Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held Remotely via *Zoom*, on 10 May 2022 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor L Rees

Present Councillors D Jones, M Spooner, S Atkins, A Melen, D Atkins, R Lewis, S Hart, M Hutchings

Apologies Councillor C Jones

28 MEMBER OF PUBLIC

Mr R Chambers asked to address council with regards to the matter of overgrowth behind Edward Street, Alltwen. He explained that he had liaised with Clerk on this matter earlier in the day. R Chambers stated that it seems that the area concerned is in fact NPTCBC owned.

Cllr R Lewis explained that the Community Council and NPTCBC have discussed this area on many occasions. Cllr D Atkins stated that this issue has been ongoing for a very long time and that numerous emails have been sent to NPTCBC by the Community Council asking for them to carry out works in this area. RESOLVED that Clerk contact NPTCBC again regarding this matter. R Chambers stated that he will also contact NPTCBC.

Chair thanked R Chambers for attending the meeting. R Chambers thanked Members for their time and left the meeting.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest. RESOLVED.

30 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Open Forum and Monthly Meeting of Council held online on 05 April 2022 be confirmed as correct records.

31 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 5 Minutes of the Previous Monthly Meeting of Council – Cllr R Lewis asked whether or not Clerk had received a response regarding the replacement bridge. Response received asking for more information. Cllr R Lewis explained that this is a wooden bridge giving access to the land opposite Pen Y Bont Pren Farm. RESOLVED that Clerk respond to NPTCBC.

Further to Minute 5 Matters Arising – Cllr M Spooner reported that a meeting regarding the Cemetery will be set up shortly. Cllr M Hutchings stated that running a cemetery could result in council having to carry out a lot of expensive

maintenance in order to adhere with Health and Safety rules. Cllr M Spooner explained that this would need to be considered and the preferred route would be for the cemetery to be run by trustees. RESOLVED that this matter be further discussed in future meeting of council.

Further to Minute 5 Matters Arising – Cllr R Lewis reported that he has access to some flagstones that could be placed around the dram instead of chippings. This would be better access for wheelchair users. Members were pleased with this. RESOLVED that sand/cement be ordered by Handyperson in preparation to install the flagstones.

Further to Minute 5 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that she has received an email from South Wales Miner's Library with the names of those lost at the Primrose Colliery disaster. The plaques can now be ordered. RESOLVED. Cllr D Jones asked if he should wait until the plaques are installed before taking a photo of the dram. Cllr R Lewis stated that it would be best to wait for the plaques. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 6 Finance – Cllr D Jones reported that he has looked into the Avanti gas bill. He noted that the bill is based on a variable rate over the month and unit prices range from 14.5p to 26.6p plus £1.20 per day standing charge. Cllr D Jones stated that it would be worth looking into the next bill to see if unit usage is the same each month. He stated that he will ask a former colleague how much gas an NHS clinic would usually use, as this would be a similar size to Rhos Community Centre. Cllr D Atkins stated that whilst it could be the system using more gas, this could be because of insufficient insulation within the building. He stated that he had spoken to the Commercial Manager for Westward and they will visit the centre to look at the system and to see if any improvements can be made. He suggested that it may be worth getting an energy performance certificate for the building. RESOLVED that Clerk ask NPTCBC of they carry out energy performance assessments and certification.

Further to Minute 8 Maintenance – Clerk reported that an email had been received from My Green Valley stating that there was lots of rubbish in Gwynfryn Park. They suggested that the bins had not been emptied since January. Clerk spoke to Handyperson and he stated that he empties the bins every week. There is no question that he does this as he has sent photos to Clerk of domestic waste dumped in the park bins and items such as a Tesco trolley and children's broken bike dumped around the bins. He regularly has to take items to the dump. It was suggested that NPTCBC be contacted to find out if there is a general problem with waste in this area. It was suggested that the Handyperson visit the park twice a week to empty bins if possible. It was also agreed that bins with fixed lids be costed so that people would not be able to dump bags of household waste in the bins. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 8 Maintenance – Clerk reported that there is no see-saw in Brynmorgrug Park, the report of a broken see-saw must have been for Lon Tanyrallt Park. This is being fixed by Handyperson. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 10 Financial Assistance Applications - Clerk reported that most of the payments have been made but she is still awaiting BACS details from Pantry, Cerebral Palsy and Noah's Ark. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 11 NPTCBC Members Fund - Clerk reported that the roof of the pavilion has been completed and the bill is ready to be paid. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 13 Any Other Urgent Business - Clerk reported that she has not received a response regarding a new bench from NPTCBC as yet. Cllr R Lewis asked if NPTCBC refuse to do this, whether council could purchase one instead. Members agreed. RESOLVED that Clerk cost bench in preparation.

