**CRYNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors: Mrs J Grey

Mr P.Shopland

Mr R. Miles

County Councillor NIL

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

Community Councillors: Mrs P.Wood. (Chairman)

Mr C.Davies

Mr M Evans

Mr R Power

Mr B Michael

Mr R.Evans (Clerk)

County Councillor Mrs K Pearson

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Community Councillors as per schedule of Councillor Interests held.

County Councillor Pearson: Planning Matters.

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

The Minutes re: the full Council Meeting held on 24th April 2014

Proposed accurate by: **BM** Seconded by: **RP**

No Objections No abstentions

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

Following the publication of the Notice for a Co-opted Member of the Council only one application was received:-

Mrs Andrea Hart, Ynys-y-Bont Farm, Treforgan, Crynant.

Councillor Christina Christie had notified the Clerk of her wish to resign as a member of Crynant Community Council.

**6. POLICE REPORT**

There was no Police Report.

A Consultation Document: The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (Amendment) Order 2014 was received, the proposals of which were to remove Police Authorities as community planning partners and to replace them with Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs).

**RP** Couldn’t understand the reason for PCCs taking over.

**PW** Said that Police Authorities were better at local level than Commissioners and under Commissioners there would be greater numbers of staff and higher salaries.

**ME** Said it was important that local authorities should have a voice on planning for the future, but unfortunately had to agree the proposals.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk submit the views of the Council to the Welsh Government.

7. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR PEARSON**

Councillor Pearson had received a request for a Welsh sign to be put up on the new public toilet.

There were no bins at the bottom of Woodland Road, where the bench was in a state of disrepair.

Mountain bikes were seen at the colliery and in the event were to be reported to Glynneath Police Station, with the vehicle numbers included. **ME** said the Police had not made themselves aware to the bikers at Cefn Coed and nothing has been done.

A Dog Fouling Exercise had been undertaken in the village and one gentleman in Heol y Berllan had been fined, but a number of dog owners were able to show their bags.

Neath Port Talbot Council were putting in mirrors at the entrance to Brynawel.

Enforcements were to be brought in for tipping of rubbish and the same applied to fly tipping. The Welsh Government were being asked to change rules regarding litter.

**ME** Said improvements at Neath Road were very good and the road has been made safer for vehicles

Much has been done regarding the trees at Pen y Bont, but a tree feller was needed.

**RP** Said that a vehicle parked at the junction leading to Heol Las Fawr was inhibiting vision and should be prosecuted.

**PW** Said that three Labrador dogs owned by Fork Lift Trucks were making noise continually at night and **KP** will ask the Council to visit the owners.

Hounds at the kennels on the Common were being left out of control in the forestry.

**CD** The new restaurant in the Industrial Estate was due to open on 14th May.

8. **REPORTS**

Following a meeting with Councillor Wood, Councillor Evans and the Clerk, Councillor Power has drafted proposed new Standing Orders with a view to their adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Neath Port Talbot Council had introduced smaller rubbish bins to enforce recycling, but there was a possibility that theft of bins might happen and residents needed to be vigilant.

**FINANCE REPORT (HT)**

Bank Balances as at 24th April 2014

Community Council: £ 41,647

Savings Account: £ 2,795

Community Association: £ 17,589

**Total:** £ 62,031

Authorisation: £ 3,096

**Total:** £ 58,935

**9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Number: P2014/0312

Applicant’s Name / Address : Mr Kingdom & Mr Tomlinson

102 Main Road

Crynant

Neath, SA10 8NT

Site Location: 102 Main Road,

Crynant

Neath, SA10 8NT

Proposed Development: Single storey rear extension.

Easting: 279308 Northing: 205331

Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Observations: Nil

Proposed: Seconded:

No objections No abstentions

**10. AUTHORISATIONS**

Community Council April 2014

NPTCBC DD £154.10

Barclays Bank DD £ 2.00

HMRC £341.46

E G Nicholas £667.50

B Michael £ 28.00

R Evans £449.05

TOTAL £1,642.11

Payments proposed: Councillor **ME** Payments seconded: **RM**

Abstentions: NIL Objections: NIL

Community Association April 2014

HMRC £ 18.11

I Sadler £ 791.33

Argos (hot water dispensers) £ 59.98

SWALEC DD £ 584.76

**Total £ 1,454.18**

Payments proposed: Councillor **BM** Payments seconded: Councillor **RM**

Abstentions: NIL Objections: NIL

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

213. A letter received from Mr Jamie Furber, Secretary of the Dulais Valley Lions asking if the Council would be able to provide parking and toilet facilities within the Community Centre on the day of the ‘Big Catch 2’ event being held on the rugby field on Saturday, 28th June 2014.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Clerk raised the issue of children’s parties being held in the Community Centre at weekends and the payment that should be made to the Caretakers who would be employed during the periods of the parties.

**RP** said that the rate of pay would not be different to that during the Caretaker’s employment in normal hours from Monday to Friday.

**ME** said that there had been problems in the past concerning children’s parties and had previously decided that such parties would not be granted.

It was **AGREED** to include the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Meeting Closed At 8.35 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, 29TH MAY 2014 COMMENCING at 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WOODLAND ROAD CRYNANT.**

Minutes Proposed as accurate: Seconded:

Abstentions: Objections:

Signed: Chairman Date: