**Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on 3rd August 2020.**

Present: Chairperson: Mrs. S. Coy.

 Councillors: Mr. D. Cawsey, Mr. E. Griffiths, Mr. W.G. Hopkins,

 Mr. A. Jones, Mr. R. Lewis, Mr. G. Llewellyn,

 Mr. T.H. Marston, Mr. L. Reynolds and Mr. S. Thomas.

**188. Apologies for Absence**.

 None. Al l Members present.

**189. Declarations of Interests**.

 Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Thomas in item No. 193.

**190. Matters needing urgent attention**.

 A number of benches at the pond were in a poor state of repair with some needing to be removed. Mr. Keenan to be asked to remove the benches considered to present a danger to the public. Mr. Jones stated that the provision of new benches would be included in the next application to the Benefits Fund.

**191. To confirm the Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on 9th March 2020.**

It was confirmed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting**.**

**192.Matters Arising**.

(i) Due to some confusion Mr. Thomas was unable to view, at Dove Workshop, the planning application for the proposed finished levels at Nant Helen OCCS.

 Mr. Cawsey informed Members that the application by Celtic Energy had been approved. Reinstatement levels will accommodate the Centre of Rail Excellence proposal, if this goes ahead.

(ii) No response from Planning at NPT Council re. Mr. Molem’s activities.

**193. Pantyffordd Hall**.

(i) No further news from NPT Council regarding the lease.

(ii) Council’s insurers had confirmed that the repairs to the roof and floor, following water ingress, could go ahead.

(iii) The Management Committee were considering re-opening the Hall in compliance with Covid 19 Regulations. It was suggested that the playgroup could, perhaps, re-commence in September but the Monday Club may not re-commence until the new year due to the number of persons involved and their advanced ages.

**194. Clerk’s Report**.

 It was RESOLVED that the expenditure since the March Monthly Meeting be approved.

**195. 2019/2020 Annual Return**.

(i) Members approved the 2019/2020 Annual Accounts prepared by the clerk.

(ii) Members accepted the Internal Auditor’s report.

(iii) Members confirmed the Annual Governance Statement.

(iv) The Chairperson signed the Annual Return to the External Auditor.

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**196. Correspondence**.

 Mrs. Lukas, 44 Roman Road, had contacted the Chairperson making a number of requests concerning Members’ and Council’s participation in meetings with regard to the proposed Centre for Rail Excellence. Mrs. Lukas also inquired as to Council’s response to the application for the proposal. The clerk had replied to Mrs. Lukas listing meetings attended by Members and informing Mrs. Lukas that Council supported the application in a letter to NPT Council in accordance with Min.88(i) of the 14th October 2019 Monthly Meeting.

**197. Community Ranger**.

 It was decided to hold a meeting of the Environment Group on Wednesday 12th August 2020 at 6.30pn at Pantyffordd hall when a list of work for Mr. Keenan will be drawn up.

**198. Benefits Fund**.

(i) Most of the materials needed to construct the 2 duck islands had been purchased. These will be constructed by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Keenan and will be completed and floated in the next 3 weeks or so. Materials for the planters need to be ordered.

(ii) Following negotiations between NPT Council and Pennant Walters a Maesgwyn Resilience Fund has been set up as a rapid response to voluntary groups that are not able to put on fund raising events due to the pandemic. There is an application form available and applications of between £250 and £1000 will be considered. The fund is administered by NPT Council.

(iii) Dates for the next round of applications have not yet been decided.

**199. Insurers’ Requirements**.

(i) Playareas, the pond, MUGA, skatepark and cemetery to be inspected fortnightly and findings recorded. It was decided that Mr. Keenan carry out these tasks.

(ii) Trees, in areas where the public have access, to be inspected annually by a qualified arboriculturist. The clerk to obtain a cost for the inspection.

**200. Matters raised by Members**.

(i) Quad bikes. These unlicenced vehicles were being ridden on the old railway path, on Moorlands back lane and on the street at Moorlands. Police had also attended to a complaint at School Road. The clerk to inform the police.

(ii) Dove access. The clerk to order tarmac so that Mr. Keenan can fill the potholes.

(iii) No Horses signs. The Chairperson, Mr. Reynolds and the clerk to meet on Wednesday 4th August in order to mark out the positions.

(iv) Rear of Moorlands. Privately owned land had been disturbed by a resident of the street. The Environmental health Dept. had visited the site and instructed the guilty party to reinstate the ground.

(v) Donation. Mr. Cawsey informed Members that a donation of £500 had been received to be used for maintenance of Council property.

 Chairperson : …………………… Date: …………

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**Clerk’s Report to the meeting to be held on 14th September 2020**.

**Income £ p**

Precept. 31.08.20 7,961.00

Donation . 500.00

VAT refund. 01.10.19 to 31.07. 20 4,186.85

**Expenditure Cheque no.**

B.L. Parfitt, July salary 2439 226. 30

 “ 7 months expenses “ 142.39

Nite Lite, Pantyffordd 2440 438.00 inc.VAT

Glamorgan White Lining, MUGA 2441 480.00 “ “

Screwfix, duck islands, pipes 2442 106.72 “ “

SWALEC, Pantyffordd 2443 142.22 “ “

Mr. Reynolds, duck islands, various materials 2444 102.52 “ “

DOVE, 3 months Ranger’s salary plus fee 2445 3,058.55

Mr. Reynolds, duck islands, various materials 2446 176.23 “ “

**Correspondence**

Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot

**Planning**

P2020/0703

Mr. John Carroll, Arfryn, Intervalley Road.

Location : Old Ty Maesmarchog site.

Application for reserved matters following outline permission granted in 2017

for 6 dwellings.

P2020/0705

Dr. E. O’Shea, Ty Caris, Roman Road.

Details to be agreed as to car parking.

**Balances** **£**

Current account at 21.08.20 61,529

Benefits Fund account at 01.08.20 1,172

Opencast account at 10.08.20 56,972

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