Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *Zoom*, on 05 April 2022 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

Present Councillors S Atkins, A Melen, L Rees, R Lewis, Y James, I Jones, C Jones, D Jones, R Stephens, A Threlfall

Apologies Councillors D Atkins, E Hastings, A Thomas

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chair and Cllr C Jones declared an interest in item 6 Planning Applications. RESOLVED.

4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online on 01 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 144 Minutes of the Previous Monthly Meeting of Council – Cllr R Lewis asked whether or not Clerk had received a response regarding the replacement bridge. No response received as yet. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 145 Matters Arising – Chair reported that a meeting regarding the Cemetery will be set up after the May elections to discuss options and legal matters further. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 145 Matters Arising - Clerk reported that she has emailed drainage details to West Wales Trails and they are preparing a quote. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 148 Maintenance – Clerk reported that she is waiting to hear back from Ecosolve for convenient dates for a meeting with Rhos FC. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 151 Wording for Plaque – Clerk stated that she has contacted the company for a quote for the plaques. Cllr R Lewis asked whether the names of the miners lost at Primrose Colliery could also be added. Clerk will look into this to see if she can find their names. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 153 Any Other Urgent Business – Clerk reported that Handyman will cost chippings for surrounding the dram. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 153 Any Other Urgent Business - Clerk reported that she had contacted some cleaning companies asking for ad-hoc cleaning. Servicemaster

stated that they will only do ongoing contract works, not ad-hoc work. Pink Cleaning stated that they could do ad-hoc work for £18 + VAT per hour. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise further with Pink Cleaning as this cost could be added to the cost of hall hire at Rhos Community Centre for a Saturday evening.

6 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

1B-4B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	3,023.28
5B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	998.01
6B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	392.69
7B	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non-dom Rates	346.00
8B	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non-dom Rates	378.50
9B	Avanti Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	1,206.08
10B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	273.91
11B	Glantawe Landscapes Ltd	LTYA Park Tree removal	350.00
12B	NPTCBC	Grounds Maintenance 2021-22	6,396.55
13B	Lliw Building Supplies	Postfix, fence posts, timber, hazard tape	127.47
14B	AED Cabinets	Alltwen CC: Cabinet for defibrillator	410.00
15B	Amazon Business	Ink, files, folders	68.38

Income:

Alltwen CC	Mar Hire	£ 570.00
Rhos CC	Mar Hire	£ 985.00
Rhos Park	Pitch fees	£ 106.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 12,750.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. RESOLVED.

Clerk stated that she is liaising with Avanti Gas over the billing over the last 2 months as it is very high. Avanti state that the bills are correct. Cllr Y James stated that even with the price increases there must be another factor affecting the bills. Cllr D Jones asked whether or not the timer was working correctly. Cllr R Lewis stated that he noticed the steam coming out of the outlet when there was no-one in the hall. RESOLVED that Clerk ask Westward to look at the system to see if there are any problems with it and Clerk to look at bill and find out if there is a peak at any point.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

P2022/0152	TPO	Nant Arian, 40A Derwen Road, Alltwen SA8 3AY
P2022/0175	Proposed two storey side extension to include alteration to garden	Swn Y Nant Barn, Blaenant Farm Access Road, Cilybebyll SA8 3JH

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

8 MAINTENANCE

Lon Tanyrallt Park: Clerk reported that the fence needs urgent repair at the park. Handyman stated that he could repair it with help from Andrew. RESOLVED that Clerk obtain quotes from Glantawe Landscapes and Lewis Fencing.

Footpaths: Clerk reported that Handyman will start on Footpaths works over the coming weeks. Cllr R Lewis stated that behind Gellinudd Service Station needs cutting asap. Cllr Y James stated that she walked the cycle path recently and the bench needs treating as it is cracking in some parts. RESOLVED that Clerk ask Handyman to look at this. Cllr Y James also stated that there are drainage ditches full of mud on the cycle track near the miner's memorial. RESOLVED that Clerk inform NPTCBC of this.

Rhos Park: Clerk reported that Handyperson reported that more bins are needed in Rhos Park as he is spending approx. 2 extra hours a week continuously emptying the bins there and picking up overflowing rubbish. Cllr R Lewis stated that he also picks up rubbish regularly from the park. RESOLVED that new bins be costed for the park.

