**Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on 14th November 2022.**

Present : Chairman : Mr. S. Thomas.

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

Mr. W.G. Hopkins, Mr. G. Llewellyn, Mr. L. Reynolds, Ms. R. Stone and Ms. A. Thompson.

Meet and Greet had decided to not pursue their proposals at this time.

**93. Apologies for Absence**.

Mr. A. Jones.

**94. Declarations of Interests**.

The Chairman and Mr. Hopkins in item No. 99. Ms. Thompson in item no.98(iii). Mr. Cawsey and Ms. Thompson in item no.103(i).

**95. Matters needing urgent attention**.

There was a problem with water running over the tarmac path near the pond. The clerk to ask Mr. Wheeler to investigate.

**96. Policing Matters**.

The Cuppa with a Copper meeting had been cancelled. A new date had been promised.

**97. To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th October 2022**.

With item 91 amended to read *“Mr. Cawsey reported that the approximate cost* *of equipment to provide the service* *would be £1,800. It was decided to take no further action at this time”* it was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

**98. Matters Arising**.

(i) R of W at Moorlands. Jon Griffiths had looked at the path and he considered that it looked fine and hadn’t changed since it was last inspected. Cllr. Griffiths pointed out that the path was not stoned and in wet weather it was in poor condition. It was decided that this Council pay for the path to be stoned. Mr. Griffiths’s advice to be sought re. the position with the land owner.

(ii) Gates on the Old Railway R of W.

These had been erected. The hinge on the field gate needed to be welded for security.

(iii) The “Flower Pots”

It was decided to purchase 1000 tulip bulbs at a cost of £250 for planting in the community. Ms. Thompson will purchase the bulbs. Mrs. Coy advised that the flower pots distributed about the community catered for summer and winter flowering.

(iv) Grass Cutting. Mr. Reynolds will speak to the RFC regarding the areas near the Dove.

(iv) Gate and Fence for Mr. Joshua Williams. Spick and Span will carry this out in the next few weeks.

2

**99. Pantyffordd Hall**.

The damaged flooring had been taken up and disposed of and the damp concrete had been dried using hot air heaters over several days. Mr. Thomas had noticed, in the recent very wet weather, that the drain along the outside wall was blocked causing water to rise towards the building. This may have been the cause of the dampness, and not a leak in the roof gutter. However, it is more likely that the DPC has failed. Mr. Thomas had arranged for sandbags to be placed against the door and for the drain to be unblocked. It was decided to inspect the floor, once the drain is unblocked, and to report to the December meeting.

**100. Clerk’s Report**.

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

**101. Members on Outside Bodies**.

Mr. Reynolds informed that a meeting had taken place at Nant Helen when the new owners were in attendance. There were no planners present from Powys CC to discuss the stockpile, so there was little point in Mr. Reynolds attending the meeting.

**102. Planning Matters**.

Nothing further to report on the Ty Maesmarchog development.

**103. Correspondence**.

(i) Dove. A letter from Dove requested that Council pay for, or towards, the replacement of the flat roof at the rear of the building. The clerk had been informed that enquiries had been made with their insurers but, as the roof is more than 15 years old, they had no responsibility for renewing the roof. However, they were prepared to pay for the internal damage caused by the leak. Dove had had difficulties in finding roofers to quote for the work but one had been found and had quoted £2,450. It was decided that Council pay for the work on condition that 3 quotations are produced showing cost of materials, cost of labour, VAT if applicable, and materials specification.

(ii) External Audit – 2020/2021 Accounts.

The Auditor’s opinion on his review of the Annual Return and Accounts states, in short, *“In my opinion no matters have come to my attention giving cause for concern.”*

(iii) Hirfynydd Energy Park.

A letter from The Dulais Valley Action Group requested a meeting with this Council in order to discuss the Park. It was agreed that members of the Group be invited to attend the December meeting.

(iv) Rent of Land.

It was decided to refuse the request from Ms. A. Lovett to rent land on Sarn Helen adjacent to No. 65 Roman Road.

3

**103. Benefits Fund.**

(i) Council play area at RFC - Indemnity Insurance.

Council’s insurers had requested a copy of the Transfer dated 17th July 1990 between (1) The Coal Industry Estates, (2) The Trustees of Banwen RFC and (3) The British Coal Corporation. The clerk was awaiting a copy of this Transfer from Council’s solicitor at NPT Council.

(ii) Grass cutting.

A meeting with the RFC is needed to decide on cutting frequency.

(iii) 2 Defibs. One had been fitted at the Welfare, the other was ready for fitting to the Dyffryn.

**104. Matters Raised by Members**.

(i) Council owned land – Mr. Payne.

At the November meeting the clerk was asked to write to Mr. Payne requesting that he remove his shed and equipment. Since the meeting, following concerns expressed by Mr. Llewllyn, it was decided at a site meeting to further discuss this item. It was decided to seek advice from Council’s solicitor at NPT Council as to any course of action Mr. Payne could take to retain use of the land due to his unrestricted occupation over many, many years.

(ii) Linc Cymru.

Ms. Stone, Ms. Thompson and the clerk met 2 representatives of Line Cymru on 10th November last. They confirmed the following:-

\* A quotation was being sought for the filling in/drainage of the large puddles.

\* Transport would be provided in the spring to remove fly tipping thus deterring further fly tipping.

\* Funds would become available in the Spring to carry out additional work.

The clerk to conform with LC.

Linc Cymru own 8 properties at Roman Road.

Chairman………………………….. Date………………………..

4

**Clerk’s Report to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 12th December 2022**.

**Income. £ p**

Cemetery 150. 00

**Expenditure. Cheque No**.

B.L. Parfitt, November 2604 226. 30

SSE Pantyffordd 2605 105. 92 inc. VAT

Spoilt cheque 2606 ---------

**Planning Matters**.

No. P2022/0970

Mrs. E. Fry, 45 Main Road.

Demolition of rear extension and the construction of a new extension.

**Correspondence.**

NPT Council Solicitor Advice re. land rear of Roman Road.

R of W Moorlands Advice re. working on private land.

NPT Council Request for Precept.

Dove Request for a donation for their Winter

Wonderland Walk.

**Account Balances. £**

Current Account at 21.11.22. 31,695

Benefits Account at 30.11.22. 2,479

Opencase Account at 09.11.22. 56,995

5