**Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 11th April 2022**

Present: Chairman: Mr. S. Thomas.

Councillors: Mr. D. Cawsey, Mrs. S. Coy, Mr. E. Griffiths,

Mr. W.G. Hopkins, Mr. G. Llewellyn, Mr. T.H. Marston and Mr. L. Reynolds.

**162. Apologies for Absence**.

None. All Members present.

**163. Declarations of Interests**.

The Chairman and Mr. Hopkins in item number 168. Mrs Coy in item no.173(ii)

**164. Matters needing urgent attention**.

(i) Mr. Hopkins was concerned that the floor at Pantyffordd Hall could prevent the venue being used as a polling station. The Chairman assured that there was sufficient floor space available for the voting.

(ii) The clerk to contact NPT Council re. the condition of the roadside seat near the Welfare Hall.

**165. Policing Matters**.

(i) Vandalism to windows had taken place at Onllwyn soccer field. The culprits

had been caught on CCTV,

(ii) The Astroturf pitch was being misused. It is now locked and can only be accessed by youngsters if accompanied by an adult.

**166. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th April 2022**.

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

**167. Matters Arising**.

(i) Defib. Cabinets. These had been fitted at the Rugby Club and at Ty Maesmarchog. Mr. Marston suggested that an event be organised in the community advertising the fact that this Council had provided 7 defibs with 3 of these available 24/7.

(ii) Roots on paths at the Pond. Mr. Wheeler had dealt with the problems at the far side of the pond but there were still 1 or 2 similar problems on the Roman Road side. The clerk to speak to Mr. Wheeler.

(iii) Barn Owl boxes. Mr. Hinder had confirmed that monies underspent from the Benefits Grant could be used for 2 similar boxes at the Gardening Club.

**168. Pantyffordd Hall**.

The clerk had been informed by Gallaghers, Council’s insurers, that AXA have been asked for a leak detection firm to undertake a visit.

**169. Clerk’s Report**.

It was RESOLVED that the expenditure for March 2022 be approved.

**170. Outside Bodies**.

It was reported that the school were to have some new play equipment.

**171. Planning Matters**.

None.

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**Correspondence**.

**172. Result of uncontested elec**tion.

NPT Council had provided the following list of persons elected :-

Mr. Cawsey, Mrs. Coy, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Llewellyn,

Mr. Thomas and Ms. Thompson.

The clerk to advertise for applications from eligible persons interested in being co-opted onto the Council. Applications to be considered at the May 2022 Annual/Monthly Meeting when 3 persons will be selected to fill the vacancies.

**173. Benefits Fund**.

(i) The Pond There was a need for CCTV cameras, solar powered, at the Pond following the theft of fish. Mr. Jones would make enquires as to the cost and pass to the clerk for discussion with Mr. Hinder as to eligibility.

(ii) Community Ranger. This Council had received Mr. Cawsey’s £10,000 NPT Council grant which Mr. Cawsey was contributing to the cost of the Community Ranger. This will ensure his employment until late 2023. At the Panel meeting held on 13th March last Mr. Hinder stated that a second application to the Fund for the continued employment of the Community Ranger will be considered in late 2023.

(iii) Spring Clean. The clerk will speak to Mr. Wheeler.

(iv) Pageant. This is to take place on 21st and 22nd May next.

(v) Drainage to new play area. The clerk and Mr. Hinder are due to meet the contractor tomorrow, 12th April, in order to agree a starting date.

(vi) New play area. At the Panel meeting held on 13th March last Council’s application for £72,963 was approved. It is proposed to start work in early June. The £92,963 cost of the play area will be met as follows: - £

Benefits Fund 72,963

NPT Community Minor Projects Grand 14,000

OCC from reserves 6,000

92,963

**174. Queen’s Jubilee**.

It was decided to contribute £500 (£250each) towards events to be held at Dyffryn Cellwen and Pantyffordd.

**175. Lease of land to Mr. Harvard**.

Mr Harvard requested an extension to the lease as the site needed money spent on fencing and some work to the temporary building. The clerk to speak to Mr. Harvard as to exactly what work is proposed.

**176. Matters raised by Members**.

Following Mr. Marston’s suggestion, it was agreed that a photograph be taken of Council Members following the election.

Chairman…………………….. Date………………….

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**Clerk’s Report to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 16th May 2022.**

**Income £ p**

Dove. Rent of land and Community Centre. 3 months. 662. 50

VAT refund up to 31.03.22 9,669. 93

Banwen Gardening Club. Rent. 25. 00

Mrs. Lukas. Rent. 50. 00

Benefits Fund. Defib cabinets . 820. 00

“ “ New play area. 72,963. 00

Cllr. Cawsey’s NPT Council grant. Ranger. 10,000. 00

**Expenditure Cheque no.**

T.G. Jones. Welder. Barn Owl boxes. 2568 460. 00

Welsh Water. Pantyffordd. 2569 50. 47 “ “ Cemetery “ 8. 36

SSE. Pantyffordd. 2570 76. 81 incl. VAT

B.L. Parfitt. April. 2571 226. 30

**Correspondence**

Annual insurance renewal premium £2,662. 43 (£2,465. 57 last year).

Cllr. Ms. A. Thompson. Request to rent land formerly rented to Mr. Eric Jones.

Cllrs. Mr. S. Hunt and Ms. S. Harris. Offer to attend a meeting, if asked.

**Planning**

None to date.

**Account Balances £**

Current account at 06.05.22 168,183 \*\*

Opencast account at 11.05.22 58,981

Benefits account at 11.05.22 4,149

\*\* Includes

Cllr. Cawsey’s £10,000. Drainage £23,317. Play area £72,963.

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