Gwynfryn Park: Cllr C Jones reported to Clerk that there was a lot of dumped items in the park. Clerk liaised with Handyman regarding this and he stated that he had returned the Tesco trolley to Tesco and taken the bike to the dump. Clerk reported that the Handyman and My Green Valley clean up rubbish from the park on a regular basis. Cllr A Melen stated that dog mess bags are being left in the park. Cllr C Jones stated that there is a litter pick arranged for Friday. RESOLVED noted.

Brynmorgrug Park: Cllr C Jones reported to the Clerk that the spring had broken on the see-saw in Brynmorgrug Park. Clerk contacted the Handyperson and he has already ordered a new spring for Lon Tanyrallt See-saw. He will take a look at the spring on Brynmorgrug Park See-saw and order as necessary. RESOLVED noted.

ROSPA Works: Handyperson has completed most of the major tasks highlighted on last year's ROSPA Play Safety report. He has some minor works left to complete before our next inspection in June/July. Sutcliffe will look at both zip-wires as some works are needed to improve cable tension and change rubber tyre stoppers. RESOLVED noted.

9 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Rhos Community Centre: Clerk reported that Westward have inspected the water heater and determined that a new thermocouple and pilot injector is needed. Westward have quoted £389.59 + VAT for the works. Members agreed to go ahead with the repair as soon as possible. RESOLVED.

Westward are also due to carry out the annual service to the boiler. They have not increased their charges for this therefore this year's bill will be £250 + Vat as usual. RESOLVED that Westward be instructed to service the gas system.

Clerk reported that she has received another quote for the fire doors. Quotes received thus far: £1980 + VAT from Chris Gray Fire Doors and £1,855.20 + Vat from Daniel's Locksmiths. P Chart stated that he is too busy to carry out works at the Community Centre. Handyman has arranged to meet with John Glenn Fire Doors on 14th April. A third quote will be with council by the May meeting. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen Community Centre: Clerk reported that she has received another quote for the electric water boiler. Quotes received thus far: Westward £357.50 + VAT and C Jenkins £300 inc. VAT. Clerk is awaiting further quote from Warm Serve. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that S Jones, Connectus is currently putting together a quote for the electrics for the new woodturning room. A quote from C Jenkins has come in at £1,500 inc. VAT. RESOLVED noted.

10 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Members discussed each application and awarded as follows:

- Alltwen Bowls Club: £250.00
- Cilybebyll Community Growers: £250.00
- Celebral Palsy Cymru: £25.00
- DEC Ukraine: £100.00
- Kids Cancer Charity: £25.00
- Noah's Ark Children's Hospital: £25.00
- Pantry Foodbank: £500.00
- St Peter's Church: not eligible
- Wales Air Ambulance: £25.00

RESOLVED that Clerk request payment details and prepare payments.

Cllr D. Jones stated that as he had never intended to claim the Member's Remuneration payment of £150 last year but had not returned his opt-out form in time, that he would personally donate the £150 to the following: £50 to Alltwen Bowls Club and £100 to Pantry Foodbank. Therefore, returning the funds to the community. RESOLVED noted.

11 OUTCOME OF NPTCBC MEMBER'S FUND APPLICATIONS

Chair and Cllr C Jones both reported that their projects had been approved by the NPTCBC committee. Members were pleased with this news. Clerk reported that she checked the bank and the funds have been received. RESOLVED that the ability swing and pavilion roof projects can now go ahead.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	Westward	Water heater quote – Rhos CC
2	NPTCBC	Remittance for Members Fund Grants
3	S James, NPTCBC	Knotweed quote - Edward St Alltwen
4	C Rees MP	41 Edward Street Alltwen Trees
5	R Jones, Alltwen Heels	Objection to change of room

3 Quote received from NPTCBC for this year's knotweed treatment at Edward Street, Alltwen £351.79. RESOLVED that NPTCBC be instructed to carry out the works.

4 RESOLVED that Clerk reply to C Rees MP to state that the issue with the trees is now being delt with by Pobl Group.

13 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr R Lewis stated that there has been a new bench placed in Bryncoch. He stated that there used to be a bench where the old kiosk stood, next to the placement of the planter barrel with Christmas tree in Rhos. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC to see if a bench can be reinstated in this area.

Clerk stated that the next meeting of council would need to be held a week later due to the upcoming elections. The meeting will therefore be held on Tuesday 10th May. RESOLVED.

Chair stated that Cllrs A Threlfall, Y James, I Jones and A Thomas will not be standing for re-election. She thanked them all for their contributions to the council over many years. Cllr A Melen also personally thanked them for all of their work. Members agreed that they will all be missed and wished them all the best for the future. RESOLVED noted.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Signed Dated 10 May 2022