Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held online via Zoom on 06 December 2022 at 7:00 pm

Presiding Councillor B Williams

Present Councillors A Melen, D Atkins, S Atkins, J Todd, N Jenkins, D Baker

Apologies Councillors S Hart, M Hutchings, R Lewis, L Rees, M Spooner, D Jones

111 TEMPORARY CHAIR

Chair and Vice-chair had both given apologies for the meeting. Cllr A Melen suggested that Cllr B Williams Chair the meeting. Members agreed. RESOLVED.

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chair declared an interest in the 'Unders' project as a member of the Pottery Group. RESOLVED.

113 KICKBOXING CLUB

Chair welcomed Alex Williams, Kickboxing Club and Paul Coope, Builder, to the meeting.

A Williams explained his background to council stating that he was born and bred in Alltwen and has been kickboxing for over 25 years. He started teaching children to kickbox 4 years ago and has members from age 4 to 16 in his classes. Some of the children he teaches have autism. The Kickboxing group are set up as a not-for-profit association.

A Williams explained that the group is currently using the Committee Room at Alltwen Community Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays. As the group is growing, they now need a larger room. The main hall is not available. A Williams stated that he would like to convert the furthest area of the 'Unders' (the end archway) into a room for his classes. The group would then pay rent for this space. He understands that the Pottery Group and the SW Woodturners would also like a room each in the 'Unders'. Members thought it would be a good idea to have three rooms made, one for each group.

P Coope stated that he has looked at the area and made a basic plan. The archways would look the same and steel runners could be used, bolted across the floor and ceiling. Shuttering ply and concrete board could be used to block off the archways. This could then be rendered and painted. The wall could be insulated with 4" Rockwool which would act as a vapour barrier as well. A

Williams stated that self-levelling compound could then be used on the internal floors.

Cllr D Atkins stated that a long-term lease would have to be put in place with the groups to make sure that if Councillors change, the agreement stays the same. He stated that it was important that this is not set up to fail, but to be an asset to all involved.

P Coope went on to explain that there would be lots of materials needed to carry out this project and there could be concerns regarding rainfall/flooding.

Cllr D Atkins also stated that fire and building regs would have to be adhered to.

Clerk reported that she had spoken to NPTCBC Planning Department, and they had advised that change of use would not be necessary as the rooms can be used in Summer months for art classes etc as they are. It would be the exterior aesthetics that Planning would be most interested in. Planning approval is offered to Community Councils at 50% discount. RESOLVED noted.

A Williams stated that the Kickboxing Club could fund their room. Cllr N Jenkins suggested putting in a bid from Mynydd Y Betws Wind Farm Fund to help with the cost of the other rooms. Clerk suggested National Lottery Community Fund could also help with funding for this project. RESOLVED noted.

RESOLVED that a site meeting be arranged in the first instance. P Coope stated that he will design plans in preparation for the site meeting. Further RESOLVED that Clerk obtain legal advice regarding leases etc.

114 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held at Rhos Community Centre and online on 01 November 2022 be confirmed as a correct record thereof.

115 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 97 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that no applications were received for the council vacancy. RESOLVED that the vacancy be re-advertised in January 2023. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 97 Matters Arising - Clerk reported that she had spoken to Andrew, Glantawe Landscapes, regarding the picnic benches for Lon Tayrallt Park and Gwynfryn Park. He will collect the benches and will keep them in his lockup until they are ready to be installed. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 100 Maintenance - Clerk reported that the spring has now been fixed on the seesaw in Lon Tanyrallt Park. The ability swing has also been installed. RESOLVED noted.

Further to minute 102 Remembrance Sunday and Christmas 2022 - Clerk reported that all went well with both events. Alltwen Primary School pupils were thanked for attending the Remembrance event. The Christmas event had slightly less attendance than in previous years but was still very well attended. Everyone who attended enjoyed the event very much. RESOLVED noted.

116 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts approved for payment –

155B	Amberon Ltd	Alltwen Christmas Event	492.78
156B-159B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	4,682.23
160B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	981.55
161B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	670.75
162D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non-dom Rates	342.00
163D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non-dom Rates	380.00
164B	Avanti Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	639.70
165B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	163.34
166B	Gellionnen Chapel Food Hamper Appeal	Chair's Allowance	200.00
167B	Daniel's Locksmiths	Rhos CC: New Fire Doors	2,226.24
178B	Poppy Appeal	Wreaths x 2	80.00
179B	Cotton & Sons	Rhos CC: Cleaning supplies	201.61
180B	GL Jones Playgrounds	Lon Tanyrallt Park: Ability Swing	20,034.00
181B	DWP DEA	A. Jenkins	12.88
182B	SSE SWALEC	Rhos CC: Electric	1,007.21
183B	Glantawe Landscapes	Lon Tanyrallt fence repair, See-saw spring repair & Santa Sleigh hire	1,100.00

Income:

Alltwen CC	November Hire	£ 460.00
Rhos CC	November Hire	£ 1,085,00
Rhos PF	November Hire	£ 128.00

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 32,500.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested and approved. RESOLVED.

