**CRYNANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 28th January 2016**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr. R Power

Mrs. S Phillips

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

Community Councillors: Mr. B Michael (Chair)

Mr. P Shopland

Mrs. A Hart

Mr. M Evans

Mrs. P Wood

Mr. R Miles

Mr. B Lewis

Mr. C Bevan

County Councillor Mrs K Pearson

PCSO Strangward (South Wales Police)

Mr. R Evans (Clerk)

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

Community Councillors as per schedule of Councillor Interests held.

**4. POLICE REPORT: PCSO Rhydian Strangward**

As for the month of December 2015 there had been five crimes in the village, one being a bicycle theft undertaken by a former partner.

There were two incidents of assault, one of which was arrested and the other was a matter of a complaint which was dropped.

The other two incidents were of a theft of a wallet and the other regarding harassment by texts.

**BM** said that an incident in Nant Celyn was well known, but PCSO Strangward said that nothing was recorded, so nothing was done.

The SAAB car continued to obstruct in Glasfryn. School Road and other areas in the village continue to be a problem due to obstruction. **KP** asked whether the Headteacher had been approached regarding the obstructions. It was thought by some people that a teacher was the cause of the obstruction but nothing has been confirmed. **ME** suggested that perhaps cars could park behind the Rugby Club and **BM** felt that the Club would not object. **KP** said that hand held cameras were used at Cefn Coed and perhaps could be used elsewhere. PCSO Strangward said that he would use the cameras, with the assistance of another member of the Police so that one can spot the vehicles while the other uses the camera. A letter from a resident in Treforgan said that houses with two or more vehicles were causing a problem, including work vans parking outside other houses where they are left during the day. Cars are often parked when the owners are actually going to work in someone else’s vehicle.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2015**

The Minutes re: the full Council Meeting held on 26th November 2015.

Subject to the amendment to item 4 “that the PCSO make enquiries in the area to establish if a crime had occurred” and subject to item 6 (paragraph 2) that “**ME** stated in his view that the Community Council had made a poor decision in relation to the land in question” .

Proposed accurate by: **ME** Seconded by: **RM**

No Objections No abstentions

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

Nil.

**7.** **REPORTS**

**PS** said that the evening of the Public Meeting regarding Cefn Coed was positive. Gwenda Thomas, of the Welsh Government had been very useful and it was agreed that there would be a status quo for funding for two years and further funding in 2018. **KP** spoke to Aled Evans in Neath Port Talbot Council regarding the roof which would be repaired. The Annexe would, however, come down. **PS** said that the Friends of Cefn Coed had undertaken a great deal and Ian Davies would return in the Autumn with a show.

**BM** reported that the Lairs in the cemetery had been installed and kerb stones had been repaired.

**BM** said that Crynant Landscapes had made an excellent removal of overgrown brambles and branches from the railings of the cemetery.

**BM** said that the current lease between the Rugby Club and Community Council in respect of the car park to the rear of the Rugby Club was due to expire on 31st May 2016, **BM** asked whether the lease would be extended and could be included with the peppercorn rent agreement but this was not agreed. It was **AGREED** however, that the Lease for the car park should be extended.

**8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PEARSON**

**KP** said that a new wooden bench had been built at the top of The Crescent. Also, the extension of Cefn Coed will help the bus stop.

Street Care will undertake the necessary new tarmacking at the bottom on Neath Road. It was asked whether Nant Celyn had been adopted yet and in response it was confirmed that the owners hadn’t undertaken what was necessary and therefore adoption could not be made. **BM** said that the Planning Department should be able to help. **ME** said that British Rail has put a new culvert below the railway running into Heol Las Fawr and Neath Port Talbot Council owns the land and therefore should take action.

**ME** said that at the top of Treforgan water was causing flooding affecting residents and no action was being taken.

**ME** said that the food van outside the Kingfisher was resulting in rubbish but **CB** stated that a bin was being provided.

**RM** was dismayed about the land adjacent to the exit at The Crescent. The land was an eyesore and needed to be cleared and tidied up.4

**FINANCE REPORT (HT)**

Bank Balances as at 28th January 2016

Community Council: £31,859

Savings Account: £ 2,798

Community Association: £ 3,747

**Total : £38,404**

**9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Nil

**10. AUTHORISATION**

**Community Council – December 2015**

Barclays Bank (DD) £ 2.00

NPTCBC (DD) £ 82.00

Wired Up Wales £ 90.00

Playsdale Playgrounds £2,258.30

HMRC (November) £ 210.78

E Nicholas £ 536.46

Llangollen £ 25.00

Shelter £ 25.00

Welsh Hearts £ 25.00

McMillan £ 25.00

B Michael £ 28.00

R Evans £ 448.95

Christmas decoration £ 89.98

Postage and Paper £ 17.06

HMRC (December) £ 176.91

**Total £4,040.44**

Payments proposed: **RM** Payments seconded: **CB**

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

**Community Association – December 2015**

EON (Gas) £ 263.00

EON (Electric) £ 129.00

Total Gym Services (Annual Service) £ 549.90

Bulk Vending £ 92.27

JNC Fire Protection £ 210.90

HMEC (November) £ 8.33

I Sadler £ 594.06

**Total £1,847.46**

Payments proposed: **RM** Payments seconded: **CB**

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

**Community Council – January 2016**

Barclays Bank (DD) £ 4.00

NPTCBC (DD) £ 82.00

CPRW £ 6.00

E Nicholas £ 371.26

W E Jones £ 268.00

R Evans £ 449.15

**Total £1,208.41**

Payments proposed: **RM** Payments seconded: **CB**

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

**Community Association – January 2016**

EON (Gas) £263.00

EON (Electric) £129.00

TV Licence £145.50

Electrical Equipment £127.33

I Sadler £861.00

**Total £1,525.83**

Payments proposed: **RM** Payments seconded: **CB**

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

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter from Rural Development Plan (Neath Port Talbot Council) concerning a project entitled “Working for Nature”.

2. A further request was received from Cwmdulais Historical Society and it was agreed that a £25 donation be awarded.

3. The MP, Christina Rees has agreed to meet the Council and it is hoped that the meeting will be held in February.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Eirfyl Nicholas has decided to end his post forthwith as Caretaker following an accident on his way to the Community Centre.

**ME** said that the state of the area within and outside the Community Centre should be improved.

**RM** said that the people of the Village were very complimentary regarding the Christmas trees in the grounds of St Margarets Church and Saron Chapel

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

**28th JANUARY 2016 COMMENCING at 6.30 PM**

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

Abstentions: Objections:

Signed: Chairman Date: