**CRYNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 29th January 2015**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr. R Power

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

Community Councillors: Mr. R Miles (Chairman)

Mr. B Michael

Mrs. A Hart

Mr. P Shopland

Mr B Lewis

Mrs. P Wood

Mr. M Evans

County Councillor Mrs. K Pearson

Mr. R Evans (Clerk)

**3.** **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Community Councillors as per schedule of Councillor Interests held.

4. **POLICE REPORT : Sergeant Jayne James**

**Sergeant James** was pleased to confirm that a new PCSO, Rhidian Strangward, from Crynant, had been appointed and while PCSO Tennet had been useful and of great assistance in determining drug crime in the area, the appointment of a PCSO to cover Crynant only would be beneficial. **Sergeant James** was anxious to trial a PC in Crynant and this was going to be undertaken for a period up to the summer.

A number of break-ins had occurred when **Sergeant James** had been away, including in Treforgan. **ME** said there had been a number of raids in Swansea, including jewel thefts and it would be helpful if those persons who were raided in Crynant could check on the jewellery recovered in Swansea. The new CPSO would intend to spend a majority of their time in Crynant in order to speak to residents. While crime statistics in Crynant are not high there are some burglaries and these are worrying. **BM** said that the term ‘violent crimes’ are stated in statistics but are treated in fact, less than would normally be expected. **PS** said that bikes were back in Cefn Coed, mainly on Sunday and **KP** said that as a result of the locked entrance to the forestry waste was being forced onto the road. **ME** referred to the dog in Fork Lift Trucks which is again left loose. **KP** referred again to the speed of cars at the bridge out of Crynant and Sergeant James agreed to see whether a speed check would determine whether a box would be justified. Black boxes had been arranged for two weeks on lamp posts. **ME** asked whether new PCSO Strangward would start his period by looking at School Road, but Sergeant James said that the new PCSO and PC will be available as soon as they start their term of duty.

**5. COMPLAINT FROM YOUTH CLUB**

**RM** said that prior to other business there was a need to discuss a complaint received by letter from Emma Culleton, Senior Youth Officer of Neath Port Talbot Youth Service. The complaint was made against Mr Ian Sadler, Caretaker of the Community Centre for behavior towards Youth Service Staff. **PS** gave information regarding a previous complaint against Ian and details of the current letter, a copy of which had been given to Ian. **ME** felt that Ian’s name should have been included in the letter, but was not. **AGREED** that Councillors Miles and Shopland and the Clerk deal with the matter and report back to the Council following discussions with all parties.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2014**

The Minutes re: the full Council Meeting held on 29th November 2014.

Subject to the amendment to item 7 (County Councillor Pearson) Paragraph 1 regarding pavements being replaced to read “Cefn Coed Colliery, Neath Road and Maesmawr pavements were to be repaired”.

Proposed accurate by: **AH** Seconded by: **PS**

No Objections No abstentions

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

**KP** had emphasized to the Borough Council that space was running out with regard to Maes Yr Hendre Cemetery.

The Borough Council had undertaken clearing of rubbish and removing litter on Sunday, 26th January 2015, more people were, however, required to pick up rubbish and preventing people from throwing litter from vehicles. **KP** is trying to secure help from Ally Thomas with regard to additional litter pickers. It is also hoped that a change to the law will soon allow prosecution for those in cars who undertake fly tipping – which is not the current situation.

Dogs on the loose and dog fouling will be prosecuted by Enforcers.

A bus stop at Cefn Coed will be erected by the Borough Council as the person who claimed ownership of the land has been shown not to be the owner.

**BL** referred to a manhole above Neath Road which was partially above the surface but the Borough Council is now dealing with it.

Complaints were received from people who were unable to make 101 calls for a period of three days.

**ME** said that a good job had been made by the Borough Council to clear a mess in Treforgan, but the mess had returned.

**8.** **REPORTS**

**PS** stated that restrictions at Cefn Coed has been removed by the Welsh Government and the fair would now go ahead.

**ME** said that tar marking of the Yard had been completed and a good job had been done. The drain in the Yard had been inspected by the Borough Council and **KP** said that further investigation was to be made to determine the problem.

The Clerk received correspondence from the Joint Administrators in the case of Groundwork Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot who had gone into Administration, and they included the matters of realisation of assets and the distribution of payments to creditors as and when funds became available. As requested the copies of the documents have now been forwarded to Mr David Michael the Head of Legal Services in Neath Port Talbot Council and discussions have been made by the Director of Education to the Welsh Government concerning the matter. The date given by the Administrators for the end of Administrations is 5th November 2015.

A request had been received from an organization named Welsh Hearts for a donation. As the charity raised funds for provisions of distributions across Wales together with CPR and heart screening sessions for free, it was **AGREED** that a donation of £25 be added to those organisations awarded grants at the last Council meeting.

A document “A Shared Community Charter Agreement” had been published jointly by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and the Community and Town Councils of Neath Port Talbot. The Charter document sets out a relationship between the Councils which reflects what are generally the arrangements currently in being. It was **AGREED** that the document be accepted.

