. Cllr R Phillips – Resignation from Cilybebyll Community Council due to new role and lack of time to carry out Council duties. Members accepted his resignation and thanked him for all of his work as a Councillor over the past year. He will be missed. Clerk to report

resignation to NPTCBC Elections Department and advertise vacancy in due course. RESOLVED.

4. Rhos Community Growers (allotments) – letter requesting that the track road to the allotments and MUGA be resurfaced. They raised safety issues regarding the potholes and current surfacing. It was suggested that if deemed necessary, the allotments could be closed temporarily until shale is delivered and installed. Council have already earmarked this as a project for 2026-27. RESOLVED noted.

115 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Members wished Chair's wife, Margaret, all the best for her operation tomorrow and sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery. RESOLVED noted.

Chair thanked all for attending and wished Members and Clerk a Merry Christmas. He handed out Council pin badges to Members in attendance. Clerk will store the remainder and hand out to Members who were not present. The meeting finished at 8:05 pm.

Signed Dated Tuesday 6th January 2026