**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th January 2020**

Present: Chairman: Mr. D.C. Thomas.

Councillors: Mrs N Herdman, Cllr S Hunt, Mr. G. James, Mr D John,

Mr. B.L. Parfitt, Mr M Rivers, Mrs. G. Smith and Mr P Totterdale

Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr Davies

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

Cllr Hunt in item 10.

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd December 2019**.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

**4 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

**5 Policing Matters**.

The Clerk said she had reported the damage incidents at the hall to the police and they had contacted Carol.

Cllr Hunt said the ‘Cuppa with a Copper’ had been a relaxed affair and the police feel they will shortly be able to issue an Anti-Social Behaviour Order against the boy in question. He said it was very important to get the message out for people to contact 101 after any incidents occur.

He next PACT meeting is to be on 29th January.

**6 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

The Clerk said she had raised a case with the Ombudsman re Corona Energy.

Mr Parfitt said CHAOSS had received £500 from Nant Helen.

Mr Parfitt said the toilets had been blocked over Xmas but this was quickly rectified. He said the boiler had also been repaired.

Mrs Smith thanked everyone involved in the pantomimes.

The Chairman said the fence must be repaired or replaced and the drive tarmacked. Mr Parfitt said he would ask Marco for a price for the tarmac.

**7 Recreation Ground**

The Chairman said the gate needed a lock and the Clerk was asked to obtain one. He said the fence at the top had not been put back by Welsh Water and motorbikes were getting through. Clerk to contact Welsh Water.

**8 Brynbedd Cemetery**.

The Chairman said the cemetery looked tidy and Mr Parfitt said there is to be a funeral on Saturday

Mr John asked if anyone wanted to make eco piles from the logs there

**9 Meetings Attended by Members**.

‘Cuppa with a Copper’ attended by Cllr Hunt, Mr James, Mr Smith and Mr Parfitt

Governors meetings attended by Cllr Hunt, Mr James and Mrs Smith

Nant Helen attended by Cllr Hunt who had secured £4500 for local groups

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**10 Planning Matters**.

Application No. P2019/5662

Ashley McCutcheon, 28 Dulais Road, Seven Sisters SA10 9EL

Detached 4 bedroom, 2 storey dwelling house

There were no objections to this application

**11 Correspondence**.

Letter from Age Cymru

**12 Clerk’s Report**. Noted.

**13 Doctor’s Surgery**.

Mr Rivers said he had not received any complaints

A discussion regarding doctor’s services around the UK ensued and it was agreed our surgery provided a good service.

**14 Soar Chapel**.

Cllr Hunt said NPTCBC Legal Department were to put a request in to the Crown regarding purchasing the site for a peppercorn fee.

**15 To receive the proposed budget for 2020/21 and set the precept.**

The budget was reviewed and it was RESOLVED to increase the precept by 2%

**16 Bus Stop Mary Street**

There was a discussion regarding the position of the bus stop and it was agreed to keep trying to get it moved back

**17 Test Tracks, Onllwyn**

The Clerk had written to Onllwyn and Crynant Councils regarding a working party. Onllwyn had declined because they felt it was too early in the procedure and Crynant had said they would respond after their next meeting.

Cllr Hunt gave an update on the planning applications and said he was still trying to get benefits for the area.

**18 Any Other Business**

Mr John thanked Councillors for the sympathy card.

Mr James said he had thanked NPTCBC for collecting his recycling but the hessian bag had plastic bags left in it.

It was agreed that after the recycling collections there was always rubbish left all over the roads. Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of NPTCBC and complain.

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Chairman : D C Thomas Date 3rd February 2020

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