Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *Zoom*, on Tuesday 01 March 2022 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor M Spooner

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

Apologies Councillors R Stephens, D Jones, S Atkins, E Hastings,

143 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chair and Cllr C Jones declared an interest in item 6 Planning Applications. Clerk reported that there were no planning items to discuss in this evening's meeting. RESOLVED.

144 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Cllr R Lewis stated that Minute 142 should read that he also asked for an update on the replacement bridge to the farm. RESOLVED that the remainder of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online on 01 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

145 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 132 Update on Pantri Foodbank – Clerk reported that she has sent the application for funding form to V Hotten. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 133 Clerk's Adoption Leave - Clerk reported that their adoption had fallen through at the last minute. They are now back on the waiting list therefore she will take her adoption leave when matched with another child/children. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 137 Planning - Clerk reported that a response had been received from H Bowen, NPTCBC, stating that there are no more detailed plans available at this time as this was only an outline planning application. If this changes, then she will send out further information. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 140 Rhos Cemetery – Chair reported that she will arrange a meeting in Rhos Community Centre with the chapel trustees asap. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 142 Any Other Urgent Business – Cllrs A Melen and Y James reported that a draft timetable of works for the new super primary school had been received from NPTCBC by the current schools. Plan is as follows:

- Spring/Summer terms 2022 - Tender documents issued, returns evaluated and contractor appointed

- Summer 2022-Spring 2023 - Detailed design and costs agreed; build begins
- Spring/Summer 23 - Temporary GB in place
- Summer/Autumn 2023 - HT appointed
- Autumn 23/Spring 2024 - HT takes up post, staffing structure developed and posts filled
- Summer 2024 - School organisation set up, pupils, staff and parents meetings,
- Autumn 2024 - New school established and occupation of new build. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 142 Any Other Urgent Business – Clerk reported that she had spoken to M Broome, West Wales Trails. He is putting together a plan and quote but he needs details of the drainage system. Cllr R Lewis stated that the drainage runs North, down into the old 'gwter gwsg' this is then runs to the drain next to the Post Office on the main road. Clerk will forward details to M Broome. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 142 Any Other Urgent Business – Cllr R Lewis asked Cllr C Jones if there had been any developments with regards to the Tesco bridges. Cllr C Jones stated that in order to carry out maintenance and cleaning on the bridge running down from Alltwen, NPTCBC stated that the bypass road will need to be closed. He stated that this is currently on their list of works to complete, but they will have to find an appropriate time/day to close the bypass. With regards to the bridge running over from Tesco to Pontardawe, this is owned by Tesco. Clerk will write to Tesco Manager again to ask for an update on this. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 142 Any Other Urgent Business – Clerk reported that the issue of flooding at Rhos Park has been logged by NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

146 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment –

186B-189B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2,442.39
190B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	794.62
191B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	311.54
192B	Avanti Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	3,672.55
193B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	325.26
194B	Centregreat	Alltwen Triangle Christmas Event	918.00
195B	Lliw Building Supplies	Mortar, Cement, Vent	57.03
196D	SSE	Alltwen CC: Electric	465.75
197B	SSE	Rhos CC: Electric	536.49
198B	Westward	Alltwen CC: Checking water heater	90.00
199B	One Voice Wales	Membership Renewal	834.00

Income:

Rhos CC	February Hire	£ 745.00
Rhos Park	Pitch fees	£ 122.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 7,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. RESOLVED.

147 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to consider. RESOLVED.

148 MAINTENANCE

Rhos Park: Clerk reported that Handyperson reported that he had received two complaints regarding the state of the pitch in Rhos Park. He stated that one lady had told him that she had slipped on the mud and another had complained about the mud on the pitch. Handyperson stated that the inspector from STRI had said that the pitch may be being overused. He stated that 3 games per week is too much for the pitch to handle and that causes mud on the surface. Chair stated that the weather has been so bad, there is no wonder that the pitch has become muddy in parts. It was stated that Rhos FC should be using their discretion, and not play on the pitch during heavy rain. Cllr C Jones stated that Alltwen RFC stop games during bad weather. Cllr Y James asked if there was anyone who could state if the pitch was safe to play on. Cllr L Rees stated that the referee of a game will only call off a game if there is a danger to the players. Cllr A Threlfall stated that if an employee of the council was to decide if the pitch was playable, they would need a list of matches beforehand. Chair suggested having a meeting with Rhos FC to discuss this matter further. RESOLVED noted.

