**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12th September 2022**.

Present: Chairman: Mr. S. Thomas.

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

Mr. W.G. Hopkins, Mr. L. Reynolds

and Ms. A. Thompson.

Meet and Greet were unable to attend this meeting.

**61. Apologies for Absence**.

Mr. A. Jones, Mr. G. Llewellyn and Ms. R. Stone.

**62. Declarations of Interests**.

Mr. W.G. Hopkins and the Chairman in item no.67

Mrs. Coy and Ms. Thompson in item no. 76(i)

**63. Matters needing urgent attention**.

(i) Mr. Reynolds reported fly tipping at the rear of Roman Road. The clerk to report this to NPT Council and to Linc Cymru.

(ii) The clerk to suggest to DOVE that it provide a book of condolences for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

**64. Policing Matters**.

The clerk to make enquiries as to future dates and venues for Cuppa with a Copper.

**65. To confirm the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th July 2022**.

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

**66. Matters Arising**.

(i) Welfare Film. DVD’s are now available to purchase on line at £12.95each at [www.2tenbooks.com](http://www.2tenbooks.com) The clerk to request that the Welfare put on a free showing.

(ii) Mr. Marston. Since the July meeting Mr. Marston had informed the clerk that he was not interested in receiving a plaque in recognition of his services.

(iii) Old Ty Maesmarchog site. The clerk to make an official request to NPT Council as to the reason why the building works are on stop.

(iv) Khartoum Park. NPT Council had trimmed the hedge overhanging the footpath. NPT Council had made enquires as to who had cut the grass overgrowing the sides of the path through the site. This had been carried out by Mr. Wheeler on behalf of this Council. The clerk to request that, in future, NPT Council carry out this essential task on a regular basis.

(v) Trees. R. Pugh Ltd. had been thanked for donating £200 worth of trees to this Council. This was arranged by Ms. Stone.

(vi) Moorlands. Gates still needed to be placed.

**67. Pantyffordd Hall**.

The specialist company (Revival) employed by Council’s Insurers have submitted their report stating that a water leak in the nearby roof guttering is causing water to enter the building thus saturating the concrete under the floorboards with the result that the floorboards have risen.

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Revival have received approval from the Insurers to proceed with work on the claim involving the removal of the damaged flooring and drying the area. Council will then need to seek quotations for the re-laying of the timber flooring with the cost added to Council’s claim.

Mr. Hopkins and the clerk disputed Revival’s report and put forward their opinion that the damage was caused by a breakdown of the underlying damp course. Insurers replied that Revival had lifted one of the damaged floorboards near the wall discovering that there was a felt underlay that, they suspect, was used as a water barrier. This had split and failed and the concrete slab was saturated. Insurers stated that, unfortunately, any preventative damproofing works required will not be something they can assist with.

Insurers have invoiced Council for £250 which is the excess on the annual policy. It was decided to pay the excess so that Revival’s work can proceed. The clerk was asked to inform the Insurers that if this problem persists, following repairs to the guttering, then Council will submit a further claim.

**68. Clerk’s Report**.

It was RESOLVED that the expenditure of July and August 2022 be approved.

**69. Members on Outside Bodies**.

(i) Nant Helen.

Mr. Reynolds, as Council’s representative on the Nant Helen Site, had attended a meeting at Onllwyn Welfare called by residents of Pantyffordd overlooking the overburden stockpile. County Councillors Mr. Hunt and Ms. Harris were at the meeting. Plant had worked on the stockpile for several months removing part of the front at the higher level. Plant had since been removed but the height of the stockpile does not seem to have been reduced, as originally promised.

Mr. Hunt informed the meeting that Powys CC were the Planning Authority dealing with Nant Helen site and he will request the Powys CC Director of Planning attend a further meeting. A date has not yet been fixed.

Since the meeting Mr. Reynolds had ascertained that the agreed current planning consent stipulates that the stockpile be reduced by only 18m. This seems to be as a result of Celtic Energy claiming that the restoration fund does not contain enough funds for the complete removal of the stockpile.