Further to Minute 13 Any Other Urgent Business – Cllr D Jones asked whether or not council would recognise the contribution the ex-councillors brought to council. It was suggested that cards be sent to each former Member. RESOLVED noted.

32 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Financial Transactions were agreed over email due to the meeting falling on 10th and payments needing to be paid before 10th in order to avoid late payment charges. RESOLVED.

RESOLVED that the following accounts were approved for payment –

16B-19B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2,686.67
20B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	881.06
21B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	364.83
22D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non-dom Rates	342.00
23D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non-dom Rates	380.00
24B	Avanti Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	671.59
25B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	283.50
26B	Alltwen Bowls Club	Financial Assistance Section 137	250.00
27B	Cilybebyll Community Growers	Financial Assistance Section 137	250.00
28B	Cerebral Palsey Cymru	Financial Assistance Section 137	25.00
29B	DEC Ukraine	Financial Assistance Section 137	100.00
30B	Kids Cancer Charity	Financial Assistance Section 137	25.00
31B	Noah's Ark Children's Hospital	Financial Assistance Section 137	25.00
32B	Pantry Foodbank	Financial Assistance Section 137	500.00
33B	Wales Air Ambulance	Financial Assistance Section 137	25.00
34B	Lliw Building Supplies	Primer, batons, compost etc	176.85
35B	FPS	Rhos CC: Fire inspections and new extinguisher	157.26
36B	FPS	Alltwen CC: Fire inspections	88.44
37B	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Trade Waste	368.36
38B	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Trade Waste	368.36

Clerk reported that there are 2 additional payments also due to be made. RESOLVED that the following payments be made as soon as possible:

39B	G&J Roofing & Carpentry	Rhos Pavilion Roof (Memb. Fund)	8,500.00
40D	Currys Cloud Backup	Cloud backup council PC	50.00

Income:

Alltwen CC	Apr Hire	£ 360.00
Rhos CC	Apr Hire	£ 850.00
Rhos Park	Apr fees	£ 222.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 9,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested via email. RESOLVED. A further authority to transfer the sum of £ 8,500.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested in order to pay for pavilion roof. RESOLVED.

33 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

P2022/0316	Proposed single storey rear extension, the works for which would include the demolition of an existing rear canopy.	6 Heol Phillip, Alltwen SA8 3AX
P2022/0088	Demolition of existing detached outbuilding and existing attached single storey outbuilding and replace with a two-storey side and rear extension.	108 Graig Road, Gellinudd SA8 3DS

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

34 MAINTENANCE

Lon Tanyrallt Park: Clerk reported that Lewis fencing have visited the park this week to look at the fence and will provide a quote as soon as possible. RESOLVED noted.

Rhos & Gwynfryn Parks: Clerk stated that she will cost bins for Rhos Park and Gwynfryn Park. RESOLVED that new bins be costed for the park.

35 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Rhos Community Centre: Clerk reported that 3 quotes for new fire doors have now been received and are as follows:

a. Chris Grey Fire Doors: £1,980 + VAT
b. Daniel's Locksmiths: £1,855.20 + VAT
c. John Glenn Fire Doors: £2,150 + VAT

RESOLVED that Daniel's Locksmiths be instructed to carry out the works.

Clerk reported that Westward have now completed repairs to the Water Heater and carried out a service on the boiler. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen Community Centre: Clerk reported that she has now received 3 quotes for a new electric water boiler for the kitchen. Quotes are as follows:

a. Westward: £357.50
b. C Jenkins: £300.00 (does not include new compression unit)
c. Warmserve: £443.06 RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that S Jones, Connectus is meeting with Woodturners in the coming weeks to make sure his quote is correct. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr A Melen reported that she had been in the meeting room in the community centre recently with Alltwen Primary School. She stated that she understands why Alltwen Heels WI are not happy about losing the room as it is nice and bright and good for crafting. It was suggested that as Alltwen Heels are not happy with the room swap arrangement, that both Alltwen Heels and South Wales Woodturners be invited to the July meeting of council at Alltwen Community Centre in order to discuss all of the plans with council. RESOLVED noted.

