**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Virtually via Zoom on 1st March 2021**

Present: Chairman: Mr. L C Jenkins

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

Mr D John, Mr L Parfitt,

Mrs. G. Smith, Mr D C Thomas and Mr P Totterdale

 Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

 There were apologies from Mr Francis

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

 Cllr Hunt declared and interest in Item 8

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held virtually on 1st February 2021**

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

**5 Policing Matters**

The Clerk read out a reply from Insp. Otteson regarding youths that were arrested recently.

**6 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

The Clerk said she had contacted Dan McCallum at Awel re the solar panels and he had picked up a pricing error on the electricity bill, which could result in an overcharge of £000’s. She had contacted EDF Energy as had Mr McCallum. The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for raising this matter.

Mr Parfitt said he had secured a £5,000 grant for the hall as a result of closure due to the pandemic.

**7 BMX Track**

Mr Parfitt said Ian Davies had completed the work at the track. He said someone has been litter picking there. Cllr Hunt said it was Andrea Bowen and her family, who had also picked at other areas in the area. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Bowen.

**8 Planning Matters**.

 Application No: P2021/0102

Mr Reed, 4 Station Terrace, Seven Sisters SA10 9DH

Rear single storey extension

There were no objections from the planning sub-committee.

Application No: P2021/0116

Mr R Atkins, 1A Church Road, Seven Sisters SA10 9DY

Felling of 1 x Lime Tree, protected by Preservation Order T111/T5, to ground level (stump),

Leaving a well established healthy basial suckering stem to come on as a young tree.

There were no objections from the planning sub-committee.

Copy of the Order together with the notice of its making re alleged public footpath via the footbridge from footpath No 29 to the A4109.

Cllr Hunt said he had put in this application as it was not registered.

There were no objections.

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**9 Correspondence**.

The Clerk read out an email from Mr Jonathan Macro, a new resident, complaining about rubbish etc in the village.

Cllr Hunt said he needed to know the exact locations he was referring to in order to know who was responsible.

Clerk to ask Carol to put a notice on Facebook advising residents to contact NPTCBC.

It was noted that a number of residents were litter picking in the village.

**10 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, February 333.80

C Freeman, February as per contract

L Oliver – Microsoft License 59.99 inc VAT

NPTCBC – AOE 155.76

**11 To consider renewal of the School Crossing Patrol contract**

It was proposed by Cllr Hunt, seconded by Mr James, and unanimously agreed to renew the contract.

**12 To plan the introduction of the public to meetings from April**

A long discussion ensued regarding how this was to be achieved, making sure that those who wished to join the meeting knew that they could not partake. It was agreed that anyone wishing to join a meeting must contact the Clerk at least seven days before the meeting date. The Clerk would send these details to Mr John who would arrange for them to join. The Chairman said it was important that those wishing to join knew the rules.

Chairman and Mr John to send the Clerk an announcement to put on the agenda for the April meeting.

**13 Doctor’s Surgery**

The Chairman reported that the surgery had now completed stages 1-4 of the vaccination programme. He said Cohort 6 would commence on March 8th. He said asthmatics were treated differently to the rules for the flu jabs, only people at certain stages of the disease were given priority treatment, also all people with severe learning difficulties were to be vaccinated at the surgery. Cllr Hunt said he had been inundated with unpaid carers who were having difficulty with the forms. The Chairman explained the situation.

Mr Davies thanked the Chairman for his report and said everyone was extremely grateful to the surgery staff for their efforts.

**14 Parking on Dulais Road**

The Clerk said she had still not received a reply from NPTCBC. Mr Davies said we should write to the Council leader or an MP as we had not had a response. This was discussed further. Mr Davies proposed the Clerk write to the Council Leader detailing the contact she had made with different departments. This was agreed.

**15 Any Other Business**

Mr Parfitt said that the law had recently changed and now smoking was banned from play areas. He said he would order signs for the Muga and BMX track, which CHAOSS would pay for.

Mr James said people were asking for wild flowers at the tip. The Chairman said we could fund this if Cllr James contacts Swansea Council to find a price for seeds. This was agreed.

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Mr Davies said John Phillip and Dewi Thomas had been clearing the area round the tennis courts but had ruined a chain saw in the process. He said the area needs finishing and there is moss present. Mr James said he had asked Marko last year to cut it back after the birds had flown but he has probably forgotten. He said Friends of Seven Sisters could lend tools. Cllr Hunt said we would still need permission from NPTCBC. The Vice Chairman said Marko is going to do the work. Mr James to contact Marko.

The Vice Chairman said a gardening van had been parking opposite the Police Station in a dangerous position, Mr James added that people with prams could not safely pass. It was agreed Mr James would let the Clerk know if the van was still there and, if so, she would write to the Police and NPTCBC.

Cllr Hunt asked if we could write to NRW to thank them for the gate on the old mine road. This was agreed.

Cllr Hunt expressed thanks to Gary and June for collecting fly tipping.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

These minutes were approved by Councillors at the virtual meeting held 12th April 2021

Chairman : L C Jenkins Date 12th April 2021

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