**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on ZOOM on 14th September 2020.**

Present: Chairman: Mr. L. Reynolds.

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

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

Mr. T.H. Marston and Mr. S. Thomas.

**1. Apologies for Absence**.

Mrs. S. Coy.

**2. Declarations of Interests**.

None.

**3. Chairman of the Council for 2020/2021**.

Mr. Reynolds, as Vice Chairman for 2019/2020, confirmed his acceptance of the Chair for 2020/2021. In her absence Mrs. Coy was thanked for her year in office.

**4. Election of Vice Chairman**.

Mr. Lewis was appointed unopposed.

**5. Council’s Bankers**.

It was RESOLVED that Lloyds Bank continue as bankers for 2020/2021.

**6. Responsible Financial Officer**.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk continue in this post for 2020/2021.

**7. Internal Auditor**.

It was RESOLVED that Ridgeway Associates continue in this post for 2020/2021.

**8. Appointments to Outside Bodies and sub-committees**.

It was RESOLVED that the appointments for 2020/2021 be as per the list attached to these minutes.

**9. Chairman’s Allowance**.

It was RESOLVED that the allowance for 2020/2021 be £50. It was agreed that Mrs. Coy’s unspent allowance from 2019/2020 be carried forward to 2020/2021 to be spent at her discretion.

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Members present and apologies: As at the earlier Annual Meeting.

**10. Declaration of Interests**.

Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Thomas in item no. 14. Mr. Jones in item no. 19(iv).

**11. Matters needing urgent attention**.

None.

**12. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd August 2020**.

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

**13. Matters Arising**.

(i) Benches. Benches on the R of W rear of Moorlands and tables around the pond will be included in the application for tree planting along the R of W.

(ii) Insurer’s Requirements – trees.

The clerk was due to meet the arboriculturist in order to obtain a quotation for the inspection of trees on Council land.

(iii) Land rear of Moorlands.

Mr. Cawsey informed members that treatment of the knotweed was included on a list drawn up by NPT Council. Linc Cymru had served notice on car owners to remove abandoned cars.

(iv) Horse riding.

Following the erection of “No Horses” signs complaints had been received from horse riders. Mr. Cawsey had suggested that they write to this Council asking if there are areas of Council owned land on which they can ride.

**14. Pantyffordd Hall**.

There is a request for a children’s party at the end of October. The Management Committee will review the request 2 or 3 weeks before the date taking Covid 19 regulations into account. At present the hall is closed.

**15. Clerk’s Report**.

It was RESOLVED that the expenditure since the August meeting be approved.

**16. Outside Bodies.**

No meetings attended. A Governors’ meeting to be held next week.

**17. Planning Matters**.

There were no objections to the following applications.

P2020/0703

Mr. J. Carroll, Arfryn, Intervalley Road,

Old Ty Maesmarchog site for 6 dwellings.

Decisions on reserved matters following outline permission in 2017.

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Dr. E.O’Shea,, Ty Caris, Roman Road.

Details to be agreed re. on site parking.

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Correspondence.

**18. Electoral Arrangements Review for NPT Council**.

The Boundary Commission’s Final Recommendations have been submitted to

the Welsh Government for consideration. The Commission recommends that the Communities of Crynant, Seven Sisters and Onllwyn be combined and represented by 2 councillors (currently 3). On receipt of the recommendations the Welsh Government may, if it thinks fit, make an order giving effect to the recommendations. The Community Councils of Crynant, Seven Sisters and Onllwyn are not affected by the recommendations.

**19. Benefits Fund**.

(i) Panel Meeting on 25th November.

An application is to be made for tree thinning, cleaning up, planting cherry trees and providing benches on the R of W rear of Moorlands.

(ii) Community Ranger.

The Chairman is currently drawing up a schedule of work including grass cutting, tree planting and thinning, weeding, weed spraying, bulb planting, litter picking etc. on Council owned land, including the cemetery, and at Khartoum Park. The Chairman pointed out that work to the areas listed in the schedule did not fully occupy Mr. Keenan, especially between November and March. Mr. Llewellyn commented that the schedule covered mainly the top end of the Council area and that work at Onllwyn and Pantyffordd can be added. Mr. Cawsey proposed that a meeting take place with Dove, as

Mr. Keenan’s employer, when the Chairman’s schedule can be discussed and a way forward agreed for the allocation of work to Mr. Keenan and the submission of time sheets. He also suggested that quarterly meetings be held with Dove. Mr. Cawsey’s proposal was accepted and he volunteered to arrange the meeting. The Chairman was thanked for his work.

(iii) Purchase of a Van.

The clerk would visit a recommended van salesroom in Abercwmboi.

Mr. Llewellyn’s brother had offered to check over a van before it’s purchased.

(iv) Pond.

Mr. Jones informed Members that the Angling Club were in the early stages of considering an application to the Fund for a second pond to be sited in the area between the existing pond and the quoits pitch. This would be deeper than the existing resulting in larger fish with fishing for adults only. The following points were raised:-

\* Earthworks to be professionally designed.

\* Council permission as land owners.

\* Outline planning permission required.

\* With increased usage toilets, electricity etc. may be required.

\* Contingency plan in the event that the Club winds up.

The Chairman, Mr. Lewis and the clerk will set out pegs showing a possible top water level for the new pond.

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**20. RAVE.**

There had been a huge disruption over the weekend, especially at Roman Road, with drug and alcohol abuse. NPT Council had picked up the rubbish and

Mr. Cawsey had arranged for a COVID 19 testing facility to visit the community.

**21. Matters Raised by Members**.

(i) Trees rear of old Pant Hotel.

Mr. Scully had asked if he could, at his expense, cut down 3 or 4 trees on Council land at the rear of the new build houses. Neighbours had made a similar request for 3 or 4 trees cutting off sunlight in the evening. WPD had visited the site as there is an 11kv o/h line through the trees. A tree felling contractor has been asked to provide a quotation for felling all the trees so that the land could be included in a proposal by DOVE to develop adjoining land rented from this Council. It would appear that the contractor hasn’t provided a quotation due to the work involved. Mr. Cawsey volunteered to speak to

Mr. Will Watson with a view to Celtic Energy felling the trees. A licence from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is required before tree felling as the volume exceeds 5cubic metres. The clerk to make the application to NRW. Mr. Llewellyn would speak to Dove regarding their proposal.

(ii) Cycle tracks at Maesgwyn.

As there are no facilities in the community for young cyclists Mr. Lewis proposed that cycle tracks be established on Maesgwyn with Walters approval and, perhaps, monies from the Benefits Fund. Mr. Lewis volunteered to draw up a map showing suitable locations for the tracks for consideration by Walters.

(iii) Makeshift BMX track.

A suitable location would be on land between the tennis court and the concrete road.

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**Clerk’ Report to the meeting to be held on 12th October 2020**.

**Income £ p**

Cemetery 150. 00

**Expenditure Cheque no.**

HMRC PAYE 2447 333. 60

B.L. Parfitt, salary, August 2448 216. 30

Tarmac for potholes “ 44. 50 inc.VAT

B.L. Parfitt, salary, September 2449 216. 30

Fire extinguisher check, Pantyffordd Hall 2450 115. 80 “ “

**Correspondence**

Arboriculturist’s report on trees for our insurer. Quotation of £825 exc.VAT

Global Centre for Rail Excellence. Pre-application consultation.

“ “ “ “ “ Notices for our noticeboards.

**Planning**

None to date

**Balances £**

Current account at 21.09.20 65,753

Benefits Fund account at 01.09.20 1,172

Opencast account at 21.09.20 56,972

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