117 FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – BUDGET & PRECEPT 2023-24

RESOLVED that Community Centre Hire charges be increased from April 2023 as follows:

Alltwen Community Centre

	Community	**Commercial**
Main Hall	£10 per hour + £5 per hour thereafter	£15 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)
Committee Room	£5 per hour + £2.50 per hour thereafter	£10 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)

New Meeting Room	Charges were not set.	To be reviewed once room is completed.
Children's Parties	£40 + £20 refundable deposit	
Evening Parties	£60 + £20 refundable deposit	

Rhos Community Centre

	Community	**Commercial**
Main Hall	£10 per hour + £5 per hour thereafter	£15 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)
Bronwen's Room	£5 per hour + £2.50 per hour thereafter	£10 per hour (20% discount for regular hirers)
Children's Parties	£40 + £20 refundable deposit	
Evening Parties	£60 + £20 refundable deposit	

RESOLVED that Rhos Playing Fields charges for 2023-24 be discussed in the next meeting of the Finance & Development Committee.

Members agreed Clerk's report on estimates for 2023-24. RESOLVED.

Further RESOLVED that the Council's precept for the financial year 2023-24 be endorsed as £115,000.00 (Minute 110 refers).

118 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications but that the point of 1.5 car parking spaces per household be brought up with regards to P2022/0943 –

P2022/0929	Proposed rear and side extensions, plus associated internal alterations.	Rhos Primary School, Neath Road, Rhos SA8 3EB
P2022/0943	Conversion of garage to studio, the works for which would include the removal of the existing garage door and the installation of a glazed screen with a central pair of French doors. Plus the addition of an external front door to form a small entry porch.	98 Bryn Morgrug Alltwen SA8 3DP

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

119 MAINTENANCE

Lon Tanyrallt Park: Clerk reported that the Ability Swing has now been installed. Members were pleased with this news. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the fencing has now been completed by Handyperson and Andrew (Glantawe Landscapes) and is secure. There is no access to the A4067

bypass from the park. The project has cost a little more than expected as special concrete panels were needed to complete the job. Members were pleased that the park is now a safe space with no access to the bypass. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that Handyman and Andrew have replaced the seesaw spring. The seesaw is now working and ready for use. Members were pleased with this news. RESOLVED noted.

Harry's Park: Cllr A Melen asked if works had been completed. Clerk confirmed this but explained that there are some small repairs to be carried out by Handyperson such as replacing bolts etc. RESOLVED noted.

120 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Rhos Community Centre: Clerk reported that kettles and a stainless-steel cleaner have been purchased for Bronwen's room to try to remove the remnants of the gloss in the sink. RESOLVED noted.

Caretaker reported to Clerk that there was a mess in the main hall after Saturday football. There were chunks of mud and grass from football boots throughout the main hall. She stated that if a party had hired the hall on Saturday afternoon, the place would have been very dirty and not suitable for hire. Cllr D Baker stated that the footballers should not be entering the main hall and that the front door is normally locked. He will speak to the club about this. Members agreed that the main hall should not be accessed by footballers with dirty boots on a Saturday. Boots should be removed. RESOLVED noted.

Clerk reported that the new fire doors have been installed. Handyperson will improve facias of the door frames over the coming weeks. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen Community Centre: Clerk reported that the Caretaker stated that parking is a problem in the centre. He is concerned that this problem will worsen if the 'Unders' project goes ahead and that groups using the new rooms will fill the car park. Members agreed that although this may be a problem, car sharing and parking on the main road and walking up to the centre would be an easy solution. Caretaker reported that local residents park in the centre. Members stated that this should not be the case. Letters to be sent out to residents again. RESOLVED noted.

121 RHOS BMX TRACK

Clerk showed a drawing of potential track design to Members. Members were pleased with the design. Cllr D Baker suggested showing the design to the local children and young people to see if they would be happy with it. Cllr D Atkins stated that this had been done previously. Cllr S Atkins suggested sharing it with Rhos Primary School. RESOLVED that Clerk forward design to Cllr D Baker and Cllr S Atkins for distribution and feedback.

Further RESOLVED that Clerk instruct West Wales Trails to continue with a detailed plan and that Clerk also contact P Hinder, NPTCBC regarding Section 106 funding.

122 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	C. Hall, NPTCBC Planning	Advice on Alltwen CC 'Unders' project
2	A. Tucker, NPTCBC Special Events	Approval of Alltwen Christmas Event
3	Y. James, Alltwen Primary School	Questionnaire from Pontardawe TC
4	Cllr J. Todd	Bullying
5	N. Williams	Blossom trees

3 Clerk and Cllr A Melen to liaise with Y James regarding the questionnaires. Cllr N Jenkins reported that NPTCBC Legal Department are currently looking into this matter with regards to GDPR issues etc. RESOLVED noted.

4 Cllr J Todd reported that she is currently being attacked on Facebook with regards to the Community Pharmacies. Members agreed that this should not happen and that a statement be placed on council's Facebook page to state that bullying will not be tolerated. Cllr J Todd reported that she is liaising with both chemists regarding improvements to their services. Members were pleased with this, RESOLVED noted.

5 Members agreed that this would be an excellent planting project for Gwynfryn Park. RESOLVED that Clerk respond.

123 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr J Todd reported that a defibrillator box was thrown into the canal in Pontardawe. Members were disappointed with this news. Clerk explained that the council's boxes all have a code to access the defibrillator. The codes are kept by the Ambulance Service and 999. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr A Melen asked if the Swansea Valley Schools consultation could be put on the agenda for January. RESOLVED noted.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 8:35pm.

Signed Dated 03 January 2022