**Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on 10th October 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. L. Reynolds, Ms. R. Stone and Ms. A. Thompson.

It was noted that Mr. Hopkins had attended the September meeting.

Meet and Greet did not attend this meeting.

**77. Apologies for Absence**. Mrs. Coy on leaving the meeting early.

**78. Declarations of Interests**.

The Chairman and Mr. Hopkins in item no. 83.

Mr. Cawsey, Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Jones in item no. 87.

**79. Matters needing urgent attention**.

(i) Alterations to the gate and fence on the land rented to Mr. Joshua Williams have not been carried out.

(ii) The right of way from the lane at the rear of No. 2 Moorlands down to the old railway bridge needed attention. The clerk to contact Jon Griffiths of NPT Council.

**80. Policing Matters**.

A Cuppa with a Copper had been arranged for 10.00am on the 27th Oct. next at Dove.

**81. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12th Sept. 2022**.

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

**82. Matters Arising**.

(i) Old Ty Maesmarchog site. An email from NPT Council informed that the development was served with a stop notice on 3rd March 2022 for breaching the Flood Water Management Act as they had failed to obtain the necessary SAB (Sustainable Drainage Approving Body) approval for the project. This is a requirement in addition to planning approval The developer has since submitted an SAB application which NPT Council has turned down due to it not complying with the legislation.

(ii) Old Moorlands Playground. It was decided to keep this in place until the toddlers’ project is completed at the RFC.

(iii) Gates on old railway R of W. To be placed in the next 2 weeks or so.

(iv) Dog Walkers on RFC path. Mr. Norman Thomas had informed the clerk that the issue with dogs was difficult to enforce and had always been a problem. Mr. Griffiths stated that dogs were kept on leads and not allowed to walk on the grass.

Problems with dogs fouling the play area to be reported to the Dog Warden.

(v) Roman Road parking. The clerk was awaiting a reply from Linc Cymru regarding a site meeting.

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**83. Pantyffordd Hall**.

Revival, employed by Council’s insurers, are due on site tomorrow, the 11th  October, to remove the damaged flooring and to dry out the underlying concrete.

**84. Clerk’s Report**.

It was RESOLVED that the expenditure in September 2022 be approved.

**85. Members on Outside Bodies**.

Mr. Reynolds was shortly due to attend a meeting regarding the stockpile at Nant Helen.

**86. Planning Matters**.

A copy of a letter, addressed to NPT Planning, objecting to the development of land on the RLDP had been received from Miss Rhian Marston.

**Correspondence**.

**87.** **Banwen RFC/PTA**. A letter had been received requesting a donation of £300 towards the cost of the fireworks display on 4th November next. It was decided to grant the request under powers contained in S137 of the LGA 1972.

**88. “The Flower Pots”.** A letter had been received from this group of children requesting funds for planting flowers and bulbs in the Council pots around the area. The clerk to ask the Group as to the sum of money required.

**89. Mr. R. Jeremiah**. A letter had been received listing areas in the community requiring attention to the highway drainage and to Welsh Water MH covers. The clerk had informed Mr. Jeremiah that he needed to contact NPT Council and Welsh Water.

**90. Benefits Fund**.

(i) Council play area at RFC.

\* Clause 4 of the Transfer of Land document from the British Coal Corporation to the Club states that if any part of the premises is to be used for any purpose, other than as a rugby club in the future, then BCC must be notified and made party to any related lease.

This Council’s solicitors (NPT Legal) had pointed this out to the Club’s solicitor who had responded that, in their opinion, Clause 4 does not need to be adhered to. Council’s solicitors do not agree with this interpretation and advised that an indemnity insurance policy be entered into to protect against an event whereby the BCC makes a claim in the future.

The indemnity insurance would be a one off payment and the clerk had made enquiries with Council’s insurers as to the cost.

\* A quotation of £5,000 per annum had been received from the Club for the maintenance of the new play area, skate park and the area adjacent to DOVE. It was agreed that Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Wheeler meet with the Club and discuss what is required as to areas and intervals between grass cutting.

(ii) RFC Toddlers’ play area. It was agreed that Council cover the cost of the annual play equipment inspection.

It was confirmed that Council will match fund the Club’s application in the sum of £6,000 as resolved at minute no. 124 of Council’s meeting of 12th April 22 3

**91. Remote Facilities**.

Mr. Cawsey reported that the approximate cost of equipment to provide the service would be £1,800. Mr. Cawsey was making further enquires.

**92. Matters raised by Members**.

Ms. Thompson brought to Members’ attention the fact that Mr. John Payne, Maesmarchog House, Roman Road, was claiming that an area of land at the rear of his house, on which he had a shed etc., was part of his property. This is not the case as the land belongs to this Council as shown on plans provided by the Land Registry. The clerk to write to Mr. Payne requesting that he removes his shed and other equipment.

Chairman :……………………… Date :………………

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

**Income. £ p**

Cemetery 300. 00

Dove. Rent of Banwen CC 625. 00

Dove. 3 months rent of land 37. 50

Benefits Fund. 2 defibs 3,190. 00

**Expenditure. Cheque no.**

B.L. Parfitt. October 2597 226. 30

Banwen RFC/PTA. Fireworks 2598 300. 00

Dove. Ranger. 01.07.2022 to 30.09.2022 2599 4,379. 01

The Defib Store. 2 defibs 2600 3,567. 60 incVAT

NPT Council. Election charges 2601 75. 00

SSE. Pantyffordd 2602 105. 92

Welsh Water. Cemetery 2603 31. 22

“ “ Pantyffordd “ 62. 50

**Planning Matters**. None.

**Correspondence.**

Auditor General for Wales Report on audit of 2020/2021 Accounts **.**

Dove Request for funds towards roof repairs.

Dulais Valley Action Group Request to meet Members re. the Hirfynydd Energy Park.

Ms. A. Lovett Request to rent land at Roman Road.

NPT Council Right of Way. Moorlands to old railway bridge.

**Account Balances**. **£**

Current Account as at 27.10.22 32,070

Benefits Account as at 27.10.22 2,937

Opencast Account as at 10.10.22 56,989 4