**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Virtually via Zoom on 12th April 2021**

Present: Chairman: Mr. L C Jenkins

Councillors: Mr J Davies, Mr E Francis, 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

Member of Public: Mr C Davies

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr Parfitt who had to leave the meeting at 7p.m.

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

Cllr Hunt declared an interest in Item 8

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

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

Members of the public were then invited to join the meeting

**5 Policing Matters**

There were no matters to report

**6 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

Mr Parfitt said that CHAOSS had now received £35,000 in grants and Carol had asked that the kitchen be refurbished. He said he had asked for quotations and was waiting on a third one.

The Chairman said the doorway on the ramp was not accessible to wheelchairs and Mr Parfitt said he was having builders look at this.

**7 BMX Track**

Neither Mr Parfitt or the Clerk had received an invoice from Ian Davies as yet

**8 Planning Matters**.

Application No: P2021/0327

Dept for Economy and Transport

Land at and surrounding the Nant Helen Surface mine site

Application No: P2021/0102

There were no objections.

Application No. P2021/0116

Mr Richard Atkins, 1A Church Road, Seven Sisters

Amendment to works to 1 x lime tree, covered by preservation order T111/T5

There were no objections.

**9 Correspondence**.

Royal British Legion Industries Ltd

It was RESOLVED to purchase a Tommy figure to celebrate VE day. The Clerk will send copies of the literature to Councillors who will then decide which figure to purchase.

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**10 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, March 334.00

C Freeman, March as per contract

NPTCBC – Mowing 4895.45 inc VAT

BT 164.28 inc VAT

Nite Lite 364.99 inc VAT

NPTCBC – AOE 155.76

NPTBCB – Rates cemetery 1498.00

LParfitt – Top soil for cemetery 173.51 inc VAT

Nite Lite 438.00 inc VAT

**11 Rats on Brynbedd Estate – action by Tai Tarian**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had asked the Clerk to write to Tai Tarian as there was a problem with rats in an area they had recently been working on. They had replied saying they had asked Pestforce to lay traps. As the problem was not improving the Clerk was asked to write again, requesting they increase their prevention methods to a longer lasting one. Cllr Hunt to contact NPTCBC regarding a rat problem in the area as a whole.

**12 Doctor’s Surgery**

The Chairman reported that second vaccinations had been started and Government and Swansea Bay had instructed they should concentrate on these. Anyone who has been missed for their first vaccination would have to go to a mass centre, with one or two exceptions.

The Chairman said there were new rules for pregnant ladies, with a helpline for any concerns. He said there were concerns about clots following the Astra Zenica vaccine but to date these had been 1 in 4 million, which was very low. Anyone who received the Astra Zenica for their first dose would have the same for their second, with a few exceptions. Anyone aged 18-30 would be invited o mass centres for their first vaccination and would receive the Pfizer vaccine, as a precaution.

The Chairman said Dr Katherine Rees was now on maternity leave and Dr Quasy Sutherland had been recruited as a registrar on a training programme.

Mr James said he had complaints from people who had not been informed their prescriptions were ready for collection from the Chemist. The Chairman said the prescription turn around time was 72 working hours and people were confused over bank holidays and weekends, also they were not having blood tests when requested. He said they were also having problems with secondary care letters from hospitals taking two weeks to arrive.

**13 Parking on Dulais Road**

The Clerk had received a report from Mr Richard Howells, stating he could find no proof of a business being operated from the premises, which she had circulated to Councillors. The Chairman said he was disgusted with the outcome. A discussion followed and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Howells and question what due diligence was carried out. She was also asked to write to the Police Inspector and request an on-site meeting with them and Mr Davies and Mr James were elected to be Council representatives.

Cllr Hunt said for some time he had been worried about parking in Mary Street, Commercial Street and Church Road. The Clerk was asked to write separately to the Police regarding this matter.

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**14 Any Other Business**

Mr James said he had contacted Swansea Council re wild flower seeds but was told we had to be residents in their area to obtain these. The Chairman said he would arrange to purchase seeds.

Mrs Smith said children were once again entering the roof of the band stand and said the roof needed patching as it was dangerous. Mr Davies said he would photograph this and thought it would cost £100 or less. The Vice Chairman also said he would look at it.

Mr Davies said that Cefn Coed Colliery Museum had lost £2.5 million due to £1.8 million not being drawn down from Europe and £0.7 million for NPTCBC. The Clerk was asked to contact Crynant Council as they had had some dealings with Cefn Coed regarding this. Cllr Hunt said he was meeting with Sian Harris at Cefn Coed tomorrow.

The Chairman said due to new elections next month whoever is elected as Vice Chairman would not automatically become Chairman the next year.

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their help and support during the last year.

A two minute’s silence was then held in respect for the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chairman : D C Thomas Date 10th May 2021

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