**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 13th September 2021**

Present: Chairman: Mr C T Thomas

Councillors: Mr J Davies, Cllr S Hunt, Mr G James,

Mr L Jenkins, Mr D John

Mrs. G. Smith, and Mr P Totterdale

Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

Before the meeting commenced, PCs Wallen and Doyle spoke to Councillors regarding issues in the community. Cllr Hunt said crime reports were needed on a regular basis, along with regular patrols. PC Wallen said they needed evidence before they could take cases further and, at the moment crimes were not being reported. Mr John said we needed to use social media to encourage people to come forward and report crimes as, he felt, people were scared to come forward.

PC Wallen said he would try and attend our meetings or Sian would and he would provide crime reports before the next meeting. He said he would attend our December meeting and would send reports to the Clerk after his two weeks holiday.

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr Francis, Mrs Herdman and Mr Parfitt

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

Cllr Hunt declared an interest in Item10.

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th July 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**

Cllr Hunt said there had been a lot of anti-social behaviour recently with young people, a defibrillator damaged outside the police station etc. He said, as a council, we should encourage people to come forward and report crimes.

**6 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

The Chairman said CHAOSS would not be paying to replace the play equipment. It was possible that it could be repaired rather than replaced.

Carol had put in a request for extra staff to cover Fridays and weekends. Mr John felt it would need to be proven that the extra income generated would cover the cost. This is to be passed to CHAOSS for figures. The Chairman said he would deal with the matter with CHAOSS.

A quotation had been received from Walker Fire for replacing the panel. It was agreed that so long as the panel is working it should be left.

**7 BMX Track**

Cllr Hunt had obtained two quotations for resurfacing, and it was agreed these would be passed to CHAOSS.

**8 Recreation Ground**

The Clerk reported that the insurance company had asked that we accept liability for the claim re the bandstand and they would settle on our behalf. The Chairman had agreed this.

The Clerk was asked to find out the amount of the claim. The Vice Chairman suggested all Councillors meet at the bandstand for an inspection and the Clerk was asked to send out a reminder.

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The matter of CCTV cameras was discussed, and it was suggested the Football Club may wish to contribute. Cllr Hunt said he would speak with them. Three quotations would be required, and the Clerk was asked to contact Nite Lite in the first instance.

The Chairman said the water board still needed to replace the missing fence.

It was reported that trees were growing through the fence by the tennis court.

**9 Brynbedd Cemetery**

Mr Parfitt had submitted a report on the number of flower pots on graves. After discussion, it was agreed a sign was needed on the gate saying pots should not be placed on the grass. Cllr Hunt said he would arrange this if the Clerk sent him appropriate wording. Mr Davies suggested notes be put on the offending plots and he would arrange this.

The Chairman said the gate needed painting and a bar was bent. This was agreed.

**10 Planning Matters**.

Application number: P2021/0703

Mrs Carwyn Price, 2 Heol y Waun, Seven Sisters

Single storey rear extension

Application number: P2021/0756

Mr Michael David re 77 Church Road, Seven Sisters

Reconstruction to end of terrace dwelling

The planning sub-committee had no objections to these applications.

**11 Correspondence**.

Burges Salmon Solicitors re Soar Chapel – circulated 13.07.21

**12 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

Cemetery 350.00

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, July and August 662.60

C Freeman, July and August as per contract

Walker Fire 1696.85

HMRC – PAYE 994.34

**13 To consider co-option of a replacement councillor**

The Clerk had circulated four applications. A vote was taken, and it was RESOLVED by 6 for and 2 against, that Louise Ellar would be invited to join the council.

**14 Doctor’s Surgery**

The Vice Chairman said an order had been placed in January for flu vaccines and it had been thought delivery would be delayed but they actually only came in one day late. He said Morriston Hospital A & E currently had waiting times of 20 hours and ambulances were only responding to dire emergencies.

He said they now had a locum doctor, Lee Walker Baker until December. They also have a salaried GP for two days per week. Despite this, there is still a staff shortage.

There is also a shortage of blood bottles so only emergency blood tests can be carried out.

Cllr Hunt said he felt our surgery is doing the best they can with limited resources.

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**15 Any Other Business**

The Clerk read out an email from Chris Hill suggesting the Council and other groups in the village should honour the services provided by Eifion Davies for 37 years.

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman’s allowance should be used to purchase a plaque and a hamper, approximately £50 and £150 each. Clerk to arrange this.

Mr Davies said he was not happy with the recent staff recruitment advert raised by Carol. A discussion ensued.

Cllr Hunt reported that NPTCBC would erect the Tommy statue on a lamp post, but only for a short time near to a special date e.g. Remembrance Day. It was suggested a flagpole be purchased and Mr John found a six metre high pole on the internet for £160. The Clerk was asked to write to Centregreat to ask permission to mount the statue on a lamp post permanently.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Vice Chairman: L C Jenkins Date: 4th October 2021

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