***BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL***

***CYNGOR TREF BRYNMAWR***

***Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 Via The Starleaf App. at 6.00pm.***

***Present:- Councillors Mrs. O.M. Swales (Presiding).***

***D. Lyn Elias***

***R.J. Hill***

***W.K. Hodgins***

***B.M. Sutton***

***G.D. Jones***

***J.M. Sutton***

***In Attendance:- Mrs. A.C. Davies (Town Clerk/RFO.***

***Miss. N.J. Williams (Asst. Town Clerk).***

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***54/21 Apologies:- Mrs. J. Boyd, N. Boyd, A. Talbot, J.M. Gardner,***

***Mrs. D. Brown.***

***55/21*** The Chair welcomed members to the June Monthly Meeting of the Town Council.

***56/21 Declaration of Interest & Dispensations.***

The Chair reminded members to make declarations of interest at appropriate points on the Agenda.

***57/21 Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2021.***

***Corrections*** ***– None.***

***58/21*** ***Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2021.***

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2021 be approved.

***59/21 Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2021.***

***Corrections – None.***

***60/21 Matters Arising from the Minutes.***

***Item 144/20 – Uncut Stone To Commemorate those people who have lost their lives due to Covid 19 and the dedication to the NHS Staff and Key-Workers.***

The uncut stone is now in place in the area of the old water fountain, Welfare Park, Brynmawr.

***Item 46/21 – Blue Plaque.***

The Asst. Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Blue Plaque had been ordered.

***61/21 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 May 2021, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record.***

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***Orders & Requisitions.***

***62/21 BT – Broadband, Line Rental, Call Charges.***

Council moved payment of £203.41.

***63/21*** ***Digital Systems – Copies Used.***

Council moved payment of £32.74

***64/21 Grenke Leasing Ltd – Rental of Photocopier.***

Council moved payment of £118.80.

***65/21 Viking Stationery – Stationery.***

Council moved payment of £36.22

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***Financial Correspondence.***

***66/21*** The Clerk reported to Council that the there was a break-in at the Brynmawr Allotment Gardens on Saturday, 29 May 2021 which resulted in the fencing adjacent to Plasgeller Nursing Homes being damaged along with a few holders plots.

The Brynmawr Allotment Association would like Council to consider renewing the damaged fencing along with hiring of a skip to clear away the debris.

Council unanimously agreed to bear the cost of replacing the damaged fencing.

***67/21*** It was agreed and seconded that the Council hire a skip to clear away the damaged debris at the Brynmawr Allotment Gardens.

***68/21*** Plaque for the Uncut Stone at the Brynmawr Welfare Park.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had approached Mr. Justin Brown, Monumental Mason regarding the plaque.

Mr. Brown said he could cut a section out of the uncut stone and replace it with a piece of granite or welsh slate then counter sink the granite/welsh slate back into the uncut stone. This would look professional and at a reasonable cost to the Council.

The Council unanimously agreed to go ahead with the suggestion made by Mr. Brown for a plaque to be set into the stone.

Council stated that the area in question needs to be cleaned up and the stone secured to prevent a possible accident. The uncut stone would have more respect if it is placed in a vertical position.

It was agreed that the wording for the NHS Plaque be:-

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“***Brynmawr Town Council wishes to commemorate those who lost their lives throughout the Pandemic and to recognise the NHS Staff and Key-Workers for their dedication during the Covid-19 crisis”.***

***Correspondence***

***69/21*** ***Co-option of Vacancy for Brynmawr North Ward.***

Each member was issued with a copy of two candidate letters accompanying the agenda for the present meeting.

Members were invited to consider the applications received in respect of the vacancies.

* Mr. Martin Hillier, 55 Grenland Road, Brynmawr, Ebbw Vale, NP23 4DU.

* Mr. David Cook, The Darren, Darenfelin Road, Brynmawr, Ebbw Vale,

NP23 ADS.

A general discussion ensued and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Martin Hillier and Mr. David Cook as the new Co-opted Members of Brynmawr Town Council.

***70/21*** Each member was issued with a copy of the 2021/2022 Register of Members Interest.

The Clerk asked members to complete this report and send it to the office in the stamped address envelope provided.

This was agreed.

***71/21*** Trusteeship – The Bloor Charity and The Jenkins & Lewis Charity.

Councillor Barrie Sutton explained that there is a vacancy on both Charities to nominate persons for the Trusteeship.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Angela C. Davies, Town Clerk/RFO be nominated for the position of Trustee to The Bloor Charity and Mrs. Jane Morris, 2 Greenland Road, Brynmawr and Mr. Gerwyn Jones, 36 Orchard Street, Brynmawr be nominated for the position of Trustees to The Jenkins & Lewis Relief in Need Charity.

***72/21*** Planning Application – 14 Old Blaenavon Road, Brynmawr.

A single storey extension with pitch roof to side of detached cottage to provide an additional living space including Lounge, Study and Work Room.

The Full Council had no objection to this planning application.

***73/21*** Planning Application – 91 Windsor Road, Brynmawr.

Proposed two storey extension at the rear of dwelling with a single storey element.

The Full Council had no objection to this planning application.

***74/21*** Planning Application – Ben Warr's Field, Brynmawr.

Each member was issued prior to the meeting information on the planning application Ben Warr's Fields, Brynmawr – Retention of earthworks including importation of material, re- profiling of existing contours, temporary ancillary works including welfare facilities & parking areas with restoration to grass land with hedgerows & drainage features, for grazing and nature conservation & reinstatement of the rights of way, cycle routes and temporary access point.

A lengthy discussion ensued where various members expressed their concerns regarding the

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contours and to seek more detailed information.

It was unanimously agreed to request a site meeting with Costain and members of the Town Council to discuss the recent planning application before making any comments to the Blaenau Gwent Planning Committee.

It was agreed to inform the Planning Committee (copy in Mrs. Steph Hopkins, Planning Department) that the Town Council have concerns regarding the above application and are requesting a site meeting with Costain and the Town Council before making any comments.

***Reports.***

***75/21*** Planning & Urgent Matters Meeting held on Wednesday, 09 June 2021.

Report accepted as a true record.

***76/21*** Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 09 June 2021.

Report accepted as a true record.

***77/21*** Financial Risk Assessment 2021/2022.

Report moved as a true record.

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