## Crynant Community Council

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***You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council at 6:30pm on Thursday 22nd February 2018. To be held at the Community Centre. Please submit apologies directly to the Clerk.***

**AGENDA**

291: Apologies.

292: Register of attendance.

293: To receive Declarations of Interest.

294: To approve and sign the January minutes, Council meeting and Finance committee meeting.

295: Matters arising from the minutes.

296: Police Report.

297: County Councillor Harris.

298: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.

299: Planning applications: P2008/0081 details attached. Confirmation of comments submitted re: application: P2017/0948.

300: Bank reconciliation & payment authorisations.

301: Personnel report & Relief Caretaker resignation.

302: Association report.

303: To consider Councillor allowances & budget implications for year end March 2019

304: Correspondence. (a) formal communication from Solicitor regarding Crynant RFC Incorporation (b) One Voice Wales annual membership.

305: Any other business.

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Application Number: P2018/0081

Applicants Name /Address:

MR KEVIN MAUGHAN, , 8 NANY CELYN, CRYNANT, , NEATH,SA10 8PZ

Site Location:

, , 39 NANT CELYN, CRYNANT, NEATH, SA10 8PZ

Proposed Development:

Erection of 4 bedroom bungalow

Easting: 279370 Northing: 205650

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Please find enclosed details in respect of the above development. Full details are also

available on the internet at http://planning.npt.gov.uk .

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In the light of the publication of the draft Annual Report of the IPRW for 2018/19 it is incumbent on community and town councils to consider including a sum in their budget for the likely cost of payment of allowances to councillors. As things stand, it is not possible to categorically state that the determinations contained in the draft annual report will be approved by the Panel and this will not be known until February, 2018. However, budgets are prepared on the basis of known costs and best estimates where there is an element of uncertainty involved. In the case of member allowances it is suggested that councils should work on the basis that the determinations in the draft annual report may well be approved and therefore it is probably wise to work on this basis. The Practitioner's Guide on Governance and Accountability states that, 'Councils might work to the principle that it is better to raise cash from a higher precept and not use it than to set the precept too low, and so run out of cash and run the risk of incurring an unlawful overdraft.'

A further factor to consider when determining the budget for member allowances is the extent to which members may choose to opt out of receiving the proposed mandatory allowances and reach a judgement as to how many members are likely to accept the allowance. This is clearly a matter for individual councils to consider as the position is likely to be different in each council.