149 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Alltwen Community Centre: Clerk reported that one quote for a new electric water boiler has been received from Westward: £357.50 + VAT. Clerk is awaiting further quotes. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the partition wall can now be started. She asked council whether or not they wanted a single door or double doors. It was stated that the tables and chairs for the hall will be stored in the old Woodturning room, therefore a single door should be sufficient. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk stated that she is awaiting a quote on the electrics for the new Woodturning room from C Jenkins. She will also contact S Jones, Connectus for a quote. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos Community Centre: Clerk reported that the Catetaker had phoned her to report that someone has kicked a hole in the wall in one of the changing rooms. Chair stated that Rhos FC are aware of this and that they are investigating the matter. It was stated that Rhos FC should pay for the damage and claim it back from the perpetrator or their insurance. RESOLVED that Clerk speak to Rhos FC regarding this matter.

Clerk reported that the fire doors have also been damaged and are now difficult to close. Handyperson had received a quote of £990 + VAT per door from Chris

Gray Fire Doors. Clerk has contacted Daniels Locksmiths for an updated quote for both doors. She will also contact P Chart for a quote. RESOLVED noted.

150 PROPOSED DOWNGRADING OF PART OF BYWAY NO. 24

Chair reported that she had received a letter from NPTCBC regarding the proposed downgrading of part of byway no. 24 in Alltwen. Members viewed the plans and agreed that it would make sense to downgrade the section between points A and B to a footpath as it is a section with steps and therefore couldn't be used as a path for vehicles. No objection. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC with the council's decision.

151 WORDING FOR PLAQUE – RHOS DRAM

Clerk reported that She, Chair and Cllr R Lewis had met up to discuss possible wording for the plaque. Members reviewed wording. It was suggested that the names of the 4 miners lost at the Gleision Mine should be named on the plaque. Members agreed. RESOLVED that Clerk edit Cllr R Lewis' proposed wording and email to Members for approval.

152 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	J Round	Alltwen CC
2	H Bowen, NPTCBC	Response re: P2021/1245
3	One Voice Wales	Membership renewal
4	Lee Barrett, NPTCBC	Stones blocking path FP26
5	Keep Wales Safe	Information for Facebook
6	C Stubbs, Pobl Group	Edward St Tree

1 J Round stated that Alltwen Heels will be looking to restart shortly. She asked regarding the situation with the room swap. Clerk informed her that it was going ahead. J Round requested to view the new room once it is completed. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise with J Round.

4 L Barrett stated that NPTCBC were unaware that there had been large stones put at the entrance to footpath 26 and stated that this had not been done by NPTCBC. He thanked Members for the information, and he will inspect the area. RESOLVED.

6 Clerk reported that C Stubbs, Pobl Group had contacted her to ask about the tree behind 41 Edward Street, Alltwen. Clerk forwarded the email and plans of the land to C Stubbs. C Stubbs responded stating that as per HM Land Registry documents, the land where the tree stands is in fact owned by a Mr Vernon and doesn't come under any of the plan of land owned by Cilybebyll Community Council or NPTCBC. Members were not aware of who Mr Vernon was, but C Stubbs will look into this further. RESOLVED noted.

153 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr R Lewis proposed that council meetings be held at the Community Centres. RESOLVED that this be reviewed and considered with regards to Covid requirements and Members' feelings regarding the Covid risks at a later date.

Cllr R Lewis stated that he had spoken to the Handyperson who had stated that in heavy rain, mud splashes up onto the side of the Dram in Rhos Park. Cllr R Lewis suggested that chippings could be placed around the dram to stop this happening. RESOLVED that this be looked at in the near future.

Chair stated that she had again been asked why Rhos Community Centre was not available for booking for parties. Members stated that the Caretaker had explained that she is only contracted to work one day of the weekend and that Baby Sensory are in the hall early on a Monday morning and the floor needs to be washed before they go in. Mini Dribblers are there on a Saturday therefore washing the floor is an issue. Cllr R Lewis suggested purchasing an industrial wet and dry cleaner for the hall. It was suggested that some parties could be held in the football off-season, but Mini Dribblers carry on all year. Cllr I Jones suggested that Rhos FC should formally book the hall if council were to consider allowing parties to be booked off-season. Cllr A Melen suggested keeping it simple and stating that Alltwen is available for hire for parties. Cllr C Jones suggested getting a cleaning company in after parties and adding this cost to the cost of hall hire. RESOLVED that Clerk find out how much a cleaning company would charge for this service.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Signed Dated 05 April 2022