(ii) Maesmarchog School.

Mr. Cawsey, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Llewellyn are to attend the Governors’ AGM on Thursday next.

**70. Planning Matters**

Barn on Camnant Road.

NPT Planning had informed that they were investigating this matter.

**Correspondence**.

**71. Banwen Pony Club**.

A letter from the Club requested a donation of £79 to cover rosettes and sashes for their annual show. It was decided to grant the request under powers contained in Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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**72. Benefits Fund**.

(i) Panel Meeting.

The following applications are to be considered at the Panel Meeting to be held on Wednesday next :-

Onllwyn Welfare CCTV cameras. £2,377

Onllwyn CC 2 defibrillators. £3,190

Banwen Gardening Club bees and hives £1,544

(ii) New Council Play Area at the RFC.

Mr. Cawsey and the clerk had met with representatives of the Rugby Club on 23rd Aug. in order to discuss grass cutting. The Club are prepared to cut the grass and following an assessment of time taken, fuel used, etc. will provide a cost for Council’s consideration.

An invoice for £619.16 had been received from Council’s Insurers for cover of the new play area up to the Annual renewal date in June 2023. This will add some £750 to the annual premium.

It was agreed some time ago that Mr. D. Watts could place a bench on the play area in remembrance of Mrs. Amrar. The clerk suggested that rather than buying a bench, not in keeping with the new benches on site, that a plaque be placed on one of the new benches, paid for by Mr. Watts. Members agreed to this suggestion. The clerk will contact Mr. Watts for his views.

It was decided to remove the play equipment at the play area on Moorlands.

**73. Environment Group**.

A number of projects mentioned in the EG report are on going. It was decided to hold off on the proposal to erect a dry stone wall on the verge opposite Ty Maesmarchog until more is known about the extent of the Global Centre for Rail Excellence.

**74. Remote meeting facilities**.

Mr. Cawsey volunteered to look into this.

**75. Members’ photograph**.

No longer required.

**76. Matters raised by Members**.

(i) Ms. Thompson. It was agreed that Ms. Thompson have use of approx. 1 hectare of wooded land near the pond, free of rent, for a community project involving children.

(ii) Ms. Stone. Residents of Roman Road were complaining that the new resident at no. 1 had at least 6 cars plus a caravan and van parked in the lane at the side of his property and on Roman Road. This is causing a hazard to vehicles travelling via the lane onto and from Roman Road. Ms. Stone appreciated that Council have no powers to act in such a case. It was decided to seek a meeting with Linc Cymru, owners of the lane.

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(iii) Mr. Llewellyn. There were a number of “no dogs” signs on the Rugby Club grounds but owners were still walking their dogs along the path at the side of artificial pitch past the play area and onto the car park, sometimes without using leads. Members agreed that dogs should not be allowed near the play area but decided that this was a matter for the Rugby Club.

Chairman :…………………….. Date :……………………

**Clerks Report to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 10th October 2022**.

**Income £ p**

NPT Council Minor Projects Grant **(**for play area **)** 14,000. 00

**Expenditure Cheque no.**

B.L. Parfitt. August 2581 226. 30

Insurance. New play area 2582 619. 16

HMRC. PAYE 2583 333. 60

B.L. Parfitt. September 2584 218. 50

Banwen Pony Club 2585 79. 00

Insurance excess. Pantyffordd 2586 250. 00

**Correspondence**

NPT Council Old Ty Maesmarchog Site.

Rhian Marston Objection to the development of land on the RLDP

Council’s Solicitor Lease conditions etc. Banwen RFC.

Mr. Paul Hinder Banwen RFC Toddler’s playground.

SW Police Cuppa with a Copper on 27th Oct. 10.00 to 11.00am.

Wales Valuation Office. Lease/rent details of Pantyffordd Hall.

**Planning Matters**.

None to date.

**Account Balances**. **£**

Current Account as at 21.09.22. 38,529. 08.

Benefits Account at 30.09.22. 7.889. 65.

Opencast Account as at 09.09.22. 56,986. 98.

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