Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online via Zoom on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Presiding Councillor G Williams

Present Councillors R Phillips, I Humphreys, A Melen**,** D Baker, N Jenkins

N Parr-Williams (Clerk to Community Council)

79 APOLOGIES: Councillors B Williams, B Woolford, S Hart, D Jones, D Atkins, S Atkins, M Hutchings. As both Chair and Vice-chair were absent, Cllr G Williams was elected as Temporary Chair of the meeting. RESOLVED.

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr D Baker declared an interest in item 4 Matters Arising as Members of Rhos FC. RESOLVED.

81 MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2025
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 were confirmed as a correct record thereof.

82 MATTERS ARISING
Further to minute 65 Members of Public – Clerk reported that Cllr B Woolford will provide an update from NPTCBC regarding land valuation in due course. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she applied for the NPTCBC Small Playground Improvement Grant. Awaiting outcome. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising - Clerk reported that Glantawe Landscapes & Tree Services have completed all tree works at Rhos Park. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising, Clerk reported that the broadband has stopped working again at Rhos Community Centre. She has contacted Fast WiFi Wales again to ask for another engineer visit. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that Handyperson and Andrew Jenkins (Glantawe Landscapes) will carry out the works to the trees behind Tyn Y Cae as soon as possible. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising – Clerk shared the draft lease. S Cotton suggested some amendments via email. Members discussed some amendments of their own including being clear with regards to areas of responsibility. Cllr N Jenkins suggested that Council could give back the £250 annual lease cost via Financial Assistance Grant. Cllr R Phillips asked what would happen in Rhos FC was to fold. Cllr D Baker explained that the lease would not be made with Rhos FC itself but to e.g. Friends of Rhos Park organisation. This was news to Council, and it was decided that this matter be discussed further in the next meeting of Council this was

not what Council initially agreed to do. It was suggested that Rhos FC's solicitor be invited to the next meeting of Council to discuss options further. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising – Cllr N Jenkins reported that the posts for the Alltwen sign have been knocked over so new posts are needed. NPTCBC will put in new posts. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising – Cllr B Woolford has ordered the notice board and will be reimbursed by Council for the cost as previously agreed. RESOLVED.

Further to minute 67 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she had put letters on the offending cars but there is little improvement. Clerk will liaise with PCSO's next. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 72 Community Plan – Cllr N Jenkins reported that NPTCBC will invite Members to a meeting once they start rolling out the plan. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 74 Alltwen Christmas Event – Clerk reported that she has completed the forms for NPTCBC and booked most things. She will order the speaker next week. Cllr N Jenkins suggested that she order the Santa Suit and be reimbursed. RESOLVED noted. Clerk reported that NPTCBC stated that the RFC and Church will need street trader licences for the event if they are to sell anything. Cllr N Jenkins said she will pass on the message to the Church. She will also ask to borrow some chairs for the band. RESOLVED noted. Cllr N Jenkins suggested that NPTCBC Mayor could do the blessing this year. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 74 Christmas Event – Clerk reported that NPTCBC stated that National Grid own the lamp post in question for the Rhos Christmas Tree lights power supply. It is not possible to add a power supply to this lamp post. Clerk suggested getting a quote for a ground electricity supply for next year. Centregreat Ltd can install these. Members agreed to obtain an estimate ready to be applied to next year's budget. Battery lights will have to be used for this year. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 76 Any Other Urgent Business – Cllr N Jenkins reported that there had been 50 responses to the consultation on a possible one-way system in Alltwen. 2/3 were against and 1/3 for the proposals. Cllr N Jenkins will keep Members informed of any further developments. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 76 Any Other Urgent Business – Clerk reported that Alltwen CC Cartaker will get key cut for Cariad Baby Bank so that they can store items in the Unders. RESOLVED noted.

