**CRYNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 24th July 2014**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors: Mrs P Wood

Mrs J Grey

County Councillor NIL

**2**. **REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE**

Community Councillors: Mr R Miles (Chairman)

Mr M Evans

Mr C Davies

Mrs A Hart

Mr P Shopland

Mr R Evans (Clerk)

County Councillor: Mrs K Pearson

The Clerk had suggested to the Chairman that the monthly meeting be held on 24th July as the last Thursday of the month was on 31st July, which was almost 2 weeks from the start of the school summer break and might be affected by school holidays.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Community Councillors as per schedule of Councillor Interests held.

County Councillor Pearson: Planning Matters.

4. **POLICE REPORT: Sergeant Jayne James and Craig Evans (PCSO), South Wales Police**

**CE** confirmed that each month a report would be forwarded to the Clerk outlining matters which had been reported. During the month of June 2014 these included one theft, two domestic related incidents and one building fire. The theft occurred in the Llys Dulais area and involved a set of steps, which were not recovered. The two domestic events resulted in positive action being taken by officers with relevant agencies informed, while the fire was referred to the fire service who found no conclusive evidence of any maliciousness. With vehicles provided and with the assistance of Pontardawe PCSOs, visibility patrols were conducted, including in the areas of Treforgan and Cefn Coed Colliery, although no bikes were sighted. **CE** also attended the “Big Catch2” rugby event, “Cupper with a Copper” session at Y Cwtch café and the weekly Youth Club.

**JJ** said she was the new Community Sergeant and would be attending Council meetings in the future. With respect to Craig he had been rated as the best PCSO in th area and the only PCSO who isn’t accompanied by a Police Officer. He will possibly be made a Police Officer in September.

**PS** referred to the cars parked in the Star and felt they should be inspected. **JJ** said the Police would inspect them.

**CD** was concerned at the camper van parked near the public toilet - which was now open - and was an obstruction. **JJ** said that the Police would check the situation.

**ME** referred to the road rage incident which had been discussed at the last meeting, but confirmed that the lady concerned did not want to take the matter further. **ME** was happy, however, that the Police had met with her.

**ME** suggested that signs be placed in the Rugby Club car park, restricting the car park to members only, in view of the disturbance being caused.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes re: the full Council Meeting held on 26th June 2014.

Subject to the inclusion of “The proposed hard standing in the Church is approved by the Church of Wales” (Correspondence para 220) in the Minutes of the Meeting:-

Proposed accurate by: **PS** Seconded by: **ME**

No Objections No abstentions

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no Matters Arising.

**7.** **COUNTY COUNCILLOR PEARSON**

Street care has been cut back, and by autumn hedges will also be cut back.

School House trees are encroaching on the pavement and there is a possibility of rats in the grounds. The owners should be contacted by the Borough Council.

Overgrowth is terrible at Cefn Coed Colliery. Environmental Health have been there and would like to be able to fine people.

Corporate Improvement Plan: 2014-2017

Any comments concerning the Plan should be e-mailed to Karen re: disabled, litter collection, re-cycling bags instead of boxes being introduced, etc.

**PS** The house on the hill above the Star continued to be a mess. The father and son involved need to do some work during certain periods.

**PS** was not happy about the lack of grass cutting but KP said that a good deal of cutting has been done recently

8. **REPORTS**

**PS** said that the school had received a good report, but two teachers had left and were being replaced.

**AH** asked whether the Headteacher was teaching in the nursery. **PS** said he would check and provide a reply on the matter.

**PS** Cefn Coed was receiving a £30,000 grant, while the Free Running Project was likely to start in the near future. In addition the Dulais Valley Partnership would end in the next few months.

**RM** arranged a meeting with an inspector from ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) as 2 slides were in a poor state and the old play area near Woodland Road access needed to be removed. The removal was undertaken by Thomas Glynne Jones, Ystradgynlais, at a cost of £250.00. The parts for the slides have been ordered. An inspection will need to be undertaken again within the next six months.

**CD** said that he would no longer be able to lock up the Public Toilet in the evenings. **AGREED** to speak to Neath Port Talbot Council regarding the procedure for deciding who would lock up at night. **ME** asked that the Borough Council be questioned as to why the lights of the Public Toilet are left on at night.

**FINANCE REPORT (HT)**

Bank Balances as at 24th July 2014

Community Council: £31,135

Savings Account £ 2,796

Community Association £12,074

**Total £45,005**

Authorisation: £ 4,127

**Total:** **£41,878**

**9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeal by: RES UK & Ireland Limited.

**Application Number: P2012/0999**

**AGREED** that the previous comments in favour of rejecting the application remain the same.

**10. AUTHORISATIONS**

Community Council June 2014

NPTCBC DD £ 80.00

Barclays Bank DD £ 2.00

Crynant Landscapes £ 915.42

Play Safety Inspection £ 114.00

R Evans (B&Q Tools) £ 99.35

E G Nicholas £ 733.72

R Evans £ 449.15

B Michael £ 28.00

R Evans (Printer Cartridges/Stamps) £ 68.86

R Evans (Printer paper) £ 7.50

HMRC (July) £ 246.63

One Voice Wales £ 15.00

Welsh Water: Maes yr Hendre £ 20.55

**TOTAL £2,759.63**

Payments proposed: **ME** Payments seconded: **AH**

Abstentions: NIL Objections: NIL

Community Association June 2014

Hi-Tec Systems £ 126.00

SWALEC DD £ 255.97

CC Supplies £ 81.35

I Sadler £ 832.14

HMRC (July) £ 72.09

**Total £1,367.55**

Payments proposed: Councillor: **CD** Payments seconded: Councillor: **PS**

Abstentions: NIL Objections: NIL

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

223 A request has been received from the County Borough Council to display notices concerning an objection to the proposed new cattle grid being installed on the Common.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Engage –** the Clerk was trying to confirm whether Engage would be continuing at the Community Centre in the next school year.

**PS** asked when Paul Davies was going to commence the work on the Community Centre building. The Clerk said that he had already started on the job, but only for one day.

**ME** asked whether there had been progress regarding the grant from the County Borough Council towards the Yard project. The Clerk said that the decision was still awaited.

**ME** was concerned regarding the rubbish left on a number of occasions at the top of the playground.

**Meeting Closed At 8.30 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, 24TH JULY 2014 COMMENCING at 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WOODLAND ROAD CRYNANT.**

Minutes Proposed as accurate: Seconded:

Abstentions: Objections:

Signed: Chairman Date: