**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais..**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th January 2025**

Present: Chair: Mr E Francis

Councillors: Mrs A Bowen, Mr C Hamer, Mrs H Jones, Mr M Lewis,

Mrs A Price and Mrs K Wood

 Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

Before the meeting commenced, it was regretfully agreed to accept the resignation of Chair Mr J Davies. After discussion, it was RESOLVED that Mr E Francis would become Chair and Mrs H Jones become Vice Chair, both positions until the annual meeting in May.

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were apologies from Mr C Davies, Cllr S Hunt and Mr D John

**2 Declarations of Interest**

All CHAOSS members in item 7

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

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

It was noted that Edith Phillips held the records from Remembrance Day.

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

The Clerk had supplied details of a possible 7, 8 and 9% increase in the precept. After discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the revised budget and increase the precept by 8%.

**6 Co-Option of a New Councillor**

The Clerk had advertised the position but not had any response. It was agreed Councillors would contact people they knew in the village to see if the two Councillors required could be co-opted.

**7 Policing Matters**

It was noted that the ‘Cuppa with a Copper’ sessions had not been well attended.

**8 Community Hall and CHAOSS**

 It appeared that the complaints by Victoria Watkins, Alyson Lindsay and the Baby Club had been resolved, and the matters were closed.

 Volunteers from CHAOSS had painted the lounge. and a new carpet had been ordered. They were thanked for their work. Thanks were also given to Martin Headon and Stephen Bowen for volunteering in a number of ways at the hall, and stressed that without volunteers the hall could not be maintained.

 Mr Phil Parfitt of NiteLite had agreed to maintain the fire alarms for a sum of £150 per annum. It was RESOLVED to accept this quotation, and the Clerk was asked to confirm this.

**9 Recreation Ground**

The Clerk was asked to obtain a breakdown of mowing costs for the current year.

**10 Brynbedd Cemetery**

The Clerk had advertised for a Sexton, without success. She was asked to apologise to Mr Totterdale for the delay in replacing him.

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

There were no further matters to be discussed.

**12 School Crossing Patrol**

After discussion, it was RESOLVED the Chair would sign the agreement to continue with the crossing patrol until the end of July. Chair to contact Joy Smith.

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

The Clerk was asked to chase for meeting dates.

**14 Meetings attended by Councillors.**

Mrs Jones had attended a full afternoon meeting at the English School.

**15 Planning Matters**

There had been no applications.

**16 Correspondence**.

There had been no correspondence.

**17 Clerk’s Report**. Approved

#  Income £ p

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, December as per contract

L Evans, December as per contract

BT 209.72 inc. VAT

Wired Up Wales – domain/hosting 130.00

Wales Air Ambulance – donation 50.00

L Oliver – expenses 39.90 inc. VAT

NPT – mowing 7259.29 inc. VAT

Martin’s Electrical – fault 30.00

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

There was nothing to report

**19 Renaming the Meeting Room**

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr John to ascertain when the sign would be completed.

The Clerk was asked to consider which previous councillors could be invited to attend the event.

**20 Any Other Business**

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange plaques for Mr L Jenkins and Mr J Davies to thank them for their long service to the council. These could possibly be presented when the meeting room was renamed.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chair : E W Francis Date: 3rd February 2025

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