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

The Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting held by teleconference

on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 6pm

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| **1.** | Record of councillors present and apologies for absence.Present: Clerk; K ThomasCllrs G. Francis; C. Lake; Cllr I. Jones and D. Rosser.Apologies: M. Hopkins; NPT Cllr D. Lewis |
| **2.** | **Disclosure and confirmation of declarations of interest****None disclosed** |
| **3.** | **To Confirm the Minutes** 26th May 2021 Cllrs G. Francis and C. Lake |
| **4.** | **To discuss the following from the minutes**05/21/103 **Deposit and burying of Tyre Bales at Lletty Dafydd Clyne – TSN** The occupant did not respond to the TSN issued, which is history repeating itself since this was his response last year to the TSN issued by NPT. This Council advised NPT Planning that if the occupant continues to ignore their requests, they have no other recourse but to consider the expediency of taking legal action, costly but a very necessary process.This Council has been given to understand that while the landowner has been reluctant to communicate with NPT Enforcement, he has been given an ultimatum to remove the buried tyres and restore the site to its precondition prior to the illicit activity. . 05/21/104 **Update from Melin Court Windfarm.** Planning Application submitted to Resolven Ward Reference P2021/0502Alternative Reference Not AvailableApplication Received Thu 06 May 2021Application Validated Tue 11 May 2021Address Melin Court Wind Farmland To The East Of Melin Court Resolven NeathProposal Nonmaterial amendment to approved planning application P2014/0883 for a change of description to:Installation of 5 wind turbines, together with ancillary development including substation and control building, on site underground electrical cables, access tracks, meteorological mast, crane hard standings, temporary construction compound, palisade fencing on site pond and site access.Status Awaiting decisionAppeal Status UnknownAppeal Decision Not Available Chair reported Ms Amanda Swann, Muir Energy, has requested to update the Council. Chair will provide further information at the next meeting. This Council has had no further communication from Muir Energy.05/21/ 105 **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 Highway’s 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. Cllr D Lewis to further discussion with Mr M **Brumby** Highways Office to investigate the feasibility of highway modification at this location. Council await progress. NPT Cllr Dean Lewis advised this would be deferred to new financial year. Cllr D Lewis reported to Council that a feasibility study was planned to include the whole of the ward.Details next meeting05/21/106 **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.  Council urged return of picnic furniture. Families are visiting in significant numbers, and they need facilities05/21/107 **Waterfall Country Report**.Council is represented on this recently formed group who are investigating opportunities to promote the visitor attraction area for community benefit.The organisation exists to benefit the communities it serves. It will be community-led with a broad representation from sectors and individual communities from across the Waterfall Country area.Through its activities the organisation will seek to:* Derive community benefit from the high number of visitors to the area including increasing visitor spend in the area.
* Work with partners to mitigate visitor impact and promote sustainable, environmentally aware tourism through information and community-based solutions.

Chair advised Council that she has been appointed to the board of trustees and will continue to update Council. Group currently working with Brecon Beacons National Park to widen the area of interest.05/21/108 **Ty Banc Canal Project – Cardiff University**Council continues to support canal maintenance within Clyne boundary. Report received from Group indicated continued work projects to progress collaboration. Arrangements also in hand to include practical experience for Llangatwg Comprehensive pupils05/21/109 **Bank Erosion causing subsidence to pavement adjacent to Tonclwyda Bus Stop (opposite to Ynys-yr-Afon)**Report passed to Cllr Dean Lewis for NPT Engineering investigationFurther report required.05/21/110 **Hazardous Conditions on New Road Approach to Tonna**Council reports of several incidents arising from the poor drainage, icy conditions and trees falling on the highway. NPT Cllr Dean Lewis has received a report from NPT Drainage advising that to remedy will require a localised scheme to intercept the run-off and connect to a positive system. The location presents inherent difficulties.Further report required05/21/111 **Collaboration proposal - Glynneath Town Council**A proposal has been put forward to the upper communities of the Neath Valley to enter a joint venture to access the balance on the European Leader Funds with the view to funding the appointment of a grants officer (part Leader Funds and part Pen y Cymoedd) Documentation circulated to Council for approval at AGM, 14/05/21. The agreement which is not legally binding expires November 2022 but its effectiveness and possibilities for further funding will be reviewed in May 2022. Any member councils wishing to withdraw from the agreement will incur costs on leaving.Funding package supported in part by Leader Funds and PYC been formalised. Vacancy for grant officer approved and prepared for advertisement.05/21/112 **Deterioration Railway Bridge at Clyne** Reference: SN8000  The Chair reported that this bridge appears on website being described.[SN8000](https://www.geograph.org.uk/gridref/SN8000) : B4434 crossing “rusted railway bridge near Clyne taken 3 years ago”. The photograph shows the dilapidated structure. This is hardly conducive to attracting tourists to the area.Reports from residents concerned by the community impact of the laden construction vehicles involved in the housing development ofat the former Clun school site.Cllr Dean Lewis had approached NPT Engineering who agreed to contact Network Rail.Further report required.05/21/113 **Purchase of Defibrillators**.Local resident enquired the installation of facilities locally. This purchase was investigated prior to lock-down. Council investigated possible suppliers. Quotes obtained.Meeting with Marion Hall to discuss installation.Council met with NPTCVS to discuss possible sources of further grant support.05/21/114 **ROSPA**Maintenance contractor handed report to cost work for items highlighted for attention. 05/21/115 **Bus Shelter: Tonclwyda SA11 4BS.** Dilapidated. Not fit for purpose. Urgent need for replacement. Cllr D Lewis pursuing 04/21/116 **Ynysbwllog Aqueduct: Handrail leading to slipway.** Damage reported to NPT Street Scene by Cllr D. Lewis. Cllr.D.Lewis advised meeting that St Modwen is responsible 05/21/117 **Aberdulais Aqueduct:** Demolition being proposed by NRW to alleviate flooding at Canalside. Findings of SOP published in July for public consultation. Council awaits public consultation. 05/21/118 **Neath and Tennant Canal: Environmental** Impact on maintenance due to loss of revenue accruing from Baglan Energy power station operation going into administration 24th March 2021. .  |
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**Keith Thomas**

**Clerk to the Council**

**6th July 2021**