36 RHOS PLAYING FIELDS

Clerk reported that she and Cllr M Spooner had met with D Baker, Rhos FC to discuss pitch maintenance and usage of the pitches. D Baker agreed to forward training and match schedule to council shortly in order for Members to see exactly how much the pitches are used. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk stated that a quote for sand-banding had been received by Ecosolve of £15,705.00 + VAT. A pitch maintenance quote was also received which came in at £12,115.75. Members agreed that although the quotes are expensive, Ecosolve are specialists in this field and council would like the pitch to be looked after to a high standard. Chair asked when the sand-banding was last done. Cllr D Atkins stated that it was 4 years ago. He stated that it would be advised to carry out the sand-banding every 3-4 years and this is why council decided to put a little aside each year into reserves in order to cover this cost. Cllr D Jones stated that the last time this went out to tender, only 2 quotes had been received. It is very specialised work. Cllr D Atkins stated that council take advice from STRI on these matters and use their approved contractors. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise with STRI.

D Baker had stated in the meeting with Cllr M Spooner and Clerk, that he had spoken to a grounds maintenance specialist who may be able to give an additional quote on sand-banding and maintenance. RESOLVED that Clerk contact for further information.

Cllr R Lewis stated that Rhos FC container has not been maintained and looks in a poor state of repair. He suggested either getting rid of the container completely or replacing it. RESOLVED that this matter be discussed further with Rhos FC.

37 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	T Drewson, Dramatic Performance Academy	Donation request
2	R Jones, Alltwen Heels	Update on room situation
3	L Santiago, My Green Valley	Gwynfryn Park
4	Cllr A Melen	Gates at Gwynfryn Park
5	L Ashill (via FB)	Footpath opposite Alltwen RFC
6	M Patterson	Harry's Park donation request

1 Council will look at Financial Assistance requests in October. RESOLVED that Clerk respond.

2 RESOLVED that Alltwen Heels be invited to the July meeting of council.

3 Gwynfryn Park bins are emptied weekly. RESOLVED that Clerk respond.

4 Cllr A Melen stated that the gates to Gwynfryn Park were left open. Clerk will ask Handyperson to lock the gates. RESOLVED noted.

5 L Ashill messaged to state that the footpath opposite the Alltwen RFC had been blocked by a company cutting trees. There was no signage to state that trees were being cut. She believed this was dangerous. Members were concerned with regards to the safety aspect raised but stated that if the trees being cut were on private land, then unfortunately, there would be nothing council could do about this. RESOLVED noted.

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Alltwen Bowls Club, Pantry Foodbank, Cilybebyll Community Growers, DEC Ukraine, Kids Cancer Charity and Wales Air Ambulance all sent emails/letters of thanks to council for their Financial Assistance.

At this point Chair agreed to suspend standing orders and let the meeting continue after 9pm.

38 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr D Jones stated that there have been many complains about 'boy racers' passing strings of cars on the A4067 bypass now that it has a 40mph speed limit. He stated that this will continue to happen until the average speed cameras are

installed. RESOLVED that Clerk contact City & County of Swansea to find out when cameras will be installed.

Cllr M Spooner stated that she had been contacted by Sioned Williams MS to ask if she could plant a blossom tree next to the dram in Rhos Park in October. Members thought this was a lovely idea and agreed to the planting. RESOLVED.

Cllr M Spooner stated that there is no dog bin at the bottom of Tyn Y Cwm Lane. Cllr A Melen stated that one is also needed on the path to Alltwen RFC field. RESOLVED that Cllr M Spooner liaise with NPTCBC regarding this matter.

Cllr R Lewis asked why First Cymru busses are breaking down on a weekly basis. RESOLVED the Clerk contact NPTCBC and First Cymru regarding this matter.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm.

Signed Dated 07 June 2022