**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on ZOOM on 14th February 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.

**131. Apologies for Absence**.

None.

**132. Declarations of Interests**.

The Chairman and Mr. Hopkins in item no. 137. Mrs. Coy in item no**.** 146(i).

**133. Matters needing urgent attention**.

None.

**134. Policing Matters**.

Mrs. Coy had received complaints of anti-social behaviour and acts of vandalism carried out by a few youths at Roman Road. Mrs. Coy had informed the complainant that whilst the Council has no powers to act against the perpetrators the problem would be brought to Council’s attention at this meeting. Mr. Cawsey informed that the police were aware of the issues and had spoken to the family. It is essential that problems of this kind are reported to the police on telephone number 101 so that resources can be deployed.

**135. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th January 2022.**

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

**136. Matters Arising**.

(i) Trees rear of the old Pant. Trees had been felled and left on site. An employee of NRW had visited the site, following a complaint , and had spoken to Mr. Llewellyn. His report, he said, would state that the trees were non-native and could present a danger to the houses. Nothing had since been heard from NRW. Most of the property owners had paid their contribution towards the £1,500 cost of the work. Mrs. Coy commented that the felled trees looked unsightly. Mr. George Evans had made a similar observation. There was a disused building on site, previously used by Mr. Eric Jones, which needed to be removed.

(ii) Defibrillators. A quotation of £1,160 had been received from Defib World for batteries etc. following their inspection by Calon Hearts. Since, however, the Wales Ambulance Authority had visited the Community and replaced all batteries and pads free of charge. The locations of the defibs are now displayed on line on the National Defibrillator Network. External locked cabinets have been ordered for the Rugby Club and for Ty Maesmarchog.

(iii) Dove playground. Swing seats had been ordered. There was difficulty in obtaining suitably sized timber to replace that which had rotted.

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**137. Pantyffordd Hall**.

Following an inspection of the floor, following the last meeting, it was considered that the problem was caused by the failure of the damp course under the concrete on which the floorboards sit as there was no sign of water having leaked through the roof/ceiling. Council’s insurers had been informed. The Chairman had visited the hall today and the problem had worsened. Boiler was on low heat.

**138. Clerk’s Report**.

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

**139. Outside Bodies**.

None attended.

**140. Planning Matters**.

None.

**Correspondence.**

**141.Mr. R. Lewis.**

Mr. Lewis had tendered his resignation citing family and work commitments. The clerk to write and thank him for his services. As there is an election in May there is no need to advertise for persons interested in being co-opted to the Council.

**142. Cwmdulais Historical Society**.

It was decided to refuse the Society’s request for a donation as meetings had not been held and, therefore, no expenses incurred since the last donation.

**143.** **Grounds Maintenance**.

An invoice in the sum of £3,476.18(excl.VAT) had been received for 2021/2022. The charge for 2020/2021 was £3,408.02.

**144.** **Queen’s Jubilee**.

An email from HM Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan provided information on beacons to celebrate the Jubilee. Members suggested that children be given a memento of the occasion. This to be placed on the agenda for the March meeting.

**145. Paths on land above Onllwyn**.

NPT Council informed that the process of having the paths classed as Rs of W has been going on for 5 years and is still ongoing.

**146. Benefits Fund**.

(i) Community Ranger. If NPT Council approve his application, Mr. Cawsey will donate his £10,000 grant towards the Ranger project. This being the case, Dove calculate that this will extend the project to late 2023.

(ii) Rear of Moorlands. Andrew Jones has submitted his final account but has still to complete a small amount of fencing.

(iii) New playground drainage. To start when the weather improves.

(iv) New Playground. A draft lease has been passed to NPT Legal by the Rugby Club’s solicitors. This is being examined. This application to the Benefits Fund will be considered at the meeting on 23rd March next.

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**147. Cemetery Fence**.

The clerk to ask Spick and Span to carry out the repairs.

**148. Matters raised by Mr. Wheeler**.

(i) Roots damaging the path near the pond. The clerk and Mr. Wheeler to inspect.

(ii) Horse riders near the tennis court. A “ no horses sign ” to be erected.

Chairman :……………………… Date :………………

**Clerk’s Report to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 14th March 2022.**

**Income £ p**

None since the February meeting.

**Expenditure Cheque no.**

SSE. Pantyffordd 2556 135. 89 inc.VAT

A. Jones Plant. Moorlands fencing 2557 1,158. 24 “ “ Swing seats. Dove playground 2558 129. 96 “ “ B.L. Parfitt. February 2559 226. 30

NPT Council. Grounds Maintenance 21/22 2560 4,171. 42 “ “

**Correspondence**

NPT Planning Local Development plan. Call for Candidate Sites.

NPT Rights of Way above Onllwyn.

NPT Returning Officer. Preparations for the May elections.

**Planning.**

None to Date.

**Account Balance**s. £

Current Account at 09.02.22. 64,275

Opencast Account at 05.02.22. 56,980

Benefits Account at 04.03.22. 3,093

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