## Crynant Community Council

The Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant. SA10 8RG

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 27th October 2016**

**Attendance:** Cllrs A. Hart (Chair); P.Wood; P. Shopland; C. Bevan; S. Phillips; R. Miles;

M. Evans; B. Michael; B Lewis. County Councillor K. Pearson.

Clerk H. Mortimer.

**Part attendance:** Jeremy Miles, Assembly Member for the Neath Constituency.

**101**: **Apologies.** None

**103**: **To receive Declarations of Interest**. None

**104**: **Jeremy Miles Assembly Member for the Neath Constituency**.

Mr Miles provided the Council with a comprehensive report on the four questions put to him. Full commentary available from the Clerk.

**105: To approve and sign the minutes of previous meeting**.

Before approval it was noted an item raised under other business had been omitted. This was duly inserted. Minutes then approved as a true and accurate record.

**106: Matters arising from the minutes. (For information only).**

Further investigation required on a new induction loop system, exact specification required so accurate quotations can be sought.

Walker Fire instructed to complete additional work, which was undertaken on November 1st awaiting receipt of certificate.

Contractor spoken to regarding the removal of grass clippings – confirmed removal of clippings in October which is the last cut for this year.

**107: To receive the Auditor General for Wales Audit Certificate to approve and accept the Report and implement recommendations.**

The Members discussed the issues**. Resolved:** That the Auditor General for Wales’ Audit Certificate and Report is approved and accepted. **Resolved:** To appoint WBV Limited as internal auditor, terms of appointment agreed, engagement letter, signed and returned.

**Resolved:** To hold quarterly finance committee meetings to include budget setting and review.

**108: County Councillor Pearson**.

Update provided on the after effects of the recent flooding, NPT working in conjunction with NRW have ascertained that the Gabion wall had moved at Alderwood Close. NRW responsible for the river and wall, they have met with residents to discuss a plan for remedial action.

NRW also at Treforgan removing stones in river, engineers report concluded that by clearing upstream and river widening this would alleviate the flood point.

Temporary flood defence at Ynys y Bont – NPT provided sandbags, should bad weather be forecast they are prepared to provide more.

NPT also looking at water/drainage on the Farmers field. The brook in Treforgan to be cleared in due course. KP to forward email from NRW for information.

Work to dismantle the head gear at Cefn Coed to commence week beginning 31/10 there will be an exclusion zone set up, but there will be no disruption to traffic.

AH raised concerns on the state of the pavement opposite Gradon Pub.

NRW to commence a programme of tree harvesting in Crynant East forest, work to be carried out in the coming months to clear infected larch trees this will have some impact on access. NRW to sign woods to inform users. Briefing notes, maps noted by Councillors.

**109: Police Report. & Report from any Member concerning meetings attended.**

PCSO Strangward has resigned, a replacement has not yet been appointed. Clerk to send letter of acknowledgement. The information provided stated there were 13 occurrences for Crynant. 3 recorded crimes. 1 arrest for intimidating witness or person. It is hoped that a new PCSO will be appointed sooner rather than later.

**Mr M Evans** attended meeting at GP surgery. They have been monitoring the number of calls to the surgery it was highlighted that Monday’s are particularly busy (75 calls Monday am and 28 calls Monday pm) nurses would call less urgent patients and offer appointments for a Tuesday, it was hoped to reduce calls/appointments to 50 per day. It has come to light that the GPs are wasting valuable time attempting to ring patients who have requested an appointment but are not available when the Doctor calls back, in future the Doctor will only call twice. The repeat prescription service would now take 72 hours.

**110: Planning Applications and Applications to change register of Common Land application numbers NPT0019; NPT0020; NPT0021 & NPT0022**

No planning applications. NPT0019 – 22 Applications for the amendment of the Register of Common Land in relation to the registered right of common. Due to the sale of adjacent land an apportionment is due on the rights, no extra rights have been proposed.

**No representation.**

**111: To receive for information and reference statement made by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Mark Drakeford AM. In relation to the reform of Local Government.**

The information was noted by Members.

**112: To receive formal budget estimates for the forthcoming Local Government Elections scheduled to take place on 4th May 2017.**

The information was noted by Members.

**113: To received agenda and papers for the next meeting of the CBC/Community & Town Councils Liaison Forum schedule for 4pm 31st October. Crynant briefing at 3.30pm room C.**

The information was noted by Members.

**114: Authorisations.**

Barclays bank accounts mandates signed to update correspondence address and

Account signatories. **RESOLVED:** replace Mr R. Evans with Mrs H. Mortimer.

**Bank Balances as at 28/10/2016**

Community Council current account £33,610

Community Council savings account £ 2,798

Community Association £ 1,667

**Community Association payments**

Utilities £ 293.00

Trade waste collection £ 415.22

Multidata £ 108.86

Wages as per contract £ 664.20

Bank charges £ 30.25

**Community Council payments**

Wages as per contract £ 1,152.66

Bank charges £ 16.20

Wrenvale Nurseries £ 360.00

Crynant Landscapes £ 737.72

**115: Correspondence.**

For information as required One Voice Wales is able to offer member councils a range of

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**116: Any Other Business.**

Formal welcome and thank you to the new Clerk. Confirmation provided on roles and sub-committee Members. Finance, Community Centre and personnel meetings to be held in due course.

There was no further business, meeting closed at 8.35pm

Cllr A. Hart (Chair)