**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th June 2021**

Present: Chairman: Mr C T Thomas

Councillors: Mr E Francis, Cllr S Hunt, Mr G James,

Mr L Jenkins, Mr L Parfitt,

Mrs. G. Smith, and Mr P Totterdale

 Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

 There were apologies from Mr Davies, Mrs Herdman and Mr John

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

 Cllr Hunt declared an interest in Item11.

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2021.**

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

**4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th May 2021.**

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**6 Matters Arising**.

Cllr Hunt said he had taken the family of the lady recently assaulted to a meeting with Police and Tai Tarian. The family were satisfied with the outcome.

**7 Policing Matters**

Inspector Otteson and Sgt. Watkins had not attended this evening.

**8 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

Mr Parfitt said he had advised Carol of the wheel chair access. He said a bingo session had recently started and 10-12 people had attended.

The ramps had not been attended to and the Chairman said he would ask Hugh Watts to carry out the work, which was agreed.

**9 BMX Track**

No invoice from Ian Davies had been received.

Cllr Hunt said the surface needed tarmacking and it was agreed he should get quotations. This could possibly be paid for by CHAOSS and/or the Friends of Seven Sisters applying for a grant.

**10 Recreation Ground**

The state of the bandstand was discussed after a lady had been hit on the head by debris recently. The Chairman said he and Mr Parfitt had inspected it recently and there were no loose pieces, and it was not in a dangerous state. The possibility of removing the ceiling or replacing it with steel was discussed, as a way to curb vandalism.

Mr James said the climbing frame had problems.

Mrs Smith asked if Mr Watts could remove the rubble left from vandalism of concrete blocks and it was agreed she would speak to him.

Mr Parfitt said the grass badly needed cutting. The Chairman said the cemetery was in an overgrown state and needed mowing, strimming between the graves and weed killer applying. It was agreed, as NPTCBC had COVID problems, that the cemetery should take precedence. Cllr Hunt said he would speak to NPTCBC.

**11 Planning Matters**.

 Application number: P2021/0486

Miss M Maidment, Bryndulais Farm, Seven Sisters

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Rear dormer extension to facilitate roof space as living accommodation.

The Planning Committee had no objections to this application.

**12 Correspondence**.

CEO, NPTCBC – re Cefn Coed Museum, circulated 28.05.21

**13 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, May 331.40

C Freeman, May as per contract

Welsh Water, Hall 76.43

Welsh Water, Cemetery 5.79

L Oliver, Postage 21.25

Ridgewood Associates Internal Audit 300.00

British Telecom 173.88 inc. VAT

**14 To agree the Accounts and Annual Return**

It was proposed by Mr James, seconded by Mr Totterdale and RESOLVED to accept the accounts and annual return.

**15 Rats on Brynbedd Estate and elsewhere**

The Clerk read out an email received from Pest Control at NPTCBC asking for actual areas affected. After discussion, it was decided they would not be able to help with the matter.

**16 Doctor’s Surgery**

The Clerk read out an email from Mrs James regarding prescriptions. The Vice Chairman explained the law on medical reviews. After discussion, it was agreed that anyone making a complaint to Councillors regarding the surgery, should be asked to refer to the surgery itself as the Council was not in a position to comment.

The Vice Chairman explained that anyone going to a pharmacy rather than the surgery could get free treatments under the Common Ailments scheme.

As some Councillors felt that the surgery report took to long to deliver the Vice Chairman suggested the surgery be removed from the agenda. He left the room while Councillors discussed this. It was agreed that the surgery should remain on the agenda and the Vice Chairman gave a monthly update.

**17 Parking on Dulais Road**

Mr Davies, Mr James and the Vice Chairman had met with PCSO’s on site recently. They could only suggest double yellow lines or a 20mph speed limit being applied for. During the meeting a number of cars had to mount the pavement to make way for a bus but the police said this was legal if carried out safely. It was agreed nothing further could be achieved.

**18 Any Other Business**

The Clerk asked if she should invite Insp. Otteson to the next meeting but is was agreed to wait until September.

The Vice Chairman said he would be holding a meeting of the four valley councils shortly and would like two councillors to attend. The Chairman and Mrs Smith agreed to attend.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chairman :D C Thomas Date: 5th July 2021

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