**CRYNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 28th May 2015**

**1. APOLOGIES**

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

Community Councillors: Mr. B Michael (Chairman)

Mrs. A Hart

Mr. P Shopland

Mr. R Power

Mr. M Evans

Mr. R Miles

Mr C Bevan

Mrs. P Wood

Mr. R Evans (Clerk)

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

Community Councillors as per schedule of Councillor Interests held.

**4. POLICE REPORT**

CPSO Strangward stated that there were only two crimes undertaken in the village. Police cars were tracking the roads to inspect the parking of cars. Glasfryn was a major problem, together with Heol Las Fawr, opposite the Business Park entrance.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30TH APRIL 2015**

The Minutes re: the full Council Meeting held on 30h April 2015.

Proposed accurate by: **AH** Seconded by: **RP**

No Objections No abstentions

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

**RM**, PS and The Clerk detailed the recent developments regarding the Free Running Area, in particular with regard to the further meeting held with Mr Aled Evans, Director of Education of Neath Port Talbot Borough Council with **RM** and **PS**.

It was the Borough Council’s view that the funds which were to be provided for the Free Running Area via Groundwork, were being held by the Welsh Government and it was hoped that funds would be made available, together with a possible payment from the Borough Council. In view of this a meeting has been arranged with Gwenda Thomas of the Welsh Government. While the meeting with Mrs. Thomas would be soon, there was a likely period of 4-5 weeks before the matter could be resolved. It was proposed by the Borough Council that a letter be sent to the Solicitors asking for HAGS to allow an additional period with regard to the payment due and a letter from the Council’s Solicitors was duly sent. Mr. Aled Evans, of Neath Port Talbot Council had suggested that the payment be made to HAGS, should they not agree to a delay. **ME** opposed any payment being made by the Council but it was **AGREED** that no decision be made until the meeting with Mrs. Gwenda Thomas is held.

The Clerk spoke to Mr. Lyn Parfitt, Clerk of the Onllwyn Community Council, concerning the funding which had been received and utilized for recreational facilities in the area. Mr. Parfitt stated that the funding was provided mainly from the Welsh Rugby Union, Wind Turbine Companies, The Community Council and the grant organisation WREN who funded mainly in areas of landfill

As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk contacted Mr. Aled Roderick, Solicitor for Neath Port Talbot Council, asking what period of lease would not require the inclusion of Clause 8. Mr. Roderick has since replied, suggesting a lease for the term of 50 years, instead of 100 years “would be on the basis that it did not contain a break clause allowing the Council to terminate at an earlier date”. It was **AGREED** that the amended lease could be drafted accordingly, and that the revised proposal be forwarded to the Crynant Rugby Club for consideration.

**7.** **REPORTS**

Nil

**8.** **FINANCE REPORT (HT)**

Bank Balances as at 31th May 2015

Community Council: £43,466

Savings Account: £ 2,797

Community Association: £ 3,245

**Total : £49,508**

Authorisation: £ 6,529

**Total : £42,979**

**9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Number P2015/0022

Applicants Name/Address Mr Benjamin Morgan

9 Nant y Creyr

Llansamlet

Swansea

SA7 9GF

Site Location: Plot Adjacent

19 Maes Mawr Road

Crynant

Neath

SA10 8SY

Proposed Development: Application under 373 to vary conditions 324 to allow for additional three years for the submission of reserved matters of Planning Permissions P2012/0239 (approved on the 02/05/12).

Easting: 279059 Northing: 204901

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Observations: Nil

**10. AUTHORISATIONS**

**Community Council - May 2015**

Barclays Bank (DD) £ 2.00

NPTCBC (DD) £ 82.00

Welsh Water £ 22.43

E G Nicholas £ 688.53

Hutchingson Thomas (Solicitors) £ 554.76

HMRC (April) £ 246.14

Zurich Insurance £2,282.27

W Jones (Relief Caretaker) £ 62.40

B Michael £ 28.00

R Evans £ 449.15

**Total: £ 2,426.81**

Payments proposed: **PS** Payments Seconded: **AH**

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

**Community Association: May 2015**

EON (Gas) (DD) £ 85.00

EON (Electric) (DD) £ 93.00

Welsh Water £ 354.06

HI-Tec Security Systems £ 65.00

A & B Electrics (Pat Testing) £ 148.80

I Sadler £ 795.73

BT (DD) £ 262.10

**Total: £1,803.69**

Payments proposed: **RP** Payments seconded: **RM**

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

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Welsh Government: Statutory Guidance

Access to Information on Community and Town Councils.

The Guidance emphasizes the requirement of websites within Community Councils and determines that Councils must have websites, individually or linked up with other Community Councils websites. It also sets out information which has to be included on websites, e.g. Minutes, Accounts, Council Members information.

**Wind Ventures** Notice submitting further environmental information for its application for planning permission for Hirfynydd Wind Farm, including a number of turbines reduced from 14 to 9. The application is still currently the subject of an appeal.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**ME** referred to the requirements necessary for the caretaker staff in the Council to work through an organized timetable. The Clerk had already spoken to the Caretakers on the proposals with a view to implementing as soon as possible.

**ME** referred to pupils of Engage Class eating food in the Computer Room and they needed again to be made aware that food should only be consumed in the dining room.

**ME** referred to the use of Roundup for cleaning the yard but was not in favour and the amount which would be needed would be expensive. The state of the yard could be improved manually.

Soil was needed for the area of the Community Centre but Alun Hawkes had said that the best soil was at the back of the mound next to the rugby ground.

**RP** proposed to attend a One Voice Wales meeting on the 10th June at Resolven because proposed changes regarding Community Councils were being discussed.

**RP** was also contacting Neath Port Talbot Council regarding the overgrown trees between School Road and Heol y Berllan.

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

**28th May 2015 COMMENCING at 7.00 PM**

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

Minutes Proposed as accurate: Seconded:

Abstentions: Objections:

Signed: Chairman Date: