**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 14th March 2022**

Present: Chairman: Mr. S. Thomas.

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

 Mr. W.G. Hopkins, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. G. Llewellyn,

 Mr. T.H. Marston and Mr. L. Reynolds.

**149. Apologies for Absence**.

 All Members present.

**150. Declarations of Interests.**

 The Chairman and Mr. Hopkins in item no.154. Mrs. Coy in item no. 159(i).

**151. Policing Matters**.

None.

**152. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 14th February 2022** It was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

**153. Matters Arising**.

(i) Defib cabinets. These had been delivered for external fitting to the Rugby Club and to Ty Maesmarchog.

(ii) Paths on land above Onllwyn. A draft report had been submitted for approval before going to the responsible committee at NPT Council. This will be considered after the election.

(iii) Cemetery fence. Mr. Wheeler will have a look at what can be done.

(iv) No horses sign. Not yet delivered due to a shortage of posts. The Chairman had a post available.

(v) Roots on paths at the Pond. It was suggested that these be removed using a suitable hired machine.

**154. Pantyffordd Hall.**

Nothing had been heard from Council’s insurers. The Chairman reported that the problem had worsened with the damp course, some now visible under the boards, appearing to be damaged. The clerk to ask Phil Harvard to take up more boards in order to further assess the damage.

**155. Clerk’s Report**.

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

**156. Outside Bodies**.

 None attended.

**157. Planning Matters**.

 A letter from NPT Council re. the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) (2021-2036) asked for suggestions for sites for new uses such as housing, retail, leisure etc. No suggestions were made.

**Correspondence**.

**158. May Elections Update**.

 The pre-election period (purdah) starts on 28th March and ends on the 5th May

 Council Meetings can continue during this period but politically sensitive or significant decisions should be avoided.

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**159. Benefits Fund**.

 A Panel meeting is to be held on 23rd March with the only application being from this council for the new play area in the sum of £72,963.

(i) Community Ranger. Mr. Wheeler is busy on the community garden, grass cutting and clearing fallen trees from the woodland walk.

(ii) Roman Pageant. Mrs. Coy had made enquiries with the performers who were available on 21st and 22nd May next with the cost, including school involvement, being £5,000. There is £3,000 remaining to be spent from the original Benefits Fund grant. The clerk suggested that the £2,000 shortfall could be met as follows:-

 £1,500 savings in the budget for grounds maintenance.

 £500 from reserves.

 Members agreed that the Pageant should take place.

(iii) Spring Clean. There is £650 remaining to be spent from the original grant which will finance 2 skips. It was decided to arrange a date at the April meeting.

(iv) Barn Owl Boxes. There is £836 remaining to be spent from the original grant. Mr. Llewellyn suggested that 2 boxes could be placed at the Gardening Club. Members agreed to this suggestion. Mr. Reynolds would make the necessary arrangements.

**160. Queen’s Jubilee**. It was decided not to purchase mugs, medals, etc. but to contribute towards the cost of events being put on in the community.

**161. Ukraine**.

 It was decided to contribute £100 to a charity raising funds for the people of Ukraine.

 Chairman……………………….. Date…………………

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**Clerk’s Report to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 11th April 2022**

**Income £ p**

None since the March meeting

**Expenditure Cheque no.**

RFC Fireworks. Replacing lost 2532. 2561250. 00

Ukraine Fund. 2562 100. 00

No horses sign. 2563 126. 00 incl.VAT

HMRC. PAYE . 2564 333. 60

B.L. Parfitt. March 2565 226. 30

SSE. Pantyffordd. Replacing lost 2556. 2566 135. 89

White line across Pantyffordd access. 2567 250. 00

**Correspondence**

None to date.

**Planning**

None to date.

**Account Balances £**

Current account at 21.03.2022. 80,202 This includes £18,317 for drainage.

Opencast account at 09.03.2022. 56,981

Benefits account at 09.04.2022. 85,619 This includes Mr. Cawsey’s £10,000

 and £72,963 for the playground.

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