**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th February 2023**

Present: Chairman: Mr L C Jenkins

 Councillors: Mr C Davies, Mr C Hamer,

Mrs H Jones, Mr L Parfitt. and Mr P Totterdale.

Clerk: Mrs L E Oliver

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mrs Ellar, Mr Francis, Cllr Hunt, Mr John and Mr Thomas

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

There were no declarations

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9th January 2023**

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

**5 Meeting with Mrs Ellar**

No letter had been received from the Vice Chairman and, as he was not present, this was postponed until the next meeting.

**6 Policing Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

**7 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

The Clerk reported that the telephone line was finally working.

 Mr Parfitt reported that Carol, together with Cllr Hunt, was going to apply for a grant for the hall to be a ‘warm hub’. He explained the details of this, that the grant would be £1271 to cover equipment and energy costs. The Chairman had received an email from Kerry Davies from CHAOSS who was concerned, if costs exceeded the grant, who would pay for this.

 It was noted that Carol had not asked for approval for this and it was agreed she would be asked to attend a meeting with Councillors on Wednesday 15th February at St Johns Hall to discuss the matter.

 Mr Parfitt said Carol had asked for a weeks’ holiday from 24th February and it was agreed, as no-one else was available, that her daughter could cover for her.

**8 Recreation Ground**

The Clerk had not heard from Sutcliffe Play regarding repairs to the play equipment and Mr Totterdale said he would check if the works had been done and, if not, the Clerk would contact Sutcliffe.

Mr John had said he could not monitor the CCTV from his phone. The Clerk was asked to contact NiteLite for an update.

**9 Brynbedd Cemetery**

Mr Parfitt said Cllr Hunt had now had the bins emptied and would be replacing a large bin for smaller ones. It was agreed the bins should be kept within the cemetery to avoid residents using them for personal waste. An on-site meeting would be held at 10a.m. Saturday, for Councillors to discuss the positioning of the bins.

**10 Meetings attended by Councillors**

Mr Parfitt, Mr John and the Chairman had attended a meeting with GCRE on 3rd February and read out a report he had written regarding this. The Chairman expressed his concerns regarding safety with electrified tracks.

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The Chairman had attended a meeting with the Dulais Valley Action Group regarding the proposed windfarm. He said that everyone living in the village would be able to see the turbines. He said the community fund would be from electricity generated by the 7 turbines and 142 acres of solar panels. He had also met with Jeremy Miles MS who had said there were a lot of misleading points in EDF’s report and he felt there was very little chance of stopping the proposal. The Chairman asked for approval to continue attending these meetings, which Councillors gave.

**11 Planning Matters**

There had been no applications

**12 Correspondence**.

Cancer Information and Support Services – request for sponsorship

Standing orders would apply

**13 Clerk’s Report**. Noted.

#  Income £ p

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, January 325.20

C Freeman, January as per contract

HMRC – PAYE 1041.78

NPTCBC - Mowing 7116.96 inc VAT

A H Gallagher – Insurance 6403.73

**14 Land Behind 30 Pen y Banc**

The Clerk had written to the resident, Mr Pedley, as requested.

# 15 Doctor’s Surgery

The Chairman gave a report which was duly noted.

**16 Any Other Business**

The Clerk had circulated an email from Mrs Jill Douglas regarding the black bridge opposite the post office. She read out a report by Cllr Hunt and it was agreed she could forward his comments to Mrs Douglas.

Cllr Hunt had also sent details of a meeting to be held the following day with NPTCBC and Town and Community representatives. The Chairman said he would attend either in person or via Teams.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chairman: L C Jenkins Date: 6th March 2023

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