## Crynant Community Council

The Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant. S10 8RG

**117: Apologies.**

Cllrs: Roger Miles; Brian Lewis & Colin Bevan.

**118: Register of attendance.**

Completed.

**119: To receive Declarations of Interest.**

None.

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

**Council meeting held on 27th October 2016**.

Approved as true and accurate, signed by Chairperson, Cllr A Hart.

**121: Matters arising from the minutes.**

None.

**122: County Councillor Pearson.**

Update provided on recent flooding and works undertaken to date, KP concerned that work not adequate to prevent further flooding, and has requested interim flood defence barrier.

NRW to fill in gabion wall with clay to protect adjacent properties, work to commence week beginning 31/10.

Coastal Housing have five 1 bedroom flats available to let, these to be advertised and any interested parties may bid via the usual process.

Parking at school road raised and included under agenda item 123.

KP attended Environment & Highway agency meeting, looking at long term plan and discussion of issues: including Dan-y-Twyn; pavement re-surfacing; bus stop blocking and traffic calming measures. Surveys being undertaken to ascertain the extent of the issues and to provide potential solutions.

Cllr. Mike Evans requested provision of extra dog bins within the village. KP confirmed that there was a statutory minimum distance between bins required, the current bins were within that requirement and as such no further bin could be provided. It was also discussed if the Community Council purchase bins would the County maintain it was felt at this time not a matter the Councillors wished to progress.

**123: Police Report. Correspondence received & Key request.**

Cllrs RESOLVED to issue PCSO with a key to the Community Centre. Clerk to arrange another set so they can use the Community Centre as a base when on duty in Crynant. Car park to be opened at 8:30 daily so it can be utilised by any parents wishing to use to take the children to school. Cllr. Barry Michael included the use of the Rugby Club car park, it is hoped this will ease parking congestion and obstructions on School Road. PCSO will patrol at school and advise appropriately and a letter to be sent to parents by the school.

**124: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.**

1. Cllr Peter Shopland reported the headteacher at Crynant School had been appointed as the new head teacher at Coedffranc School, where he had been seconded. The post for new Head Teacher has been advertised.
2. Cefn Coed progress update: Another level of the winding gear to be removed then the site will opened back up the Friends of Cefn Coed.
3. Clerk attended liaison forum, follow up event on digital inclusion to be attended on 30th January.
4. Report provided by Cllr Roger Miles on meeting with Playable, regarding the park, full survey undertaken highlighting several issues which need to be addressed. Options and costing to be provided for consideration in due course.

**125: Planning applications: Pre-Planning application for Consultation for a mobile phone base station and installation at Brynawel Farm, 24 Brynawel, Crynant, Neath** **received from Clarke Telecom**. The Cllrs recognise the need for better mobile signal coverage in the valley and welcome the construction of this base station. After considerable discussion it was felt that the more appropriate site would be at Crynant Business Park, 91 Main Road, Crynant. This site had been identified by Clarke Telecom as a suitable position for the mobile phone base, they were however awaiting a response from the local authority. Clerk to forward recommendation to Clarke Telecom proposing the Business Park as the preferred location.

**126: To receive report from Clerk and approve income and expenditure report.**

It was RESOLVED that the expenditure report for November be approved. Signed by Chairperson Cllr Andrea Hart.

**127: Authorisations.**

APPROVED purchase of Laptop Computer, Clerk online training course. New set of

keys. New power cable for Christmas lights.

**128: To consider annual Grant requests.**

APPROVED Grants of £25 each to Historical Society & Marie Curie Nurses. To

continue to support Friends of the Hospital on a quarterly basis via coffee morning.

**129: Correspondence.**

Request received by Cllr. Mike Evans from Mr. A. Williams, who wished to bid for Grass cutting services to the Council, Mr Williams advised to email clerk who will include when 2017 tender requests sent.

**130: Any Other Business.**

1. Council code of conduct reviewed and accepted. Hard copies to be at next meeting for any Councillors not in attendance at this meeting.
2. A window at the community centre had not been properly secured. Caretakers to be reminded of their responsibilities on checking the building daily, and taking remedial action or reporting as appropriate.
3. Christmas decorations to be erected as Saron Chapel & Saint Margaret’s Church this Monday.
4. Request for new signs on entrances to village, Clerk to check what funding available.
5. Ian Sadler reported that one running machine out of order. Cllrs inspected and taped machine to ensure no further use also noted that the other running machine propped up on wooden blocks. Agreed to contact Total Gym Solutions and bring forward our annual survey so work could be attended to urgently.
6. Essential maintenance required on the previously blocked sewage pipe, a survey previously completed recommended a sleeve to support cracked pipe or renewal. Ditches and drainage work required around tennis and basketball courts.

Clerk to contact Council to request assistance and to speak to Mr Paul Hinder on any grant funding available.

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 There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8:20pm

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