**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais..**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th November 2024**

Present: Chair: Mr J Davies

Councillors: Mrs A Bowen, Mr C Davies, Mr E Francis, Cllr S Hunt

Mr D John, Mrs H Jones and Mrs A Price

Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

Before the meeting commenced, council was addressed by members of the Proposed Pen Caer Lan Solar Farm Project. They produced slides showing their intentions for the project, but said they were at the very beginning of the planning application. The application would be ultimately decided by Welsh Government. Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions after their presentation.

As the Chair has resigned and there is no vice-chair the clerk opened the meeting.

**1 To appoint a new Chair and Vice-Chair**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Mr J Davies as Chair and Mr E Francis as Vice-Chair

**2 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr C Hamer

**3 Declarations of Interest**

All CHAOSS members in item 8

**4 To Receive the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th October 2024**

After two adjustments, it was RESOLVED the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

**5 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

**6 To discuss a replacement councillor**

The Clerk had been unsuccessful in contacting Mr M Lewis and the Clerk was asked to email a letter to the Chair who would deliver it by hand. The Clerk was asked to advertise for another councillor to replace Mr Totterdale. Councillors agreed to ask Mr Totterdale to remain as sexton as he had done such a good job, and the clerk was asked to contact him.

**7 Policing Matters**

Mrs Bowen had spoken to the PCSO who said there was not much happening at the moment. Mr C Davies said he had received a letter stating the man who carried out the recent stabbing had received 12 months youth offender’s probation.

**8 Community Hall and CHAOSS**

Mrs Price said the electrical inspection had been started and should be finished on the 8th of the month. She said the boiler tank and component parts had been replaced.

Quotations had been received for replacing windows and doors of approximately £28,000, and a grant to cover 80% of the costs was being investigated. An audit would be needed for this at a cost of £800 which should be reclaimable.

Only one light was working at the MUGA and a Coal Fields Regeneration grant was being investigated, while quotes were awaited,

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The roof was being checked and there may be a grant available in April to cover replacement costs.

The question of whether there was a need for a Legionnaires Disease check was discussed but Mr Francis said as no showers were involved this should not be necessary,

Mr P Parfitt had changed the fire alarm board, which should be tested each week. Mrs Bowen is dealing with the fire extinguisher testing.

The cooker had been serviced and a certificate issued.

Three applications had been received for the post of Hall Co-Ordinator and CHAOSS submitted their recommendations to council, which were approved, Clerk to contact applicant.

Some complaints had been received against members of CHAOSS. After discussion, it was decided that councillors did not feel GDPR had been breached, and a response was drafted which would be approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair before being sent.

Mrs Jones offered her resignation from CHAOSS due to work commitments, which councillors reluctantly accepted.

**9 Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to discuss.

**10 Brynbedd Cemetery**

The sexton had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**11 EDF Energy re Hirfynydd Windfarm and proposed Pen Caer Lan solar farm**

There were no further matters to be discussed.

The Clerk then left the meeting for personal reasons.

**12 School Crossing Patrol**

It was agreed to obtain a new SLA and review it to ascertain if the position could be filled in line with the proposed budget return.

**13 Ynysdawley Viaduct maintenance work – support for the community.**

The matter was not discussed.

**14 Meetings attended by Councillors.**

The matter was not discussed

**15 Planning Matters**

There had been no applications.

**16 Correspondence**.

Dulais Valley Baby Club – circ. 25.10.24 Discussed under item 8

**17 Clerk’s Report**. Approved

# Income £ p

Cemetery 900.00

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, October as per contract

V Watkins, October as per contract

A Lyndsay, October as per contract

E Burgess, October as per contract

Gordon Playground Inspections 390.00 inc. VAT

HMRC – PAYE 582.65

NPTCBC – Trade Refuse 699.08

Audit Wales – external audit 2023/4 200.00

Welsh Water – Hall and cemetery 225.30

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**18 Remembrance Day**

Council discussed arrangements for the day and, due to the newly elected Chair already having previous commitments, the Vice-Chair would lay the wreath on behalf of the council.

**19 Unregistered Land in the village and registration with the RLDP.**

The matter was not discussed.

**20 Renaming the Meeting Room**

This would be discussed at a future meeting.

**21 Any Other Business**

There was no other business

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chair : J Davies Date: 2nd December 2024

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