**Seven Sisters Community Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Blaendulais..**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd February 2025**

Present: Chair: Mr E Francis

Councillors: Mrs A Bowen, Mr C Davies, Mr C Hamer, Mr D John,

Mrs H Jones, Cllr S Hunt, Mr M Lewis,

Miss A Price and Miss K Wood

Clerk: Mrs L Oliver

**1 Apologies for Absence**.

There were no apologies.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

All CHAOSS members in item 7. Mrs Jones in item 15.

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

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

**4 Matters Arising**.

There were no matters arising.

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

The Clerk had received an application from Mr Gareth Lias, who was known to a number of councillors. It was RESOLVED to invite him to join the council. The Clerk said she had not been given permission to advertise the second post, but it should be forthcoming within the next week.

**6 To appoint new Bank Signatories**

Miss Price and Miss Wood volunteered to become signatories, and it was RESOLVED to accept them.

**7 Policing Matters**

Mrs Bowen said Police had been present in the car park following biked being stolen.

Miss Wood said groups of teenagers had been seen in the car park sat around smoking, and it was suggested drugs may have been involved.

**8 Community Hall and CHAOSS**

Miss Price said there were leaks in the boiler room although the tank had been changed and other works carried out. Various radiators were not working properly, and the back room was not heated properly. She had not paid the recent invoice for work carried out because there were still faults. She said she had attended a course, re applying for grants. There were numerous other faults at the hall which needed attention. Cllr Hunt said if CHAOSS would pay £8000 they could apply to NPT for a loan of £20000 for the necessary repairs, through the council.

Miss Price said redecoration of the lounge was complete other than putting things on the walls.

**9 Recreation Ground**

Cllr Hunt said straps were loose on an item of equipment.

**10 Brynbedd Cemetery**

The Clerk had not had any responses re the Sexton, Mrs Jones said she would put the advert on social media again on a regular basis. The Chair said he would speak to Mr Totterdale,

Mrs Bowen said representatives were needed for the sub-committee and it was agreed to discuss this next month when the new councillor was present.

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

Mrs Bowen said Pen Caer Lan were booking the hall for a public consultation.

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**12 School Crossing Patrol**

The Chair confirmed Mrs Burgess was back at work until March. It was discussed whether to take a survey or have a public meeting with regards to finance going forward for the position. It was agreed a public meeting would be held with a possible date of 7th March. The Chair said he would arrange an agenda.

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

The Clerk had no response from them re meeting dates. Mr John said he would speak to his contact.

**14 Meetings attended by Councillors.**

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

**15 Planning Matters**

App. No. P2024/0756

Mr Jordan Lloyd, 5 Brynhyfryd Terrace

Part double storey and part single storey rear extensions with flat roofs

Planning committee had no objections

**16 Correspondence**.

Cancer Support Wales, request for a donation - Standing orders would apply

**17 Clerk’s Report**. Approved

# Income £ p

CHAOSS – Rent 7000.00

# Accounts for payment

L Oliver, January as per contract

L Evans, January as per contract

Core Genic HSE Ltd – Fire Risk Assessment 300.00 inc. VAT

HMRC – PAYE 726.00

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

There was nothing to report and Cllr Hunt explained NPT’s position

**19 Renaming the Meeting Room**

Mr John said the plaque would cost £215 and it was RESOLVED to accept this.

Mrs Jones said the choir needed to be contacted regarding available dates and May/June were suggested. Mrs Bowen said she would contact the choir.

**20 Any Other Business**

The Clerk had the plaques which she displayed for councillors. It was agreed to ask Mr Davies and Mr Jenkins to attend the next meeting at 6.15p.m. for presentation.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Chair : E W Francis Date: 3rd March 2025

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