**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th July 2020**

Present: Chairman: Mr. L C Jenkins

Councillors: Mr J Davies, Mr E Francis, Cllr S Hunt, Mr. G. James,

Mr D John, Mr. B.L. Parfitt, Mr M Rivers, Mrs. G. Smith,

Mr D C Thomas and Mr P Totterdale

Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were no apologies

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

Mr Davies and Cllr Hunt in item 17.

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd March 2020**.

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

Mr Parfitt raised the matter of allotments in the village. The Chairman said if people want allotments, these should be supplied by the Borough Council if possible.

Clerk to advise Carol

Mr Francis said he had spoken to the Director of Communications of Welsh Water who said the mater of the removed fence is not their responsibility

**5 To Receive the Minutes of a Meeting with Police held on 2nd March 2020**

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

**6 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**7 Emergency Meetings in Lockdown situation**

The Chairman said he felt there could be more lockdown situations to come and proposed virtual meetings should be adopted.

Mr John said he agreed it is the way forward to have a backup plan. The Chairman said he and the Vice Chairman are over seventy and would be in self isolation.

Cllr Hunt said if problems arose the Chairman and Vice Chairman have emergency powers to make decisions. The Vice Chairman said the Council had never queried a decision made by the Chairman.

Mr Davies asked if everyone had IT equipment and the answer was yes. It was agreed that Zoom would be the preferred media. Mr Davies said perhaps Carol could arrange classes for the elderly, all agreed.

**8 Proposals for Business Continuity if Officers are in Isolation**

This matter was covered in item 7

**9 Virtual Meetings**

This matter was covered in item 7

**10 To agree the annual accounts and sign the annual return**

It was proposed by Mr Francis, seconded by Mr Parfitt and RESOLVED to accept the accounts and annual return

The Clerk was asked to prepare a expenditure against budget for the next meeting.

**11 Church Road Explosion**

The Chairman said everyone who had been involved in the rescue operation should be congratulated and said he thought the community appeared very well on TV.

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He further congratulated Cllr Hunt for organising fund raising for the rebuilding of houses. He said it was so important that we have a fire station in the village. Mr Davies suggested speaking to the Station Commander to find out what can be done to promote the fire service and make sure it is at full compliment. Mr John said it is the legacy we need to keep. Cllr Hunt said if there had been a fatality and they could not attend questions would be asked. It was agreed to contact the fire service in 1-2 months.

Cllr Hunt said the first person on the scene, Mr Pickford from Crynant, had brought the children out but did not want to be recognised for this. Mr Francis asked can we, as a Council, recognise people who helped. It was agreed that the Chairman would make an announcement to thank people in the community.

**12 Policing Matters**.

Mr James said the village had been very good in lockdown, with few problems occurring.

Mr John said the police had been in attendance to control bikers.

**13 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

It was confirmed the hall had now re-opened. It was agreed that Carol must do a personal risk assessment. Mr Parfitt said he would arrange this and pass to the Clerk for filing.

Mr Parfitt said CHAOSS had spent about £800 recently for PPE etc. Mr John said the Charity Welsh One50 4 x 4 event team had donated £400 to the hall to be shared by the Bowls club, Brownies, Needles and Natter, Art Therapy and Tang soo Do.

Cllr Hunt said the CHAOSS trustees had donated £1000 to the rebuild fund.

Mr Parfitt said the hall had received a grant of £25000 re rates, although we do not pay them.

Mrs Smith said Carol had found a nitrous oxide cannister outside.

The Chairman said Health and Safety advisers said a new game in Cardiff is to set fire to cardboard recycling containers and put them under the eaves to set fire to the building. Mr Parfitt said the recycling bins were kept indoors.

It was agreed that Corona Energy would be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Hunt said the CHAOSS trustees had donated £1000 to the rebuild fund.

Mr Parfitt said the hall had received a grant of £25000

**14 Recreation Ground**

Mr James said he had met with Gary from Sutcliffe who was sending a part for the damaged swing. He had checked the equipment whilst there and found the feet on the climbing frame needed gluing, which he had done. Clerk to write to Sutcliffe and say the council would take no responsibility for this as Sutcliffe should have carried out the repair.

Mrs Smith said the bike inhibitors needed fitting and Mr Parfitt said he had asked Marko twice, but would try again.

**15 Brynbedd Cemetery**.

The Vice Chairman said the weed spraying had not been carried out and Cllr Hunt replied NPTCBC had not been able to do this at the moment due to lack of resources.

**16 Meetings Attended by Members**.

There had been a CHAOSS meeting

**17 Planning Matters**.

Application No. P2020/0539

Mr Dean Davies, 56 Church Street re Land adjacent to 104 Dulais Road, Seven Sisters

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow a private on-site sewage treatment plant rather than mains sewer connection

The Planning sub-committee had no objections to this

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**18 Correspondence**.

Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan re Church Road incident – circulated

**19 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

# Cemetery 950.00 Accounts for payment

L Oliver, March to July as per contract

C Freeman, March to July as per contract

BT 161.88 inc VAT

Nite Lite, Alarm Maintenance 438.00 inc VAT

NPTCBC AEO 154.71

Swansea Valley Tarmacadam re hall 1560.00 inc VAT

L Oliver re Recreation Ground - padlock/Covid signs 110.36 inc VAT

HMRC – PAYE and NIC 1317.81

Mogo Direct – Tables for hall 666.30 inc VAT

Centrewire – Bike Inhibitor for Recreation Ground 411.60 inc VAT

NPTCBC – School Crossing Jan-March 1588.15

Welsh Water – rates for Cemetery and Recreation Ground 214.67

NPTCBC AEO 35.08

Ridgewood Associates – Internal Audit 300.00

BT 164.28 inc VAT

**20 Doctor’s Surgery**.

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting, out of order

The Chairman said, traditionally flu clinics had been held at the hall. At the moment it was not known what the social distancing would be when the clinics started. Appointments would have to be used and a one-way system put in place. He said a larger uptake than normal was expected as the vaccinations had been extended to the over 50’s. It would mean an extra 800 vaccinations including people shielding and their carers. Priority would be given to over 65’s and under 65’s in the ‘at risk’ group. The clinics would be held in two phases. He asked if councillors would volunteer to police the clinics. He said there would be a one way system in place at the surgery shortly.

The Chairman said ‘ask your GP’ had experienced teething problems, it crashes. He said that ‘My Health On Line’ would be available shortly for prescriptions.

**21 Test Tracks, Onllwyn**

Cllr Hunt said there would be a planning meeting tomorrow regarding groundworks and preparing the site

Cllr Hunt said the community must benefit from this project and Mr Davies said we should be mindful after our experience with the wind farm.

**22 Any Other Business**

Mr James said vehicles were having to go over the pavement near Cllr Hunt’s house because of a lorry parked on the road. Cllr Hunt said one household had far too many vehicles, but they were all taxed and insured. He said people had complained and the council had visited but they were happy with the situation. All we can do is keep reporting this. Mr Davies said if the residents had parking permits he could not keep more than two vehicles there. It was agreed the Clerk would write to NPTCBC on behalf of the community saying this was causing hazardous driving conditions and could they take the appropriate action.

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The Clerk said the internal audit had been carried out in May with no problems.

The Clerk was asked to write a condolence letter to the daughter of Mr Brinley Lloyd, who had recently passed away.

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Chairman : ……………………………………….. Date ………………………

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD 12TH OCTOBER 2020

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