**CRYNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27th November 2014**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Nil

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

Community Councillors: Mr. R Miles (Chairman)

Mr. B Michael

Mrs. A Hart

Mr. P Shopland

Mr. R Power

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. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30TH OCTOBER 2014**

The Minutes re: the full Council Meeting held on 30th October 2014.

Subject to the amendment to item 7 (County Councillor Pearson) Paragraph 1 regarding Rights of Way to read “The rights of way papers for footpath number 5 were due to be completed in January 2015. However, Swansea Legal Department have ceased dealing with the cases for Neath Port Talbot and cases are being returned to Neath Port Talbot. All cases will now take longer” and that paragraph 3 should read – “a black box speed sensor at the junction of Brynawel and Maes Mawr is to be installed. If the average speed measured is greater than that measured when the flashing speed sign is there then the Council will install a permanent flashing speed sign to encourage a lesser speed” and subject to item 8, (Reports) paragraph 4should be amended to “**BM** reported that a gravestone in the Cemetery had collapsed but the family (Evans) has not yet been traced and is seeking advice from the stonemason.”

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

No Objections No abstentions

**5 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no Matters Arising.

6. **POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk said that no monthly report had been received following PCSO Craig Evans’s promotion to Police Officer. The last report was in September. Prior to the meeting an attempt was made to contact the Police but to no avail.

**PS** said that he was hoping to attend the upcoming PACT meeting when he would inquire about the reasons for there being no reports. He would also raise the matter of the recent burglaries in the valley, and, in particular, in Crynant. **RM** said also he would ring Sargeant James.

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

Reference was made to speed calming at the Gradon, but **RP** believed that it was having no effect. **PW** believed that speed cameras had been seen in the valley, e.g. Onllwyn, and these would have an effect on speeding.

A piece of road near The Pines in Treforgan was gathering water and a new drain was needed.

The diversion of the Right of Way at the Kingfisher would take some time to be processed and the road to Illtyd’s Walk was in a poor state and finance was required to undertake improvement

Pavements, especially at Cefn Coed Colliery, Woodland Road and Heol Las Fawr, were to be repaired.

**PW** said that dogs at Nant Celyn were still causing a noise and **KP** said a police warden would check on the situation.

**BM** asked about the Borough Council’s proposals for the future of the Cemetery. **KP** apologized for overlooking this but would look into the current position.

**8.** **REPORTS**

**PS** said that WREN were proposing a £176,000 grant for Cefn Coed if it is possible to receive match-funding.,while it was optimistic that £30,000 would be available from CADW. Neath Port Talbot Council would look at providing match funding up to £180,000 as there was a lot of asbestos on site.**ME** enquired about the fencing that had fallen and **PS** confirmed it was as a result of strong wind. In the event of no progress contact will be made with Edwina Hart in the Assembly. The annual fair on the site will go on but probably on a smaller scale.

**KP** said that in the event of any bikers seen at Cefn Coed, the Police should be contacted on telephone number 101.

**ME** reported that problems had been met during the work undertaken in the Yard due to the weight of the lorries used in laying the tar, the laying of two coats of tar and the poor weather.

**ME** said that the birch tree in the playground needed to be inspected to determine its condition.

It was decided that the precept for the next financial year should be determined in line with the inflation rate in being in January.

The requests for donations received during the period of 1st December 2013 – 30th November 2014 were considered.

It was **AGREED** that a £25 donation be given to the following applicants:

1) NSPCC Cymru Wales

2) Urdd National Eisteddfod 2015

3) Marie Curie Cancer Care

4) Cwmdulais Historical Society

5) Welsh Hearts

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

Bank Balances as at 27th November 2014

Community Council: £40,971

Savings Account: £ 2,796

Community Association: £11,200

**Total: £54,967**

Authorisation: £ 4,468

**Total: £50,499**

**10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications.

**11. AUTHORISATIONS**

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NPTCBC (DD) £ 80.00

Barclays Bank (DD) £ 4.00

Crynant Landscapes £ 795.42

E G Nicholas £ 722.53

B Michael £ 28.00

R Evans £ 449.15

**Total: £2,079.10**

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

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

**Community Association: November 2014**

Total Gym Services £ 294.72

Playdale £ 696.26

Hi-Tec Systems £ 126.00

Total Gym Services £ 105.00

R D Beynon £ 108.00

BT (DD) £ 261.61

I Sadler £ 796.89

**Total: £2,388.48**

Payments proposed: **PS** Payments seconded: **PW**

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

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

228 A letter was received from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) with the purpose of communicating directly with Community Councillors on current issues and topics affecting mining beneficiaries and residents of the community.

It was **AGREED** to provide a list of current Councillors to CISWO but not to provide their individual contact details.

229 Notification received from Play Wales confirming that the Welsh Government have revised its decision to cancel grant funding and has agreed to provide funding for the next eighteen months.

230 A letter received from Neath Port Talbot Children and Young People’s Partnership has proposed that the summer playscheme programmes be withdrawn from 2015 onwards. Consultation meetings have been proposed at a number of venues to discuss alternative proposals .

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**RM** made arrangements for a function to be held in the Gradon to mark Cliff Davies’ retirement as a Community Councillor in Crynant. It was hoped that the Leader of Neath Port Talbot Council, Mr Ally Thomas and Mrs Christina Rees, Labour candidate for Neath Constituency would be able to attend.

**ME** asked what the Council’s views were regarding the Post Office in Crynant. The Council were in support of the Post Office being maintained in the village.

The Clerk raised the matter of Christmas decorations being displayed in the village by the Council following an approach being made by residents. **KP** said that the Borough Council were able to provide a service to install decorations and she would enquire as to the procedure which needed to be undertaken. It was **AGREED** that enquiries be made.

The Clerk stated that after a specified period of four weeks’ notice, no person had submitted an application within the prescribed period for the vacant post of Councillor.

**ME** had been approached by the Caretaker concerning the poor state of the kitchen in the Centre. It was agreed that an inspection be made at the end of the meeting.

**Meeting Closed At 8.50 pm**

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

**29th NOVEMBER 2014 COMMENCING at 7.00 PM**

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

Minutes Proposed as accurate: Seconded:

Abstentions: Objections:

Signed: Chairman Date: