**CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS CROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at Yr Hen Ysgol

Members present –Keith Battrick, Lynne Upsdell (Vice Chair), Phil Simpson (Chair) Bob Kilmister (County Councillor), Mike Parkes, Eric NIcholas

Apologises –Tanya Horwood, Alison Parkes

Minutes of the 04/04/21 meeting were agreed proposed by Mike Parkes and 2nd Keith Battrick.

**N.B – no meeting had taken place in May 2021 due to the fact we were not quorate.**

Audit Report – Deposit Account £22,067.68 Current Account £151.68

Elin was hoping to have the completed accounts for members to approve and sign at this meeting unfortunately these were not ready from the accountants. They would be ready on Monday 7th June but as the next meeting would be July 6th the accounts would not be approved and signed off until then. Elin would inform Welsh Audit Office.

Elin to write and ask Mrs Joyce Evans if she would be prepared once again to audit the accounts.

Matters Arising.

Councillor Vacancy – Bob thought the age had changed to 16 but would double check and let us know. It was decided to have a junior Subcommittee instead of them becoming full council members. Elin to invite them to next meeting and perhaps discuss projects they would want to get involved with. Suggestions were social media management and creation, Playing Fields. Phil felt they would need guidance at their meetings, Elin offered to attend and take minutes etc.

Gareth Jones has expressed and interest in becoming a councillor, Elin to invite to next meeting. Artie Thomas was also suggested a possible councillor Elin to contact.

Defibrillators – Plaque put up.

Allotments – Still waiting for names of current tenants there are 4 at present all paying £30.00 per year. Bob to chase. There is a waiting list for allotments in Dinas Cross, at present PCC are required to provide if possible. Could part of playing filed be allocated to provide some allotments. It was felt we needed to wait before doing anything once we know who are renting current allotments.

The Bench at Cilwenen – all done

Playing Fields –Elin had spoken with Tanya as she had been to see the new play equipment in Lotta Park Fishguard. Elin asked if the playing Fields Committee would be happy if she got in touch with Dragon Sports and Play Equipment from Nr Cardiff to ask if they would be prepared to visit and give us some ideas and cost on new play equipment a meeting had been arranged for Tuesday June 1st, unfortunately the company cancelled last minute. A new date of June 28th has been put in the diary. In the meantime, Elin has been asked to provide pictures of existing kit and what we might want to keep. Phil had spoken with the inspector who carried out the risk assessment and was told that some of the play equipment should stay, e.g., climbing frame, slides, possibly frame for new swings and bucket swings, these could be re sprayed professionally. Eifion has been asked to replace plates of climbing frame this is still outstanding. Keith to chase. Keith suggested the CC take back the Playing Fields but Phil thought it would be far better that the CC assisted the Playing Fields Committee in moving forward rather that take over. All agreed.

Phil suggested a Playing Fields meeting be held ASAP to discuss and move forward. Elin happy to look at grant funding streams. Bob advised that £32,500 was available to us from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire fund.

The benches in the playing field all need replacing, there are spare benches available and Lynne who is also Chair of the local WI suggested that as one of the benches was donated by the WI that they replace it. They have also talked about planting some new trees in one of the wetter corners of the playing fields.

A suggestion was also made about putting some picnic benches in the playing field. Composite benches – Elin to get prices and email to members. Might be a good idea for this summer

Moving of the bus shelter – Bob to chase as it’s been a long time. Julian Parkes will start the wall once he has an available slot. No immediate rush as old BT kiosk has not been taken away.

Phil had spoken to Angie Bara re newsletter. Angie is not able to do this maybe this is something the Junior Sub Committee could look at.

Pwll Gwaelod – Disabled parking bays re painting lines. Bob to email Elin with access officer details. Elin to follow up.

**Correspondence**

Elin had been informed by Gaynor Williams a member of the community that two of our residents were having their 100th birthday in June. Orissa Watts on the 7th and Joy Sheen on the 10th. Elin to organise flowers and cards. Bob would also find out what Pembs CC would be doing.

Tennis Courts – Chris and Patrick Page who currently have the keys are moving and need to hand the keys over. Simon from Glan Yr Afon had said he was happy to take over. Elin to contact Simon. If he’s happy then we could put a small plaque with his contact number up at the court gate. As far as refurbishing the court it was decided to tackle that after the Playing Fields were under way. Bob suggested that we contact the Lawn Tennis Association re grants.

Maureen Bennett a resident who lives in the terraced houses approaching the tennis courts has sent an email re parking places opposite the tennis courts and the poor state of them. This is owned by the Barony and in the past the Trunk Rd Agency have filled in the potholes and not CC. Elin to contact Maureen.

Sheila Le Croix had sent an email re Newport Surgery and Repeat prescriptions phone line being stopped and the impact this would have on the elderly within the community. The surgery has now put out a system to follow for everyone and the pharmacy has set up an App that sorts out all repeat prescriptions.

P**lanning Applications (these were previously emailed to Council members for comment)**

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| Change of use Glan House back to residential |  |
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**AOB**

BBC Wales had sent an email which had been forwarded to all members, Rachael Garside a reporter from the BBC was planning on doing and article on Cwm Yr Eglwys and second homes etc. She had previously holidayed at Cwm last year and had spoken with Norman then, she hoped to interview Norman and the Broughtons. Keith met with her at Cwm. Radio Cymru had also been in touch and wanted an interview no members were happy to do this. Keith had agreed to speak with BBC radio Wales on Wednesday 2nd June in the morning.

**Date of the next meeting Tuesday 6th July 2021 at Yr Hen Ysgol Dinas Cross**