**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th October 2021**

Present: Vice Chairman: Mr L C Jenkins

Councillors: Mrs L Ellar, Mr E Francis, Cllr S Hunt, Mr G James,

Mrs N Herdman, Mrs. G. Smith, and Mr P Totterdale

 Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

 **To welcome Louise Ellar to the Council**

 The Vice Chairman welcomed Mrs Ellar to the Council

**2 Apologies for Absence**.

 There were apologies from the Chairman and Mr Parfitt

**3 Declaration of Interests**.

 Cllr Hunt and Mr Francis declared an interest in Item11.

**4 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 13th September 2021.**

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

**5 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

**6 Policing Matters**

Cllr Hunt explained to Mrs Ellar that members of the police had attended the last meeting and had agreed to provide crime statistics for each meeting. These had not been received. Clerk to chase.

The Vice Chairman said the defibrillator at the surgery had been serviced and batteries checked.

**7 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

The Vice Chairman thanked Carol for opening the hall on Friday for the vaccination programme

**8 BMX Track**

Cllr Hunt had asked NPTCBC to carry out another grass cut here and at the other sites.

The Vice Chairman suggested cover should be provided for Mr Parfitt during his illness and wished him a speedy recovery. Clerk to put on next agenda.

**9 Recreation Ground**

The Clerk said Ecclesiastical Insurance had settled the recent claim with a payments of £2000 plus £1080 portal costs. Clerk to obtain breakdown of these figures.

Cllr Hunt said Mr Phil Parfitt had carried out a survey and produced a quotation for CCTV camera installation, this was to be forwarded to the Clerk but had not as yet been received.

Clerk to advise Chairman when received. He suggested a special meeting be called when the quotation was received and said the cameras would be monitored free of charge.

The Vice Chairman said at the recent meeting of Councillors at the bandstand it had been agreed it should be secured immediately to deny access as problems had been identified.

Cllr Hunt said NPTCBC had agreed to secure the bandstand and monitor it for 2 months at a cost of £200, it was RESOLVED to accept this.

The Vice Chairman said it had been agreed that fabricators would be asked to make a steel mesh for the ceiling, with a hatch for maintenance secured with allen keys. Mrs Smith had shown Councillors the debris left by the contractor and the Clerk was asked to write to him to have this removed.

Another health and safety issue uncovered was the ramp and railings down the side of it, it was agreed this should be attended to as well.

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It was agreed that the Vice Chairman and Mr James would write a specification of the work needed and Mr James would contact three contractors to obtain quotations.

Cllr Hunt said there was stage 1 ash dieback on trees between our fence and the river bank.

It was recognised that it should be ascertained who was responsible for the trees and Cllr Hunt said he would find out.

The Vice Chairman said it should also be decided who was responsible for the removal of the fence, which the Chairman deemed was the Water Board. He said a separate meeting was called for.

**10 Brynbedd Cemetery**

It was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting

**11 Planning Matters**.

 Application number: P2021/0874

Swansea Bay University Health Board re Installation of air source heat pump and associated works

Councillors said residents were concerned about noise pollution and the Clerk was asked to contact the council for more information, before a decision was made

**12 Correspondence**.

Email from Peter Shopland re Cefn Coed, dated 12th May 2021 but not previously received. Cllr Hunt said he had previously informed council that the grant had been for new buildings and contents, not repairs

Community Council Audit Team – announcing that finalisation of the audit had been delayed due to Covid

**13 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

 Cemetery 0

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, September 331.40

C Freeman, September as per contract

BT 171.48 inc VAT

NPTCBC, School Crossing April – June 1381.00

Plaque and hamper for Eifion Davies 176.35 inc VAT

**14 Tommy Statue**

The Clerk read out a reply from Centregreat saying they could not give permission to site the statue on a lamp post. Cllr Hunt said Centregreat were now saying they would be happy to install Tommy on a lamp post. The Vice Chairman said the statue need to be in place before Remembrance Day. He said he would contact the Chairman and arrange for Tommy to be moved from Mr Parfitt’s house into our container.

Mrs Herdman said she would organise the wreath for Remembrance Day.

**15 Doctor’s Surgery**

The Vice Chairman explained the latest situation regarding Covid booster vaccinations. He also said Dr Walker Baker would be with the surgery until May, Dr Lorin was now permanent, and the surgery was still looking to recruit another GP. He said, regrettably, Nurse Practitioner Sam would be leaving at the end of December due to travel difficulties.

He said there had been a tremendous uptake of the flu vaccine.

Cllr hunt said he was proud of the work done by the surgery and the Vice Chairman said he was concerned that some patients were still being abusive to staff members.

Mrs Smith asked about the availability of blood test bottles and the Vice Chairman said the situation may improve by the end of October.

He said there was a new service at Morriston Hospital where patients with a clear medical emergency could be sent if the surgery could not see them.

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**16 Any Other Business**

The Clerk asked if she could take two weeks holiday from 16th October, and this was approved. She also said she would be unavailable on 12th October due to hospital tests.

The Vice Chairman said that schools were reluctant to take part in the 12-15 age group Covid vaccinations and they felt this should be done in the community.

The Vice Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chairman: D C Thomas Date: 1st November 2021

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