**CRYNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, 28th November 2013**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors: Mrs J Grey

 Mr B.Lewis

County Councillor: Mrs K.Pearson

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

Community Councillors: Mrs P.Wood. (Chairman)

 Mr P.Shopland

 Mr R. Miles

 Mr C.Davies

 Mr B.Michael

 Mr M Evans

 Mr R Power

 Mrs C Christie

 Mr R.Evans (Clerk)

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Community Councillors as per schedule of Councillor Interests held.

County Councillor Pearson: Planning Matters.

**4. PRESENTATION BY MR CHRIS MARGETTS, GROUP MANAGER MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE AND THE FIRE AUTHORITY’S DRAFT ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

 Mr Margetts stated that the new plan was based on prevention and improvement in communications. Managing the budget was going to be difficult due to the severe cuts and the merging of services, including Neath Port Talbot and Swansea. There was no proposal which would change the current position regarding the Seven Sisters Fire Station. No redundancies had been announced, but there was a possibility of early retirement concerning the workforce. Despite all the problems response times had been maintained.

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

Subject to the amendment requested by **BM** under “5. Matters Arising” that “a Health and Safety Inspection of the Maes-yr-Hendre Cemetery had been undertaken” a replacement should be included to read “a Health and Safety Inspection of the seating of the Maes-yr-Hendre Cemetery had been undertaken”, the Minutes re: the full Council Meeting held on 28th November 2013 be approved.

Proposed accurate by: **PS** Seconded by: **RM**

No Objections No Abstentions

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

 **PW** expressed concern at the length of time since the attendance of the Chief Inspector at the Council meetings. She would contact the Chief Superintendent if necessary to emphasise the Council’s concern.

 **RP** stated that the Police had given permission to scrambling on St Illtyd’s Way.

 **CD** was concerned at the number of cars going through red lights.

**7. POLICE REPORT**

 The Neighbourhood News for October 2013 included crime and anti-social behavior and statistics for September with five cases recorded – Vehicle Crime (1), Violent Crime (1), Criminal Damage and Arson (2) and Other Theft (1).

**8.** **COUNTY COUNCILLOR PEARSON**

The Right of Way from the Kingfisher was to be diverted to the former Old Peoples Home and directed to the road bridge. The relevant documents were to be delivered to the City and County of Swansea but it is not likely to be processed for a period of approximately a year.

The Church in Neath had confirmed that the repairs to the church cemetery wall were to start on the 9th December.

The pelican crossing in the village was being monitored by the Police. The conclusion was that the problem was not in respect of the lights but the drivers who were going through the red lights.

The application for turbines on Hirfynydd was going to appeal. In the event of planning permission being granted the road would pass through the forestry.

The problem with the fence in Mary Street continues – the owner, a local builder, needed to be contacted.

The path and railings from Heol-Y-Berllan to School Road were excellent, though a dangerous tree needed to be cut.

The opening hours at Cefn Coed Museum were to be condensed due to the reduced finance available. The museum was due to lose £9,000 core-funding and the opening will be delayed.

**9. REPORTS**

a) Annual requests for donations:

 Donations requested 01/12/12 – 30/11/13

 The following were submitted:

 1) Marie Curie

 2) Urdd Gobaith Cymru

 3) Cwmdulais Historical Society

 4) Beacons Search & Rescue

 5) Shelter Cymru

 6) West Glamorgan Drug Abuse

 7) Wales Air Ambulance

 8) Cardiff Institute for the Blind

 It was **AGREED** that a £25 donation be given to each applicant.

b) **Website**

 Agreement for the establishment of a Crynant Community Council website was signed by the Chair and Vice Chair and was to be forwarded to Neath Port Talbot Council for countersigning.

