## Crynant Community Council

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

***Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 6:30pm on Thursday 25th April, 2019. The Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant.***

**469: Apologies for absence/Reason given**. Cllr. Peter Shopland (Illness)

**470: Register of attendance**: Cllr. Brian Lewis, Chairman; Cllr. Barry Michael; Cllr. Roger Miles; Cllr. Andrea Hart; Cllr. Pat Wood; Cllr. Sian Phillips; Cllr. Colin Bevan; Cllr. Sean Keir; Cllr. Suzanne Waldron; County Councillor Sian Harris & Clerk Heidi Mortimer.

**471: To receive Declarations of Interest**: Cllr. Barry Michael item 477.

**472: To approve and sign the Council meeting minutes**. **Resolved:** That the minutes signed as true and accurate.

**473: Matters arising from the minutes**: Copy correspondence regarding parking at Station Road provided for information only.

**474: To adjourn if necessary, to receive public questions:** No members of the public in attendance.

**475: To receive Police report**. No representative present at meeting, high level figures provided. P.A.C.T priority – off road motorbikes.

**476: County Councillor Harris report**. Typed report provided, attached for information. County Councillor Harris also advised that concerns had been expressed, and being dealt with, regarding the process for dealing with excess waste collection.

**477: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council. Cllr Wood meeting with residents to discuss cemetery policy and complaint**: Councillor Barry Michael as Sexton and officer involved left the meeting. Chairman Brian Lewis summarised the situation regarding the recent incident/complaint at Maes-y-Hendre Cemetery. Councillor Brian Lewis informed Council of the investigations undertaken and noted the observations of the parties involved. Councillor Barry Michael returned to the meeting where the Chairman reconfirmed the Council’s Cemetery policy, and guidelines on acceptable practice within the confines of the Cemetery. **Resolved:** To unanimously reject Councillor Barry Michael’s resignation from the office of Sexton. **Resolved:** To hand deliver letter of response and apology.

**478: Clerks report to include (a) Bank reconciliation; (b) Payment authorisations; (c) Personnel report; (d) Association report; (d) Draft year end figures for approval prior to submission to Internal Auditor.**

Bank balances confirmed at 31/3/2019 Current account £12,191; Reserve account £5,149; Grant account £697.

**Resolved:** That the following payments made:

Barclays Bank £18.85 Service charge for April

JF Drainage £60.00 Maintenance

One Voice Wales £288.00 Membership fee

Stackhouse Poland Ltd £302.40 Insurance policy Tractor

Powercut £14,780.00 Mower, Tractor deposit & VAT

Wages for April £2418.21 As per contract

Draft figures provided and approved for submission to WBV internal auditors.

**479: To consider employee wages and hours from April 2019**.

**Resolved:** To continue Caretaker hours 2 x 20 hours and 1 x zero hours relief. To be paid at minimum wage £8.21 per hour to be reviewed in conjunction with One Voice Wales consultation.

**Resolved:** Clerk salary paid at spinal column point 25 as per National Association of Local Councils national salary award 2019-2020 £28,785 pro rata 14 hours per week.

**480: To receive update on grants and project work.** Councillor Suzanne Waldron provided update on Forest walks project, advised Council new lead grant officer at NRW to be appointed due to staff changes. Woodlands and You agreement now in place, work can now be carried out on NRW land.

**481: To receive progress report on Cefn Coed Museum**. County Councillor advised the matters discussed previously were still progressing with no significant update. Volunteers urgently required.

**482: Correspondence: Resident letter of complaint; One Voice Wales guidance on payments to Members.** Correspondence received with the request that it be read out at Council Meeting. Hard copy of the letter was circulated to Members and all points noted. Council has dealt with the complaint as item 477 other observations highlighted covered by Members code of conduct and the Council’s diversity policy.

Members payments discussed and letter templates provided for Members to accept or decline payments as decided.

**483: Any other business.** No further business, meeting closed at 8:15pm

Item 476

County Cllr S Harris Report – Thursday 25 April

* Hessian bags have been a nightmare – council did not deliver to half of the village, and when residents were ringing up the council, refuge were telling them all delivered. I have managed to get all known addresses delivered to.
* Drainage to prevent flooding about to start on the road out of Crynant heading to Ystradgynlais. Don’t know too much about it, as was just told it is happening. However, I know it is part of on-going flood measures to prevent any issues like we have had in the past.
* Electric fence on the common has now been fitted – and not one person seemed to notice. Now they have to train the cows to use the new collars and the cows will be released onto the common again. Hopefully, keeping the dried grass low to prevent more grass fires.
* Another picture of The Star sent off.
* Grass cleared by bus-stop top of The Crescent – home owner had been saving to get it done and now it is done.
* Trees in Treforgan pushing wires down, will not take action until it affects the service.
* Revised plans for Bryncoed House, the old house is now being knocked down which was not part of the original plan due to the bats. Bat survey done and the property will now be knocked down and a new house built on the grounds. Any queries I am speaking to Rhodri Griffiths in planning on the 29 April.
* Glyndulais – traffic movement plans now on the council planning site. Any questions I am speaking to Rhodri Griffiths on 29 April. I will discuss the one way traffic with Rhodri on this date, but I have a feeling that would involve a traffic order which costs money. However, I will ask.
* Friends of Cefn Coed AGM on 20 May if any of you are members please attend.