**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd April 2023**

Present: Chairman: Mr L C Jenkins

 Councillors: Mr J Davies, Mr E Francis. Mr C Hamer, Cllr S Hunt

Mr D John, Mrs H Jones, Mr L Parfitt, Mr D C Thomas,

and Mr P Totterdale.

Clerk: Mrs L E Oliver

Before the meeting commenced Mr Simon Morgan, Project Manager for the Hirfynydd Renewable Energy Park and Angharad Davies, Director, Cadno Communications Ltd, gave an update on the project. Cllr S Davis and members of the Dulais Valley Action Group were also present. Councillors asked a number of questions. They were advised the next consultancy period would run from 2nd May 2023, meetings would be held with residents at Seven Sisters on 12th May and Crynant on 13th May and two weeks would be allowed after this for the receipt of comments.

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr C Davies

**2 Declaration of Interests**.

There were no declarations.

**3 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th March 2023**

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

**5 Resignation by Mrs Ellar**

Councillors officially accepted Mrs Ellar’s resignation as she has moved away from the area. The Clerk was asked to advertise for a new councillor. It was agreed the Vice Chairman would let the council have a letter of apology by the next meeting.

**6 Policing Matters**

Mr Parfitt asked if the ‘Cuppa with a Copper’ sessions were still being held and Cllr Hunt said they were, but people were not attending.

**7 Community Hall and CHAOSS**.

Mr Parfitt reported that Carol had not worked last week as her daughter had been rushed into hospital and Carol had been staying with her. Carol had arranged for her son to act as caretaker during her absence. There was concern over his age and whether he should have been responsible for the hall. The Clerk was asked to check this.

Cllr Hunt said he would be arranging an inspection of the hall.

The Clerk was asked to take Solar Panels off the agenda as they appeared to be working correctly.

Mr Parfitt said a dangerous wall had been moved and a leak in the hall roof repaired.

**8 Recreation Ground**

Mr John, Mr Hamer and Mr Parfitt had cut down the trees that were blocking the CCTV cameras.

The Clerk was asked to invite Mr Phil Parfitt to the next meeting so that they could check the number of cameras installed and access by councillors to monitoring. She was also asked to let the sub-committee know the number of cameras quoted.

Mr Hamer said the steps had three damaged at the edges and that they all needed properly cleaning. After discussion, Cllr Hunt said he would ask the council if they could be cleaned.

Cllr Hunt will check with his legal department for wording for the warning notice.

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**9 Brynbedd Cemetery**

Mr Parfitt, the Vice Chairman, Mr Totterdale and his wife had swept paths at the cemetery prior to Palm Sunday and Cllr Hunt had arranged for the sweeper to be there.

Cllr Hunt said all the bins had been emptied.

Mr Parfitt had quotations from Marko for slabbing an area for the bins, these were £380 and £480 depending on the position. It was RESOLVED to accept his quotation of £480 because the position for the bins was more suitable.

**10 Meetings attended by Councillors**

The Chairman had attended a Governor’s budget meeting at the Welsh School and Mr John a budget meeting at the English School.

**11 Planning Matters**

Application No. P2023/0199

Mr Christian Davies, 82 Dulais Road, Seven Sisters

Proposed single storey rear extension and demolition of existing extension.

Planning sub-committee had no objections.

**12 Correspondence**.

Lord Lieutenant – Invitation to Coronation Thanksgiving – The Chairman could not attend as it was a single invitation.

NPTCBC – Urban Capacity Study – circulated 10.03.23 and reply from Mrs Jones

NPT invitation for the Chairman and guest to attend the Mayor’s Civic Service on 23rd April – accepted.

**13 Clerk’s Report**. Noted.

#  Income £ p

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, March 325.00

C Freeman, March as per contract

L Oliver – Printer and postage 96.62

BT 195.34 inc. VAT

Sutcliffe Play – repair to equipment 196.65 inc. VAT

**14 Land Behind 30 Pen y Banc**

This land and others in the village were discussed as the Chairman had asked if the council wanted the responsibility of ownership. The Clerk was asked to check with Solicitors as to the cost of registering four plots of land. With regard to Mr Pedley, it was agreed to leave the matter until he had statutory rights to take ownership of the land. Mrs Jones asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Price to explain the situation as she had made the original complaint.

# 15 Doctor’s Surgery

The Chairman gave a report which was duly noted and, as Covid was now not prevalent, it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

**16 Any Other Business**

Cllr Hunt said could something be done about the alarm at the hall constantly bleeping.

Cllr Hunt said residents had been cutting the grass outside their properties for some time and had asked if they could get remuneration for this. The Chairman said it would be the responsibility of Tai Tarian, as they owned the properties.

Mr Davies said an empty property in the village still had fridges outside and Cllr Hunt said he would arrange for them to be collected.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chairman: ……………………………… Date: ………………………………

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