c) **FINANCE REPORT (HT)**

Bank balances as at 30th November 2013

Community Council £ 25,128

Savings account £ 2,794

Community Association £ 15,168

Total £ 43,090

Authorisation: November 2013 £ 4,265

Net Surplus £ 38,825

**10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

 Application numbers: P2013/0875, P2013/0876, P2013/0877, P2013/0878

 P2013/0879, P2013/0880, P2013/0881

 Applicants Name & Address: Mr Neil Price,

 Energybuild Ltd

 Aberpergwm Colliery

 Glynneath, Neath, SA11 5AJ

 Site Location: Energybuild Ltd, Aberpergwm Colliery,

 Glynneath, Neath, SA11 5AJ

 Proposed Development: Variation of Condition (Time Limits) of Planning Permission P2003/1498 (granted on 24/02/2004), P2003/1500 (granted on 24/02/2004), P2007/1422 (granted on 08/07/08, P2008/0494 (granted on 08/07/08, P2009/0429 (granted on 23/11/10, P2011/0708 (granted on 30/05/12, P2012/0995 (granted on 26/07/13) to allow the extension of time for operations until 30/09/2018.

 Observations: Nil

 Proposed: Seconded

 No objections No abstentions

 Application Number: 3013/0992

 Applicants Name & Address: Crynant Rugby Club,

 Crynant Rugby Football Club

 Woodland Road

 Crynant, Neath,

 Site Location: Changing Rooms,

 Crynant Rugby Football Ground

 Woodland Road, Crynant, Neath

 Proposed Development: Single storey side extension.

 Easting: 279298 Northing: 205009

 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

 Due to a query arising in respect of the status of the land, the subject of the planning application, Councillor Michael and the Clerk Declared an Interest and withdrew from the meeting. It was **AGREED** that consideration of the planning application be deferred pending a meeting being held with representatives of the applicants regarding the land in question.

**11. AUTHORISATIONS**

**Community Council November 2013**

B.Michael £ 28.00

E.G.Nicholas £677.52

R. Evans £449.05

Crynant Landscapes £1,263.42

Rates £149.00

Barclays Bank d/d £ 4.00

W E Jones (relief Caretaker) £ 90.88

National Playfield Association (S/O) £ 15.00

**Total £2,676.87**

Payments proposed: Councillor **PS** Payments seconded: Councillor **RM**

Abstentions: Nil Objections: Nil

**Community Association November 2013**

I Sadlersalary £ 787.18

British Gas £ 343.22

J T Daly (Electrical Supplies) £ 3.92

ccb Supplies £ 19.18

ccb Supplies £ 56.89

Total Gym Services £ 147.60

BT £ 230.46

**Total: £1,588.45**

Payments proposed: Councillor **BM** Payments seconded: Councillor **ME**

Abstentions: Nil Objections: Nil

**Community Council December 2013**

B.Michael £ 28.00

E.G.Nicholas £ 687.64

R. Evans £ 449.05

Rates £ 149.00

Barclays Bank d/d £ 4.00

Welsh Water: Maes-yr-Hendre £ 19.38

C Davies (Public Toilet) £ 195.72

HMRC (October) £ 255.76

HNRC (November) £ 325.17

HMRC (December) £ 238.35

NPTBC (Waste Trade) £ 153.50

Marie Curie £ 25.00

Urdd Gobaith Cymru £ 25.00

Cwmdulais Historical Society £ 25.00

Beacons Search & Rescue £ 25.00

Shelter Cymru £ 25.00

West Glamorgan Drug Abuse £ 25.00

Wales Air Ambulance £ 25.00

Cardiff Institute for the Blind £ 25.00

**Total £2,706.67**

Payments proposed: Councillor Payments seconded: Councillor

Abstentions: Nil Objections: Nil

**Community Association December 2013**

I Sadlersalary £ 769.92

HMRC (October) £ 60.38

HMRC (November) £ 48.16

HMRC (December) £ 36.87

Welsh Water – D/D £ 319.84

**Total: £1,235.17**

Payments proposed: Councillor Payments seconded: Councillor

Abstentions: Nil Objections: Nil

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

195. Neath Port Talbot Countryside & Environment Group meeting Friday, 29th November.

196. NPT Armed Forces Community Covenant Meeting: Baglan Community Centre.

197 Workways Newsletter: Neath Port Talbot: November 2013.

198. Consultation on Proposed Revocation and Remaking of the Accounts and Audit (Wales Regulations 2005)

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

 NIL

**Meeting Closed At 9.00 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 30th JANUARY 2014**

**COMMENCING at 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WOODLAND ROAD CRYNANT.**

Minutes Proposed as accurate: Seconded:

Abstentions: Objections:

Signed: Chairman Date: