**hSeven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th February 2022**

Present: Chairman: Mr D C Thomas

Councillors: Mr J Davies, Mrs L Ellar, 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 Francis, Mrs Herdman and Mr John

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

Cllr Hunt declared an interest in item 11

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th January 2022.**

After one alteration it was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

**4 Matters Arising**.

Mr James declared an interest in item 10 of the previous meeting

**5 Policing Matters**

Cllr Hunt said as PACT meetings are not taking place at the moment, he is carrying out a street surgery in the village with PC and PCSO.

The Clerk was asked to invite PCSO and a PC to the next meeting for a general discussion.

**6 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

The Clerk had not managed to obtain three quotations for the electricity contract yet. As renewal is not until 31st March this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

A long discussion took place over the finances of the community council and assistance from CHAOSS in view of their healthy bank balance. It was RESOLVED that the council ask CHAOSS for a payment of thirteen thousand pounds towards running costs of the hall. CHAOSS are holding a meeting next week and this would be considered.

Mrs Ellar said she had attended the last CHAOSS meeting and was not happy with it, she and the Chairman did not know about the payments the council were asking CHAOSS for as they did not attend the last council meeting.

**7 BMX Track**

Cllr Hunt suggested this be removed from the agenda for the moment and this was agreed.

**8 Recreation Ground**

Mr James had previously said he felt the bandstand should be attended to after CCTV installed and that repairs should be carried out at a later date if funds allowed. This was agreed and Mr James said he would inform the welders.

Mrs Smith asked if the bin could be moved to the car park and Cllr Hunt said he would arrange this.

Cllr Hunt said residents were concerned that trees were growing through the tennis court fence.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase Welsh Water again regarding replacing the fence they removed.

**9 Brynbedd Cemetery**

The Chairman said the sign regarding flowerpots on graves was in place but there was still a problem. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the respective owners, Mr Parfitt would supply details, and ask them to move the pots. Mr James suggested, if they were not removed, he would put them in a safe place, taking photographs before and after.

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**10 Future Meetings**

The Vice Chairman suggested future meetings should be a mix of personal attendance and virtual, to help councillors not being able to attend personally. He said a Smart TV would be needed to do this. Mr Davies suggested NPTCBC may be able to help, and it was also thought that CHAOSS may be able to provide the TV.

**11 Planning Matters**.

Application No. P2022/0093

Mr Tom Norton

48 Church Road, Seven Sisters

Proposed alterations to existing dwelling and construction of single storey rear extension

Councillors had no objections to this application

**12 Correspondence**.

There had been no correspondence

**13 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

Cemetery

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, January 331.20

C Freeman, January as per contrac**t**

HMRC- PAYE 994.54

# W Morgan – Xmas Lights 300.00

# 14 Doctor’s Surgery

The Vice Chairman said the surgery as a new Doctor for two days per week.

He said the new telephone system should be in place by 20th February and appointments were starting again.

He said there were some flu vaccinations still to be carried out and there would be a catch- up clinic.

There is now a virtual ward at the surgery and an Occupational Therapist, MIND etc. were in attendance two days per week.

**15 Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations**

Carol had submitted her plans for the celebration and also some suggestions for things the council could undertake. The Vice Chairman suggested, due to current lack of resources, the council should offer to support Carol with zero cost ideas. He suggested a sub-committee be set up but only Mrs Ellar was able to commit to this.

**16 Any Other Business**

Mr Davies asked if there had been any progress regarding the solar panels on the hall roof. The Clerk said the energy company still owed the council money and she was asked to chase this.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chairman: D C Thomas Date: 7th March 2022

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