Cyngor Cymuned Cilybebyll
Cilybebyll Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in Alltwen Community Centre and online via Zoom on 04 October 2022 at 7:20 pm

Presiding Councillor L Rees

Present Councillors D Jones, S Hart, B Williams, M Spooner, A Melen, M Hutchings, N Jenkins, R Lewis, D Atkins, S Atkins, J Todd (online)

Apologies Councillors D Baker, C Jones

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr B Williams declared an interest in item 4 Matters Arising regarding Room-swap due to being a Member of the Pottery Group. RESOLVED.

84 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held in online on 06 September 2022 be confirmed as a correct record thereof.

85 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Clerk reported that she had received an email of resignation from Cllr C Jones. Members were surprised by this news and thanked Cllr C Jones for all of the work he had carried out during his time as Community Councillor for Alltwen. RESOLVED that Clerk advertise vacancy.

86 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute 69 Matters Arising – Cllr B Williams stated that he has not heard anything from the SW Woodturners. There has been no progress on this project thus far. The Potters have asked for help with applying for funding. They will email Clerk. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 69 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that the Mynydd Y Bettws Fund application had been approved. The recycling bins and picnic bench can now be ordered. Clerk will also order the picnic bench for Lon Tanyrallt Park at the same time. Clerk explained that there had been a mix up with payments from NPTCBC. They had transferred the entire Mynydd Y Bettws Fund awards for this round of funding to Cilybebyll Community Council. This amounted to more than £16,000. Clerk has liaised with NPTCBC and arranged for the money to be transferred back to them. RESOLVED.

Further to Minute 69 Matters Arising – Clerk reported that R Roderick has completed the repairs on Alltwen Community Centre roof. Members were pleased with this news. RESOLVED.

Further to Minute 69 Matters Arising – Handyperson reported to Clerk that he will build a block wall instead of using wood to fix the fence at Lon Tanyrallt Park. Members agreed that this would be a good idea as it would be more difficult to break down a wall. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 72 Maintenance –Clerk reported that the Handyperson currently has Covid-19 so he will complete the works on the Gate of Gwynfryn Park as soon as he is well. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 73 Community Centre Management – Clerk reported that she had placed a statement on Facebook to ensure that Members of council staff are treated with respect on Facebook and in person. RESOLVED.

Further to Minute 75 Candidate Sites – Cllr N Jenkins reported that the public meeting had gone well. There were over 100 attendees. Many individual objections have been submitted to NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

Further to Minute 77 Christmas 2022 – Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cllr C Jones explaining that his father has now reached an age where it will be too much for him to carry out Santa duties. Members thanked Cllr C Jones and Mr Jones for all of their work on the Alltwen Christmas event over the years. RESOLVED that Clerk contact Pontardawe Town Council in the first instance and if they cannot help, then Clerk to liaise with A Jenkins, Glantawe Landscapes.

Further to Minute 78 Correspondence – Clerk reported that she had received a response from D Thomas stating that there may not be funding available for a defibrillator at Brynmorgrug as there is already one within 500m. An alternative could be to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet that won't require heating – approx. cost for this would be £1,500. RESOLVED that Clerk liaise further with D Thomas.

Further to Minute 79 Any Other Urgent Business – Cllr A Melen stated that she had spoken to a neighbour about the house on Ynysymond. The house will be taken over by NPTCBC under the 'Empty House Scheme'. RESOLVED.

Further to Minute 79 Any Other Urgent Business – Chair reported that he had spoken to Rev. Meredith and the Memorial Garden (ashes) will be cleaned up as soon as possible. There is a maintenance plan for the site. RESOLVED noted.

Members asked whether there were now church services going on in Alltwen Church. Chair stated that they had now been resumed. RESOLVED noted.

87 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED that the following accounts approved for payment –

112B-115B)	Staff	Wages, Expenses)	2,562.67
116B	City & County of Swansea	Pension Contributions	817.20
117B	HMRC	Income Tax and NI	335.21

118D	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Non-dom Rates	342.00
119D	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Non-dom Rates	380.00
120B	Avanti Gas	Rhos CC: Gas	493.00
121B	Total Gas	Alltwen CC: Gas	97.90
122B	Amazon Business	Mini Projector, Memory Sticks, Printer Inks	144.53
123B	Rob Roderick Roofing	Alltwen CC: Roof repairs	108.00
124D	ICO	Data Protection Fee	40.00
125B	Gallagher Insurance	Council Insurance	4,333.60
126B	DWP DEA	Overpayment to A Jenkins, 3% deducted from wages	3.81
127B	NPTCBC	Overpayment of grant	16,057.53
128B	Lliw Building Supplies	Bolts, post-fix, batons	40.64
129B	NPTCBC	Alltwen CC: Trade Waste	368.36
130B	NPTCBC	Rhos CC: Trade Waste	368.36
131B	Alltwen RFC*	Financial Assistance: S137	150.00
132B	Dramatic Performance*	Financial Assistance: S137	250.00

*agreed in minute 91

Income:

Alltwen CC	September Hire	£ 446.00
Rhos CC	September Hire	£ 825.00
Rhos Playing Fields	September Hire	£ 182.00
MYB Community Fund	Grant for bins & picnic table	£ 3,026.90
NPTCBC	Grant (to be repaid – overpayment)	£16,057.53

Transfer: Authority to transfer the sum of £ 26,000.00 from the Council's Business Banking Account to its Current Account was requested. RESOLVED.

Clerk reported that the Audit for 2021-22 had been concluded. There were no points raised. Members were pleased with this news. Clerk will now place notice of conclusion of audit on website and notice boards. RESOLVED noted.

