## Crynant Community Council

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

Minutes of the meeting held 26th April 2018

**323: Apologies**. Cllr. Barry Michael (holiday) Cllr. Sian Phillips (work commitment) Cllr. Peter Shopland (personal commitment).

**324: Register of attendance.** Chairman Cllr. Pat Wood, Cllr. Roger Miles, Cllr. Colin Bevan, Cllr. Judy Rundle, Cllr. Andrea Hart, Vice Chair Cllr. Brian Lewis, Cllr. Suzanne Waldron, Cllr. Mike Evans, Clerk Heidi Mortimer & PCSO James Tossell (part attendance).

**325: To receive Declarations of Interest.** No declarations received.

**326: To approve and sign the March Council meeting minutes, and review April Finance committee minutes. Resolved:** March Council meeting minutes approved as true and accurate. Finance committee meeting minutes read from minute record book typed minutes to be signed as true and accurate by Chair of sub-committee meeting.

**327: Matters arising from the minutes (for information only). 305(a) Juvenile burial fee** – full cost to be reclaimed from unitary authority, The Clerk has submitted request and full fee recovered to the sum of £400.00. **321: Outside space, maintenance, dog fouling & gate opening.** New bilingual ‘no dogs’ notice placed at entrance to BMX track and Tennis courts, signed authority for key cutting obtained.

**328: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions.** Mr. Sean Kier in attendance no questions presented, other than to seek clarity on the position on the agenda of the questions. It was clarified by The Clerk, that the reason the item was at the start of the meeting was to allow any questions or statements to be made, by members of the public, on any agenda items prior to any debate or resolutions being made.

**329: To receive Police report (for information only).** PCSO James Tossell presented his report prior to attending the PACT meeting, and advised that the team covering the Dulais Valley were now reporting into Sargent John McCumesky at the Neath Station. There were no questions from the Councillors, the Caretakers had reported directly that there was an increase in discarded cans and bottles containing alcohol, and that strangers had been seen loitering in the Woodland Walk area.

**330: County Councillor Harris report**. Report attached.

* Clarity requested on the 106 agreement, as to whether any input could be provided by the Community Council, prior to the amount being set by the County Borough Council planning department – County Councillor Harris advised she was still awaiting a response.
* County Councillor Harris advised that the Authority had been successful in obtaining grant funding from Welsh Assembly Government in respect of further traffic calming measures in the Village. The full plan is being prepared, it is anticipated these will be completed within three months when they will be presented for review to the Community Council.
* Tree at bottom of Treforgan – County Councillor Harris advised that the Landowner **disputes** the ownership of the tree, but would look into the matter further and suggested that any future individual items be presented directly to her surgery.

**331: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.** The Clerk provided key learnings from One Voice Wales training course attended – The Council Meeting. Cllr. Suzanne Waldron advised that following meeting with Jonathan N.R.W. that regardless of our grant application for funding from NRW the paths at Crynant East forest would be cleared.

**332: Planning applications: P2018/0290, P2018/0252 & P2017/1006 details attached**. **RESOLVED:** That no observations be submitted for any application.

**333: Clerks report.**

* The Clerk reported to Council that the Receipts and Payments accounts for the Council were being submitted to the Internal Auditor for inspection.
* Work on the Welsh Language policy document had been completed and was ready for proof reading, along with updated Council stationery, the website now has a translate function.
* GDPR checklists and review being undertaken. Confirmation is awaited on revised legislation to remove the need for Community Councils to appoint a Data Controller (The Clerk as the Data processor cannot undertake to role of Data Controller).
* Kompan playground equipment ordered, following successful grant funding from Welsh Gov. via NPTCBC.
* Further meeting of the working party to mark the end of WW1 to meet on Monday 30th April.

Association receipts and payments accounts completed. Inspection of accounts to be undertaken internally, the requirement for external audit removed as annual income less than £25K per charity commission guidance.

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

April bank reconciliation confirmed: Opening Balance current account £23,026.87 & Business Premium account £6805.86. **RESOLVED:** that the following payments authorised.

Barclays Bank Charge £ 11.85 Service charge for March

NPTCBC Legal £ 100.00 Solicitors fee re: deed of easement

NPTCBC Rates £ 66.50 Rates Maes yr Hendre

Kompan Ltd £3569.76 New Playground equipment

CNS £ 31.33 Grass cutting consumables

Wages as per contract £5508.82 Wages for April including Clerk Back pay

**335: Zurich Insurance renewal documentation for review in conjunction with Asset schedule**. Revised asset schedule provided and checked by Cllr Mike Evans, Zurich Insurance renewal presented at an annual cost of £2480.00 **RESOLVED:** That Asset schedule approved and submitted for internal audit. **RESOLVED:** That Came & Company provide review and quotations for Insurance cover for year ending 31/5/19 final arrangements and recommendations to be delegated to finance committee.

