## Crynant Community Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held 29th March 2018

**306: Apologies**. Cllr Brian Lewis (work commitment)

**307: Register of attendance**. Duly completed.

**308: To receive Declarations of Interest**. Cllr Barry Michael. Item 304(a)

**309: To approve and sign the February Council meeting minutes, and review February Finance committee minutes.** RESOLVED: February minutes approved as true and accurate. Finance meeting minutes received for information to signed as true and accurate by Chair of sub-committee meeting.

**310: Matters arising from the minutes.** **(for information only)** **Item 290** Mr. Rinaldi Lease agreement, further correspondence to be sent with full details on how to resolve the matter of the outstanding lease agreement. **Item 304(a)** Crynant RFC incorporation, Clerk advised that the NPT Solicitor Rachel Davies would be instructed to act on behalf of the Council in preparing a licence and confirmed that Crynant RFC would be invoiced for the full cost of the fee.

**311: Police Report.** Report provided by P.C.S.O. Tossell advised that there had been 8 occurrences with 1 crime reported to police. 1 Crime – Criminal damage. Non crime 2 x concern for safety, 1 – Anti Social Behaviour, 2 x suspicious vehicle reports, 1 abandoned 999 call, 1 police generated. Actions undertaken during the month included operation involving local authority parking enforcement in Valley over 5 days, 2 vehicles booked in Crynant.

Community Councillors & County Councillor Harris expressed their dissatisfaction at the lack of visibility of the P.C.S.O. in the Village. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact Sargent Bending to request shift patterns etc and when we could expect the P.C.S.O. be on patrol in the Village.

Further information required regarding the caravan facing the wrong way on a one way street. Cllr. Peter Shopland agreed to provide advice at the next meeting.

**312: County Councillor Harris report. Including receiving budget slides presented at Community & Council liaison forum.**

Slides received and duly noted.

County Councillor Harris report attached for information and updated further:

* Recycling, crews are being instructed to pick up any litter, however they report that the bags are being over-filled, as there is no restriction on the amount of recycling bags that can be used they have asked that Resident’s order another bag and split their collection.
* Star – The state of the area is an enforcement issue Cllr. Harris will chase progress with the relevant department.
* Debate on the land ownership either side of the path between Heol y Berllan and School Road, will look again at the matter to try and resolve the flooding on the path.
* Reported that since the litter had been cleared from the verges on the Main Road that is was looking much better, although litter has already started to build up again.
* Water tracking onto the Road from land owned by Mr E. Lewis, needs to be addressed, Community Councillors advised that it was their understanding that there was a clause in the planning stating that trees need to be re-planted.
* The Council was informed that grant funding had been received and three new signs would be provided these signs would be sponsored. Cllr Harris agreed to look at the possibility of adding a planter to the base of the new signs.
* Boundary wall at Crynant Primary School in need of repair as it is leaning into neighbouring gardens, meeting with Residents to discuss cost effective, remedial action.

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

* Cllr Peter Shopland reported that progress was being made at Cefn Coed with further meetings planned for next month, but the museum would be offering a full weekend programme for Easter.
* Cllr Peter Shopland advised that the budget to Crynant Primary School had been cut considerably for the next financial year.
* Cllr Pat Wood reported on the training course attended with the Clerk – Council as an Employer.
* Cllr Judy Rundle reported that the ‘effective grant applications’ training was very informative.
* Cllr Suzanne Waldon provided a report on the ‘planning aid conference’ attended. Further event planned facilitated by NPT and follow up meeting to be undertaken.

**314: Planning applications: P2018/0167 & P2018/0172 RESOLVED:** That no observations be submitted for either application.

**315: Bank reconciliation & payment authorisations.**

**Listing for March**

Wages as per contract £2444.98 total wages for March

One Voice Wales £ 274.00 Annual membership fee

Barclays bank charge £ 11.55 Service charge for February

**RESOLVED:** that the following payments be authorised for April.

One voice wales training £240.00 6 places on training courses.

SLCC £125.00 Annual membership

Screwfix £ 14.98 Materials to repair tap in cemetery

**316: Personnel report & Employee wages for year 2018/2019**.

Clerk reported that on the recommendation of the interview panel Mr Neil Pickin to be appointed as caretaker to cover maternity leave and Mrs Caroline Carol appointed as relief caretaker. Training to commence immediately. Employee wages deferred to finance committee.

**317: Risk assessment review.** Risk assessment document reviewed. **RESOLVED**: to accept assessment and colour code any high risk items in red.

**318: To receive information from Wales audit office.** Received and duly noted.

**319: To receive/review General Data Protection Regulations.** Received and noted, Clerk will work through the GDPR toolkit received from One Voice Wales to ensure Community Council compliant by May deadline.

**320: Review proposed Welsh Language Scheme. RESOLVED:** To adopt policy and implement with immediate effect.

**321: To discuss, outside spaces – maintenance, dog fouling, & gate opening.** The Council debated the problem of dog fouling, this is a problem and a health hazard for the majority of the outside space. The Council discussed the use of the parks, woodland walk, bmx track, M.U.G.A. and tennis courts by all residents It was agreed that any solution should include the requirements of responsible dog owners. The use of the tennis courts has become an issue where dogs have been allowed to run in the safety of an enclosed space and some owners not cleaning up the mess, this is not acceptable at any time. Dogs will be allowed along the footpaths and in the wildflower reserve. **RESOLVED:** To enforce policy of no dogs on all play areas to include tennis courts, M.U.G.A. BMX track, parks & review signage. **RESOLVED:** To provide a gate key to the Rugby Club so that the gate could be opened at the weekend for access to the car park and playground.

321: **Correspondence. (a) Notice to register easement 86 Main Rd., Crynant. (b) One Voice Wales request motions for 2018 AGM .** (a) **RESOLVED** Rachel Davies Solicitor at NPT acted on behalf of the Community Council and easement registered. (b) One Voice Wales 2018 AGM – any proposals for debate should be brought to the next full Council Meeting.

**322: Any other business.** Cllr Barry Michael enquired about the wellbeing of Mr. Cliff Davies. Cllr. Andrea Hart asked if the damaged banners on the railings at the Business Park could be removed.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8:05pm

Signed:

Date:

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* See attachment entitled Improvements to NPTs road network above. This is the answer to Councillor Lewis question regarding why the Abergarwed road had recently been re-furbished.
* Issue with rubbish – falling out of bags with new system- have asked for a report on what issues are, what can be done to prevent etc. Email sent on 4 March – reply on 5 March stating a full report would be sent to me within due course. No reply as yet, so an email remember has been sent.
* Met with Justin Griffiths about flooding issue, he wanted to see the area to make sure it was not caused by water being diverted from the water turbines. Looks more like seepage from the houses that are higher than the area. Area was very boggy but not flooded when we looked at it. Email sent to check who owns the land as it appears un-adopted. I am waiting for an email confirmation of who owns this land, email reminder sent.
* Email sent to Heidi with details of NPT translator – Heidi to contact for more information.
* Trees top and bottom of Treforgan – Met with Councillor Evans to see the exact issue. Neither area is owned by NPT. One area is owned by Mr Frost – Treforgan. The other is owned by Leighton Maes y Hendre Farm. Visited Leighton spoke to his mother who will pass the message on to cut the tree back. Will need to keep an eye on this. I will need to speak to Leighton again and I haven’t had chance to speak to Mr Frost yet.
* Area around The Star, I have sent a chase up email on what is happening.
* New signs for Gwyn Terrace at top of The Crescent looking good.
* Trying to re-locate a grit bin to The Crescent, the one I wanted to move seems to have been removed?