88 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the following applications –

P2022/0687	Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension, plus retention of blockwork retaining wall to front of property.	69 Edward Street, Alltwen SA8 3DD
P2022/0693	Single storey side garage and single storey rear extension with pergola. Balcony proposed over flat roof extension at the rear.	71 Pen Yr Alltwen, Alltwen SA8 3EA

Members noted that there were no drawings or plans on the NPTCBC website for the following application. Clerk to ask for plans:

P2022/0755	Single storey side and rear extension together with front porch.	Alltwen Ganol Farm, Alltwen Hill, Alltwen SA8 3BP

RESOLVED that Clerk forward decisions to NPT CBC.

89 MAINTENANCE

Lon Tanyrallt Park: Handyperson will build block wall to fill gap in concrete fencing. RESOLVED noted.

Alltwen Community Centre: Roof has now been repaired. RESOLVED noted.

90 COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Rhos Community Centre: Cllr M Spooner reported that a disabled bay at the car park had been blocked with chairs. A disabled driver visiting the park was not able to park. Cllr D. Atkins stated that it is a public facility, therefore people should be allowed to park even when there is a group using the hall. Members agreed. RESOLVED that car parking not be included with hall hire and hire agreement to be amended to include this.

Alltwen Community Centre: Clerk reported that she had received a number of emails complaining about the hire charge increases in the centre. Most groups would have to disband if the charges are implemented. There was much discussion on this issue. Cllr A Melen stated that council do not want to lose groups from the centre. Cllr B Williams stated that grants can be given by council to groups to help them pay for hire charges. It was suggested that the groups be advertised to attract more members, but Cllr S Hart stated that some groups are closed groups, so this couldn't be done for all. Clerk suggested that perhaps an open day could be held for people to view the facilities. RESOLVED that hire charge increases be shelved until the next meeting of the Finance and Development Committee meeting but that parties are charged at £40 + £20 bond and evening parties at £60 + £20 bond.

91 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

There were three applications for financial assistance received. RESOLVED that Section 137 grants be awarded as follows:

Alltwen RFC Centenary Celebrations Production of 'Grav': £150
Dramatic Performance Academy: £250
Rhos Bowls Club: £250 (Application via phone call. Award pending completed application form)

92 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2022

Clerk reported that this year, remembrance Sunday falls on 13th November. Cllr N Jenkins stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow to decide whether or not there will be a church service in St Peter's Church, Pontardawe this year. She will inform Clerk of the decision. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr A Melen suggested asking pupils of Alltwen Primary School to lay wreaths at Alltwen Triangle as has been done in previous years. RESOLVED that Clerk contact school.

RESOLVED that Clerk order 2 wreaths from the British Legion, one for Alltwen Triangle and one for Pontardawe War Memorial.

Chair reported that he will be unavailable on 13th November as he will be leading a service. Vice-chair, Cllr D Jones, agreed to carry out the wreath laying and attend any services on behalf of council. RESOLVED noted.

93 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted –

1	Insp. L Sweeney	Alltwen Christmas Event
2	R Fitter, Boundary Commission for Wales	Community Review Guidance
3	E Lye	Rhos CC Hire Charges Increase
4	C Harrison	Rhos CC Hire Charges Increase
5	S Hanbury	Alltwen CC Hire Charges Increase
6	L Williams	Alltwen CC Hire Charges Increase
7	T Drewson	Alltwen CC Hire Charges Increase
8	C Nicholls-de-Freitas	Alltwen CC Hire Charges Increase
9	P Egan, One Voice Wales	Energy grants response
10	K Morgan, Mountain Movers	Storage at Rhos CC
11	Cllr C Jones	Resignation from council and Santa

1 Insp. Sweeney agreed that Police will attend event as a community engagement exercise. RESOLVED.
2 Clerk to forward email to Members. RESOLVED.
3-8 Complaints regarding increase in centre hire charges. Finance & Development Committee will meet to discuss further. RESOLVED that increases be postponed until January 2023.
10 Walker can be kept in chair or bowls cupboard. RESOLVED noted.
11 RESOLVED that resignation be accepted and alternative plans for Santa be actioned.

94 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr A Melen asked who owned the books on the shelf in the Committee Room at Alltwen CC. It seems that some are Woodturning books/magazines and some may be owned by Alltwen Heeels WI. RESOLVED that the shelf be tidied.

Cllr R Lewis reported that during football matches on Saturday, the roads around the centre were chaos. There were cars parked all over the pavements and the bus could not go up Plas Road. This meant that locals had to walk down to the main road to catch a bus. He suggested having a site meeting to see if any extra spaces could be squeezed into the car park. Cllr D Jones reported that there is

the same problem on election days. Cllr D Atkins stated that this was an issue for Rhos FC to deal with. Chair stated that extra parking spaces would be a matter for the Project Committee to discuss. RESOLVED that Clerk discuss issues with Cllr D Baker and a Project Committee site meeting be held.

Cllr R Lewis asked as to the situation regarding the plaques for the dram. Clerk is still in discussions with the plaque makers as they advise that plastic plaques may be more suitable. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr R Lewis reported that he had received comments from a local resident that there was a 'state' on Cilybebyll Church. Cllr B Williams suggested that this could have been 'the church' as an organisation as opposed to the church itself as it looks fine. It was reported that Rev. Jayne has moved to Resolven church. RESOLVED noted.

Cllr R Lewis asked with regards to the situation with benches. Cllr M Spooner stated that she will follow up on this with NPTCBC. RESOLVED noted.

Chair thanked all for attending. The meeting finished at 9:15pm.

Signed Dated 01 November 2022