**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais..**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd December 2024**

Present: Chair: Mr J Davies

 Councillors: Mr C Davies, Mr C Hamer, Cllr S Hunt

Mr D John, Mrs H Jones, Mr M Lewis, Mrs A Price and Mrs K Wood

 Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

The Chair welcomed Mr Marc Lewis to the council

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mrs Bowen and Mr Francis.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

All CHAOSS members in item 7

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

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

The Chair thanked the Vice Chair for laying the wreath at the Remembrance Day service and councillors who attended. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the Fire Brigade for use of their premises. Thanks were given to Mrs Bowen and other Councillors for their help in organising the event.

**5 To consider the proposed budget and set the precept for 2025-6**

After discussion the clerk was asked to let the Chair have figures for a 7, 8 and 9% increase in the precept and it was agreed this would be decided at the January meeting.

**6 Policing Matters**

Mr C Davies had received a letter regarding the recent stabbing which the Chair read out to councillors.

**7 Community Hall and CHAOSS**

 Mrs Price said she had received one quotation for lights of approximately £20k and Cllr Hunt said there were grants available through NPT. It was proposed a meeting be held between CHAOSS and councillors,

The Clerk was asked if she had sent replies to Alyson Lindsay and the Baby Club and replied that she had not had a response from the Vice Chair regarding this. The Chair said he would speak to the Vice Chair.

A CLOSED MEETING WAS THEN HELD RE A SALARY COMPLAINT FROM Victoria Watkins.

Mrs Price said the new Co-Ordinator was starting on the 10th December and asked if Mrs Bowen was to be her Line Manager.

Mrs Price said CHAOSS were able to carry out testing to the alarm systems.

Mrs Price said the craft fair was well attended but asked if councillors could attend these events. She said the money raised would go towards decorating the lounge.

She said transfer of the BMX track was not quite complete and she would advise the clerk when this was finished for insurance purposes.

**8 Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to discuss.

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**9 Brynbedd Cemetery**

Mr Totterdale had declined the offer to remain as Sexton and the Clerk was asked to get a job description and costs from him. After discussion it was RESOLVED to offer a small remuneration for each burial/internment. Clerk to advertise position.

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

There were no further matters to be discussed.

**11 School Crossing Patrol**

The Chair said he and the Vice Chair had met with Mrs Burgess and explained the current situation. He said he was in contact with Joy Smith at NPT regarding the SLA as councillors were not happy with some items on the agreement. Mr John said we are paying for a service we do not legally have to provide and only 56% of the children who attended the schools were actually from Seven Sisters.

The Chair said a meeting may need to be held with the schools and Joy Smith. He said this must be communicated with the villagers incase an accident happened.

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

The Clerk was asked to chase for meeting dates.

**13 Meetings attended by Councillors.**

Remembrance Day was attended by Mrs Bowen, Mr Francis and Cllr Hunt.

Governor’s meetings had been attended by Mr John and Mrs Jones.

**14 Planning Matters**

App. No P2024/0672

Mr S Trollope, 18 Martyn’s Avenue, Seven Sisters

Vary previous conditions

No objections from planning committee

**15 Correspondence**.

The Air Ambulance had requested support and it was RESOLVED to donate £50

**16 Clerk’s Report**. Approved

#  Income £ p

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, November as per contract

E Burgess, November as per contract

H Jones, poppy wreath 27.24

Hartson Fire, extinguishers 156.00 inc. VAT

Zurich Municipal, Insurance 24-25 5059.49

Martin’s Electrical, EICR 800.00

P Harvard, roof 500.00

Martin’s Electrical, outside lights 166.00

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

There was nothing to report

**18 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 : E W Francis Date: 6th January 2025

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