**Matters raised**: Firewood and brash covered with an old carpet, that had been cleared by caretakers, is looking very unsightly at the entrance to the Wildflower area, confirmed by Cllr. Mike Evans that this was put there at his instruction to be burned at a later date. Rubbish to be cleared at earliest opportunity. Councillors Pat Wood and Judy Rundle wish to take on the defibrillator project, the Clerk provided a list of funds raised to date.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7:30pm

Signed …………………………………………………………………………….

Date ……………………………………………………………………………..

Application Number: P2018/0290

Applicants Name /Address: Miss Hayley Jones, 68B MAIN ROAD, CRYNANT, NEATH,SA10 8NT

Site Location: 68B MAIN ROAD, CRYNANT, NEATH, SA10 8NT

Proposed Development: Single storey rear extension plus access steps to lower garden area.

Application Number: P2018/0252

Applicants Name /Address: MRS J BARBETT EVANS, EDEN HOUSE, 2 GARBETT PLACE,CRYNANT,SA10 8PQ

Site Location: EDEN HOUSE, 2 GARBETT PLACE, CRYNANT, NEATH, SA10 8PQ

Proposed Development: Detached dwelling

Application Number: P2017/1006

Applicants Name/Address: MR PHILLIP HOPKINS, LLWYN LLANC UCHAF FARM, CRYNANT. SA10 8SF

Site Location: BRYNCOED HOUSE, TREFORGAN ROAD, TREFORGAN, CRYNANT. SA10 8PW

Proposed Development: 5 Residential dwellings.

Details in respect of the above developments are available on the internet at http://planning.npt.gov.uk

**Cllr Sian Harris report 26 April 2018**

 Parking Main Road pavement – spoken to owner who to be fair is now parking the car on the

drive. Councillor Wood has messaged me to state it was there overnight on Friday 20 April.

I am keeping an eye and I haven’t seen it myself since I have spoken to the house holders. If

it persists as Cllr Wood states I will have to bring it to the attention of the new PC.

 New PC is on leave for two weeks. I will be meeting with her on her return to iron out the

minor parking issues we have in the village at the moment.

 Litter picking – emailed Lyn Davies – a driver has been ill and our driver has been covering

that area as it was very bad in that area. I have been promised that our team are now back

in action and the road will be cleared again soon. Then it will be done every 10 days.

 Leaves at cemetery – have asked Adrian Moore Zone Supervisor to clear them, and they

were cleared Monday 23 April.

 Caravan School Road- on my agenda for when I speak to new PC Van De Wouw.

 Section 106 officer – confirm consultation over what the money is spent on. I will hopefully

have this answer by Thursday.

 Estates and banners on Treforgan Units – I have asked Dave Phillips if I can remove the faded

banners, and re-tie the ones that are okay. He replied that he would ask his colleague to

take a look at what the issue is and take photos to report back to him. They should have

formal permission and if they haven’t they will be removed. One suggestion was to ask

anybody that wanted to advertise this way to make a formal agreement and pay a fee. On

the other hand he will monitor it for a while to make sure it does not get out of hand. I am

awaiting his reply on whether they will be removed or re-sighted.

 NPTCBC have applied for and had approved a grant for road safety measures throughout the

village, from the entry way before the iron bridge, to the cattle grid on the Ystrad Road right

up to the plastics factory. When I have more information I will pass it on. Plans are being

drawn up as we speak, this will take three months, and then the money will be ready to

implement. I have asked for them to take into account what they can do regarding the exit

road from Heol Y Berllan to the Main Road as it is becoming increasingly difficult to exit from

that road. Also, I have asked if there is any chance they can incorporate a speed limit sign in

their plans as you leave Crynant, the road to the first cattle grid, no actual speed sign and

they do go very fast here.

 The speed calming measure by The Gradon has been removed, so far so good. Other than a

few people still going around the measure like if it was there and a lady slamming on as I

think she panicked that it had gone. So hopefully this will be a better measure and with the

new road safety and signage measures we are about to receive this should benefit the

village.

 Still have not heard from Leighton regarding the tree at the bottom of Treforgan. Regarding

the other one I am not convinced it is in Mr Frosts land so I think I need to check that one

again.

 Flooding at Cefn Coed Colliery – haven’t got much information yet, but drainage are looking

at the whole area with a view to work being implemented to stop the flooding.

 The Square has now been inspected, and the condition of the site would in the councils

opinion merit pursuing formal action under section 215 (land adversely affecting amenity).

The council will now progress a report seeking authorisation to take action to improve the

site. I will be updated on progress.

 Further information for Cllr Wood regarding the electrifying of the line from Cardiff to

Swansea. The decision not to electrify the South Wales mainline from Cardiff to Swansea

was taken by Chris Grayling MP, in July 2017. The UK Government would only electrify lines

where it provided a genuine benefit to passengers which could not be achieved through

other technologies (i.e. new bi-mode trains which can travel on electrified and non-

electrified tracks). Mr Grayling told MPs that the money could be better spent on

improvements elsewhere that would actually generate measurable improvements. Mr

Grayling suggested that upgrading the track between the two cities would not speed up journey time.