**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 13th June 2022**

Present: Chairman: Mr L C Jenkins

Councillors: Mr J Davies, Mrs L Ellar,

Cllr. S K Hunt, Mr D John, Mr B L Parfitt,

and Mr P Totterdale

Clerk: Mrs L E Oliver

Before the meeting commenced, the newly elected councillors Cllr Hunt and Cllr Harris addressed the meeting. The Chairman congratulated them on their election, and they stressed the importance of a partnership between them and the community council. Cllr Harris said she had given up her day job to enable her to concentrate on the valley, she said she had a long family connection with Seven Sisters. They both said whilst they were not able to fix everything if the councillors contacted them with any problems, they would see what could be done.

Cllr Harris then left the meeting.

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr Francis and the Vice Chairman

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

Cllr Hunt declared an interest in item 13

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9th May 2022**

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

**4 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9th May 2022.**

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

**5 Matters Arising**.

The Chairman said at the last meeting a complaint regarding one councillor’s comments to another had been discussed and it was felt the matter should be left. Cllr Davies expressed his feelings regarding the matter and said he felt councillors could not always attend every meeting due to family or work commitments. He said he was pleased to hear it had been agreed for remote facilities to be installed at the hall which would enable councillors to join meetings remotely if not in person.

After discussion, it was agreed that standing orders should be revised and the Chairman suggested a sub-committee should be formed to do this. Cllr Hunt said he would obtain a revised model of standing orders.

The Chairman said this matter should now be closed as a catalyst had been found to move forward.

**6 To Consider Applications for Co-option to the Council**

The Clerk had received applications from Mrs Hayley Jones and Mr Christian Davies which had been circulated to councillors. After discussion it was RESOLVED to accept them on to the council.

There was now limited time to co-opt another Councillor and the Clerk was asked to advise the closing date.

**7 To Review Appointments to sub-committees for the year 2022/23**

Councillors felt this matter should be delayed until the next meeting so that the new councillors would have an opportunity to join the committees.

The Clerk said she was concerned she only had two bank signatories now and it was agreed, if the Vice Chairman was not able to sign cheques, she could contact Mr James who was still officially a signatory. Mrs Ellar and Mr John volunteered to become signatories, which was agreed, but it was noted that it was a long process for this to be set up.

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**8 To Approve the Accounts and Annual Return for the Year 2021/22**

The Clerk had circulated the accounts and annual return to councillors, and it was RESOLVED to accept both. The Clerk said the internal audit had been completed with no adverse comments.

**9 Policing Matters**

Cllr Hunt said anti-social behaviour by children had increased in the village, he said recently there had been a case where the parents had agreed to pay a quite substantial amount for damage done. The Chairman said a ‘zero tolerance policy’ should be adopted and Cllr Hunt said he felt parents should take responsibility. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to invite our PCSO and PC to the next meeting. It was agreed to ask how many reported incidents had been solved and the Clerk was asked to obtain incident numbers from Carol.

**10 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

Mr Parfitt said that Carol had done a lot of work over what was a very successful Jubilee weekend. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.

Mr John said the defibrillator pads were out of date and needed changing and the emergency exit door needed adjusting. Mr Parfitt said he would deal with this.

A CHAOSS meeting had not been held to consider funding the council, but he would call a meeting.

Mr John had received a quotation for remote facilities for the hall which was acceptable to councillors and Cllr Hunt said he would look for funding for the project.

**11 Recreation Ground**

There appeared to be cameras on the ground now and the Clerk was asked to get an update from NiteLite and arrange an on-site meeting between them and councillors.

**12 Brynbedd Cemetery**

Mr Parfitt said the grass badly needed cutting as he had two burials shortly and Cllr Hunt said NPT were extremely busy at the moment, but he would ask if this could be done.

**13 Planning Matters**.

Application No. P2022/0369

Mr Craig Powis, 39 Dulais Road, Seven Sisters

Outline application for one dwelling in the garden

The planning sub-committee had no objections to this

Cllr Hunt said he was no longer on the NPT Planning Committee so did not need to declare an interest in future

**14 Correspondence**.

There had been no correspondence

**15 Clerk’s Report**. Noted

# Income £ p

Cemetery 1200.00 **Accounts for payment**

L Oliver, May 325.20

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

Ridgewood Associates Ltd – internal audit 300.00

BT 192.17 inc. VAT

# 16 Doctor’s Surgery

The Vice Chairman gave a report which was duly noted

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**17 Any Other Business**

There had been a number of enquiries recently about holding burials and upkeep of graves at the Soar Chapel. The Clerk was asked to contact the Solicitors for guidance on how we should reply to these.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chairman: L C Jenkins Date: 4th July 2022

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