83 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

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

141B-145B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	3,741.42
146B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	861.78
147B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	455.25
148D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non dom Rates	346.00
149D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non dom Rates	369.00
150B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	122.87

151B	British Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	0.00*
152B	BT Broadband	Alltwen CC: Broadband	225.06
153D	EE	Rhos CC: Broadband	49.58
154D	3 Mobile	Staff mobiles	28.80
155D	Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	4.25
156B	Cllr B Woolford	Reimbursement – notice board	1,275.55
157B	Gallagher	Council Insurance	5,349.10
158B	Lliw Building Supplies	Hardboard, screws, saw, compost	273.79
159B	Core Highways	Road Closure – Alltwen Christmas lights event	528.34
160D	SSE	Alltwen CC: Electric	512.78
161B	SSE	Rhos CC: Electric	726.06

Income:	Rhos CC	September Hire	£ 1,334.00
	Alltwen CC	July Hire	£ 487.50

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £15,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. Payments and Transfer approved, RESOLVED.

84 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications:

P2025/0657	Proposed Lawful Development Certificate- single storey rear extension.	19 Heol Y Nant Rhos SA8 3EQ
P2025/0587	Proposed single storey side extension.	1 Penrhiwiau Alltwen SA8 3AW
P2025/0696	Details submitted pursuant to discharge of condition 10 (road safety audit, stages 1 and 2) 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 A4067 Alltwen SA8 3AZ

85 MAINTENANCE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Shutters at Rhos CC -
Clerk reported that Caretaker reported that the main shutters are not working properly. Clerk will contact company to service them. RESOLVED noted.

86 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Alltwen CC -

Clerk reported that Caretaker reported that Dramatic Performance are leaving Alltwen CC due to needing more space as their group has grown very large. Clerk explained that they are the largest contributor to monthly income at Alltwen CC. Members were very disappointed with this news. It was suggested that Alltwen CC be advertised more on Facebook. Cllr I Humphreys suggested encouraging car sharing at Alltwen CC as there is less parking than in Rhos CC. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos CC -

Clerk reported that the broadband has stopped working again. She has contacted Fast WiFi Wales to repair. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the Caretaker reported that the Pottery group is going well in Rhos CC. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the hall interior walls have now been painted in Rhos CC. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr D Baker reported that he will have updated prices for CCTV cameras by the next meeting. RESOLVED noted.

87 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Clerk read out all applications. Members agreed to award financial assistance as follows:

Llais (Papur Bro):	£200
Eisteddfod Cwmtawe:	£250
Alltwen Heels WI:	£150
Rhos Community Garden:	£200
Urdd Gobaith Cymru:	£100
Save our Strays:	£0

It was decided not to provide financial assistance to Save our Strays as they are based outside of the Cilybebyll area. Cllr N Jenkins highlighted that there are many other dog rescue centres closer to Cilybebyll. RESOLVED noted.

88 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Onllwyn Community Council – offer to share costs of Play Park inspections course for Handyperson. RESOLVED that Handyperson carry out the course.
2. S Cotton – proposed amendments to Rhos Playing Fields lease. RESOLVED noted.

89 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. Cllr N Jenkins suggested that a wreath not be put at the Alltwen Fountain Monument this year as it is not a war memorial. Cllr A Melen reported that this was started many years ago by M Bubb and C Evans – it was well thought of but now times have moved on. RESOLVED that no wreath be placed at the monument this year. Cllr N Jenkins suggested helping Pontardawe Town Council with the cost of the road closure seeing as Cilybebyll Community Council is part of the event. Some Members disagreed with this.

It was suggested that one wreath be ordered by Clerk and that the Chair or Vice-chair attend the Remembrance event in Pontardawe. RESOLVED noted.

2. Cllr I Humphreys raised the issue of dog mess in Rhos – particularly on Delffordd. He asked could more dog bins be installed. Members explained that this issue had been discussed numerous times before. Cllr N Jenkins explained that it is up to NPTCBC where the dog bins are put. There are only certain suitable places for them as people don't want them outside their houses. Cllr I Humphreys will liaise further with Cllr B Woolford on this matter. RESOLVED noted.
3. Cllr N Jenkins reported that she had been told that the gate at the entrance to the play area at Rhos Park closes rapidly. Clerk explained that the gate has never failed a ROSPA inspection. RESOLVED noted.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 8:30 pm.

Signed Dated Tuesday 4th November 2025