**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Virtually via Zoom on 12th October 2020**

Present: Chairman: Mr. L C Jenkins

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

Mr D John, Mr M Rivers, Mrs. G. Smith,

and Mr P Totterdale

Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr Davies, Mr Francis, Mr Parfitt and Mr Thomas

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

Mr Davies and Cllr Hunt in item 10.

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th July 2020**.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting after one alteration

**4 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising

**5 To Receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27th July 2020**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting

**6 Matters Arising and to elect a member to the Community Council Liaison Committee**

There were no matters arising

Mr Rivers said there were no proposals for the meeting and Cllr Hunt said that contents of the meeting needed to be fed back to the council. It was agreed the subject should be put on the council’s agenda the month before the meeting where possible

It was RESOLVED that Mr Rivers would remain as the representative

**7 To Receive Minutes of an Emergency Meeting held 13th August**

As the Clerk was not present, no minutes had been taken

**8 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**9 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.**to include an extra waste bin and deep cleaning should Covid related problems arise**

It was agreed the extra bin should be purchased but the Chairman said this was a CHAOSS matter and they would arrange it. Clerk to contact Mr Parfitt.

The Chairman said that deep cleaning would be needed particularly for the flu clinics. He said Cathedral Hygiene has invisible sprays, but the hall is too large for them. He said the practice does fogging cleaning and costs would be around £200. He would investigate and report back.

**10 Planning Matters**.

Application No. P2020/0726

Mr W Lawrence, re 31 Dulais Road, Seven Sisters

Detached Garage

The Planning sub-committee had no objections to this

Application No. P22020/0718

Mr M Grinter re 58 Church Road, Seven Sisters

Detached Garage

The Planning sub-committee had no objections to this

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Application No. P2020/0714

Mr Jonathan Cole re 5A Heol Y Felin, Seven Sisters

Demolition of existing flat two storey extension and rear staircase structure and change of use from club and dance hall to residential dwelling.

The Planning sub-committee had no objections to this

Application No. P2020/0799

Mrs Ria Wheeler, re 19 Mary Street, Heol Y Felin, Seven Sisters

Single storey first and second floor rear extensions

The Planning sub-committee had no objections to this

**11 Correspondence**.

**12 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

# Cemetery 25.00 Accounts for payment

L Oliver, August 333.80

C Freeman, August as per contract

HMRC – PAYE and NIC 994.21

L Oliver – postage and Covid signs 193.60

Nite Lite 54.00 inc VAT

Walker Fire 572.70 inc VAT

BT 164.28 inc VAT

**13 To receive an expenditure against budget report to 31st July 2020**

It was RESOLVED to accept this report

Mr James said the bandstand roof needed repairs

**14 Doctor’s Surgery**.

The Chairman said the flu campaign was proving to be very successful with over 1000 in the 65+ age group having received vaccination and the current record being beaten for under 3’s.

He said the venues had been commendable but at the last normal clinic on 2nd October they had nearly run out of vaccine but managed to cope. There had been 216 pneumonia vaccines so far this year. There would be a further clinic at the community hall on 23rd October for anyone not yet vaccinated and there were still 900 people eligible. He said vaccine had been ordered last year before the Covid outbreak when it was not known that anyone living with a person shielding would have to be vaccinated. Welsh Government have purchased additional vaccine and will cover any shortfall. There will be three more campaigns from November vaccinating 50-64 year olds. Arrangements have not yet been made but they are prepared. A Covid vaccine is being developed by Oxford University and to qualify for that you should not have received a flu vaccine within the previous 28 days.

Mr James asked if there would be enough vaccine for the campaign on 23rd October. The Chairman said it should be sufficient but if not, another campaign would be run after Government supply received.

Cllr Hunt asked what information was being supplied for the over 50’s campaign. The Chairman said Welsh Government would be announcing timescales and guidelines.

The Chairman said over the next ten days or so patients would be told they cannot receive routine blood tests, Roche have delayed agents by 7-10 days.

Cllr Hunt said the news that there is now a test centre for Covid at the surgery is on Facebook. The Chairman said that was actually a finger prick test for Warfarin levels in a drive through.

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Mrs Smith asked about non-Covid problems and the Chairman replied capacity is a major problem because each room has to be cleaned every time it is used. He suggested people submit repeat prescription requests about 7 days before they are due. Mrs Herdman asked if that would be communicated and he replied it would be on Facebook.

The Chairman concluded that most services are happening or will be shortly unless Covid worsens.

**15 Parking on Dulais Road**

The Clerk said that Mr Davies had asked her to go back to NPTCBC and say that the person in question was running a car repair business with excessive oils causing an environmental concern and has an extension cables running across the pavement day and night. She had done this, and they had advised her to contact Environmental Services which Mr Davies said he would do.

Cllr Hunt said this was out of order and should have been referred back to council rather than Mr Davies giving direct instructions to the Clerk. The Chairman agreed that Mr Davies should have done this personally or referred back to council.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to refer to the Chair or request a special meeting if this arose again.

**16 Any Other Business**

Mr Totterdale said yesterday two cars were parked by the bus stop opposite each other, causing passing difficult for traffic. Cllr Hunt said he had spoken to these people. The Chairman said there was an accident waiting to happen.

Mr James said trees and branches needed cutting back at the tennis courts. Clerk to ask Marco to contact Mr James.

Mr James said the path outside the post office was in a dangerous condition. Cllr Hunt said he would ask NPTCBC to deal with this.

Cllr Hunt said the council team will pick up the poppies for the lamp posts.

Mr Totterdale said the railway bank looked a mess with Japanese Knotweed etc. Mr John said we have just missed the window for Network Rail spraying and said he would try and get it done next year.

Mr John said he had done his DBS for the school governors.

Mr John said the BMX track had a lot of use and the tarmac was breaking up. The Chairman said this came under CHAOSS’ remit and asked the Clerk to speak to Mr Parfitt and have him liaise with him.

Cllr Hunt said that Crynant council had given a donation towards the Church Road house repairs but we had not. The Clerk was asked to put this on the next meeting agenda.

Mrs Herdman said there is a group of boys carrying knives and being abusive in the village. The Chairman said this was a police matter. Cllr Hunt said evidence would be needed.

Cllr Hunt said there is now a Police Officer in Glynneath rather than a PCSO.

Cllr Hunt said he had been meeting with NRW to put a barrier on the mine road to stop fly tipping and they will be looking to work on this. Mr James said this was excellent news.

The Clerk asked if meetings were now to be held on normal dates and it was agreed they would be but virtually.

The Chairman said the meeting had been very successful and thanked Mr John for using his Zoom account and arranging it.

The Chairman then closed the meeting

MINUTES APPROVED AT A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

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