**9.** **FINANCE REPORT (HT)**

Bank Balances as at 29th January 2015

Community Council: £50,775

Savings Account: £ 2,796

Community Association: £11,200

**Total: £64,771**

Authorisation: £35,608

**Total: £29,163**

**10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Number: P2014/1082

Applicants Name/Address Mr D Williams

Hillcroft

Pollard Close

Trinity View

Caerleon

NP18 3SS

Site Location: Former Glyndulais Home

Mary Street

Crynant

Neath, SA10 8RU

Proposed Development: Application for the removal of conditions (affordable housing) and 6. 7 & 8 (Code for sustainable homes) of Planning Permission P2011/0931 (approved on the 23.07.2012)

Easting: 279119 Northing: 204710

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Observations: Nil

**11. AUTHORISATIONS**

**Community Council - December 2014**

NPTCBC (DD) £ 80.00

Barclays Bank (DD) £ 4.00

Welsh Water (MH) £ 24.07

E G Nicholas £ 754.73

B Michael £ 28.00

R Evans £ 448.95

HMRC (Nov) £ 341.46

Welsh Hearts £ 25.00

Urdd Eisteddfod £ 25.00

Marie Curie £ 25.00

Cwmdulais Historical Society £ 25.00

NSPCC £ 25.00

Wired for Wales £ 80.00

Postage £ 13.64

Gradon Function £ 245.75

Spic n Span £ 400.00

Christmas Decorations £ 151.34

Installation of Christmas Lights £ 13.00

**Total: £2,709.94**

Payments Proposed: **PS** Payments Seconded: **PW**

Abstentions: **Nil** Objections: **Nil**

**Community Association: December 2014**

Welsh Water £ 374.11

Paul Davies Contractor £ 530.00

ccb Supplies £ 42.87

Switches / Batteries £ 28.96

I Sadler £ 824.29

**Total: £1,800.23**

Payments proposed: **AH** Payments seconded: **PW**

Abstentions: **NIL** Objections: **NIL**

**Community Council - January 2014**

NPTCBC (DD) £ 80.00

CPRW £ 60.00

HMRC (December) £ 228.00

Crynant Plant £29,898.42

Gifts to Cliff £ 40.00

E G Nicholas £ 733.13

B Michael £ 28.00

R Evans £ 449.15

**Total: £31,516.70**

Payments Proposed: **BM** Payments Seconded: **ME**

Abstentions: **Nil** Objections: **Nil**

**Community Association: January 2014**

TV Licence £ 145.50

Hi Tec £ 414.00

H Locke £ 2,070.00

JNC Fire Protection £ 196.74

Trade Waste £ 113.95

SWALEC £ 318.69

I Sadler £ 832.93

**Total: £ 4,091.81**

Payments proposed: **AH** Payments seconded: **BL**

Abstentions: **NIL** Objections: **NIL**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

231 A letter was received from the History Class requesting that the charge of £10 per session for use of the room in the Centre, be reduced to the previous charge of £5 per session.

It was **AGREED** that the charge should be maintained at £10 per session, the same charged for other organisations in the Centre.

232 A letter was received concerning a number of problems from a member of the local community concerning matters such as litter and dog mess in areas such as Woodland Walk, the Nature Reserve and playing fields.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ME** referred to the provision in the draft Lease to Crynant Rugby Club in which the Council had proposed that a Clause 8 be included, allowing the Council to terminate the lease on the giving of six months’ notice. The Solicitor for the Rugby Club has requested that Clause 8 of the lease be removed and that the lease be terminated in a case (or cases) only where the Council deems that the Rugby Club breach provisions included in Clause 7 of the lease.

It was decided to undertake a vote on whether Clause 8 be included in the Lease.

Included Clause 8: 4 votes

Not included Clause 8: 2 votes

It was also **AGREED** that termination of the Lease should not be undertaken without 12 months’ notice in writing, and that discussions should be held between the parties concerning any matter of possible termination.

**ME** referred to a piece of land in Neath Road which over reached onto Council land and would need in the future to be reclaimed.

The security door to the Community Centre needed to be inspected as it was difficult to open and close. It was **AGREED** to contact Crynant Home Improvements with a view to correcting the problem.

**ME** said that a tree in the upper playground needed to be inspected to determine whether it should be removed.

The Clerk said that a number of locations had been considered in the village before installing Christmas lights outside St Margaret’s Church. Contact had been made with Neath Port Talbot Council, who installed lights on the public highway for a number of local Councils in the area, but it was confirmed that any Council wishing to take advantage of the Borough Council’s facilities would have to approach approximately six months before Christmas.

Complimentary comments were made by a number of people regarding the Christmas tree and it was felt that thoughts as to what arrangements the Council should make for next Christmas should be undertaken well in advance.

**Meeting Closed At 8.40 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY,**

**29th JANUARY 2015 COMMENCING at 7.00 PM**

**AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WOODLAND ROAD CRYNANT.**

Minutes Proposed as accurate: Seconded:

Abstentions: Objections:

Signed: Chairman Date: