**Clyne and Melincourt Community Council - Cyngor Cymuned Clyne and Melincourt Community Council**

The Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting held by teleconference

on Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 6pm

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| **1.** | Record of councillors present and apologies for absence  Present: Clerk; K Thomas  Cllrs G. Francis; M. Hopkins and C. Lake  NPT Cllr D. Lewis  Apologies: Cllr I. Jones and D. Rosser |
| **2.** | **Disclosure and confirmation of declarations of interest**  **None disclosed** |
| **3.** | **To Confirm the Minutes 30th September 2020** Cllrs M. Hopkins and C. Lake |
| **4.** | **To discuss the following from the minutes**  10/20/18 **Report received Natural Resources Wales: Deposit of Tyre Bales at Lletty Dafydd Clyne.**  The Council has not yet received a conclusive report from NPT Enforcement  Npt Cllr Dean Lewis reported that there is evidence of Knot Weed on the site. Cllr Lewis considered that potential development of this site would be complicated.  10/20/19 **Report of Dumping at Residential Property**  Council Request NPT Cllr Dean Lewis to pursue investigation with NPT Enforcement. Council had received report  NPT Cllr Dean Lewis reported response received from S.Ball  NPT Development Manager Planning who replied that “We remain active in our investigations of this site with the likely consequence that we shall prepare a report to take action against the owner of the residential property. The Senior Officer Mr Steve Jenkins has also been informed of progress.  Further to this,  Npt Cllr Dean Lewis reported that resident had displayed a small sign on his property promoting his business.  Council awaiting further progress  10/20/20 **Signage on Ynysnedd Hill, New Road,** removed by hedge cutting at Ynys Nedd Farm. NPT Cllr Dean Lewis instructed NPT Highways to remove debris. Sign has not been restored since Autumn last year. Council urged Cllr Dean Lewis to investigate since this is a particularly hazardous area on the B4434  Cllr D. Lewis has contacted Adrian Moore; Martin Brumby, NPT Engineering and Transport Officer; 01639/868013, m.brumby@npt.gov.uk  10/20/21**Update from Melin Court Windfarm.** Cllr D.Lewis advised Council that Muirhall Energy Windfarm to take out indemnity insurance to cover for legal contingency**.** Council to contact windfarm for update by next meeting planned to resubmit their application to NPT. Chair reported that Melincourt . Council received report that Muirhall Energy had been supportive to several local beneficiaries including £1,000 to the Canon Lewis Memorial Hall Roof Repair project. The energy company have also supported a film produced by local “Clickbox” to highlight the potential regeneration of the area.  10/20/22 **Update Bryn Golwg Park Refurbishment**.  Following the advice of insurer, Clerk to amend Risk Assessment to record action taken prohibiting cycling in park  Clerk to review Risk Assessment on the advice of insurer  Progress Report. Clerk/Park reported to Council: Contractor Sutcliffe, had not yet reinstated tarmac and restored line markings (earlier report of weeds coming through the tarmac and Council to withhold 5% retention until matter was addressed)  Confirmation received from contractor that sealant had been applied to patched repair. Contractor pressing payment of balance outstanding. Council had requested a site meeting and request guarantee since the project had been beset by problems.  Items raised in ROSPA report would be addressed by maintenance contractor November/ February after the grass cutting cycle had finish.  Council agreed  **Camera range on park**  Complaint received previously and action noted in previous minutes recording that security camera mounted on neighbouring property ranged on children playing park. Resident had been visited by the police and NPT Safeguarding to check footage and request camera be adjusted to the range within property. Council requested Cllr D. Lewis to approach **to PCSO:** PCSO James Tossell to make further visits to the residence to reassure local parents**.**  10/20/23 **Parking issues passed to PCSO: PCSO James Tossell**  Force Number: 53482  Rank: PCSO  Contact Number: 07584 883878  Email: [Robert.Tossell@south-wales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Robert.Tossell@south-wales.pnn.police.uk)  10/20/ 24 **Parking on pavement outside Tonclwyda SA11 4 BS.**  NPT Cllr Dean Lewis to follow up issue with NPT Highways Officer and requested a Highways Safety Survey to investigate curb side parking throughout community. Cllr D. Lewis met with residents. Further discussion with Highways officer recommended double yellow lines be installed from the cusp of the bend leading to the bus stop.  Cllr Dean Lewis reported to Council that he proposed to fund this development from money allocated to the ward.  10/20/25 **Blocked Culvert adjacent to Melincourt Car Park,** flooding adjacent area. Chair and Clerk have visited area, report to Cllr Dean Lewis  Site Meeting arranged for 3/10/20.  10/20/26 **Broken Picnic Table at Melincourt Car Park** removed for repair. NPT Cllr requested to investigate the replacement. Cllr. D. Lewis advised that this was unlikely to be replaced during Corvid restrictions.  **AOB**    10/20/27 **Stone Theft Melincwrt Independent Chapel**. Jerusalem Chapel Officers had contacted Cllr Dean Lewis who has requested police to patrol area and had contacted Mr H. Jenkins NPT Finance Director to provide finance. Chair and Clerk had contacted chapel officers to apply for grant aid and obtain quote.  10/20/28 **Foot Path No. 7** (Maespwll leading to Ynysbwllog Acqueduct) report of path erosion and trees down. Clerk and Cllr Lewis visited site. NPT Rights of Way staff cleared trees.  Council requested NPT Access to make good the path especially since it is important to the local community walkers and those residents accessing the public bus service from Ynysarwed. As noted in the ROW policy statement that Footpath maintenance is essential to linking the local travellers not only for tourism but also for essential travel to Neath and beyond.  10/20/29 **Tonclwyda Bus Stop Litter Bin**. Broken and in need of replacement.  Cllr Dean Lewis confirmed that bin had been replaced and that the locking mechanism on bin at Cyd Terrace towpath had been replaced.  09/20/30 **Parking Bays Ynys yr Afon**: Survey undertaken by M. Brumby Highways and Transport Officer 14 Apr 2915. Advice that the project was too costly. Curbside parking has increased and project needs to be reviews.  Cllr Hopkins requested that signage advising motorists of children playing in the site Action for Cllr Dean Lewis  10/20/31 **Bus Shelter at Ynys-yr-Afon**. Review request 29th June 2016 at estimated cost £20,000 to relocate further on pavement to make less exposed to elements.  10/20/32 **Remembrance Sunday Laying of Wreath Ceremony** November 2020 would not take place this year due to Corvid. Officer Resolven Royal British Legion Branch has informed Council that branch has disbanded and the arrangements for the ceremony will be undertaken by NPT 2021 onwards.  10/20/33 **Ynysfach School Children Safety: Request Cllr Dean Lewis to investigate the installation of internal barrier at Tonclwyda bus shelter** to prevent pupils stepping onto B4434 into the path of oncoming taffic.  Cllr Dean Lewis reported that NPT Engineering rejected the proposal for an internal barrier installed on the ground of the possible crush impact on the primary pupils. |
| **6.** | **Clerk Financial Report. Clerk/ Park Keeper Salary increase**  **Contract drawn to reflect new pay scales** |

**Keith Thomas**

**Clerk to the Council**

**28th October 2020**