## Crynant Community Council

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

**514: Apologies for absence/Reason given**. Cllr. Colin Bevan (Holiday), Cllr. Suzanne Waldron (Holiday).

**515: Register of attendance**. Members in attendance: Cllr. Sian Phillips; Cllr. Peter Shopland; Cllr. Pat Wood; Cllr. Brian Lewis; Cllr. Sean Keir; Cllr. Roger Miles; Cllr. Andrea Hart; Chairman Cllr. Barry Michael; County Councillor Sian Harris & Clerk Heidi Mortimer.

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

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

**519: Matters arising from the minutes**. No matters arising.

**520: To adjourn if necessary, to receive public questions**. No members of the public present.

**521: To receive Police report**. No figures received. Advised that PC Van de Wouw, had left the police force it is hoped that a replacement will be appointed in September. PCSO Aled has requested that Crynant be part of a pilot programme to increase community engagement by holding PACT meetings at, different locations throughout the community and as part of existing groups – pop up pact.

**522: County Councillor Harris report.** Typed report provided for reference. In response the Community Council raised the following points:

* Request that as part of the work undertaken by the County Council team as mentioned in point 3 of the report, that the following areas be included – The pavement and frontage of Cefn Coed museum & The pavement alongside Maes y Hendre cemetery.
* Parking on the main road throughout village, where the Council feel the parking is causing an obstruction. County Councillor Harris will speak to Aled and request that he, speak with residents in question, if this does not resolve the matter a letter to be written by Community Council to the Police, highlighting areas of concern.
* Previously highlighted, neglected/run down area of the Village – County Councillor Harris advised that there is no amenity issue, however should the situation deteriorate in future a further report would be submitted to the relevant department and planning enforcement.
* Plant pots County Councillor Harris asked if anyone would be available to walk the village to suggest best places for the pots to be placed, to meet at the Rugby Club 3pm Sunday. Community Council requested site of the original indemnity required by County Borough Council.
* Clerk to provide quotation and project summary to County Councillor Harris for the park gate requested from the Members fund.
* County Councillor Harris also advised that she was working on applications to the Members fund from the Scouts and the School.
* Community Council again raised the banners on the business park railings and requested that all out of date and damaged banners be removed.
* As part of an ongoing maintenance programme, can the County Council provide us with a list/map of benches that the County Council are responsible for.

**523: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.** Update received on Cefn Coed, the Council were advised that the Neath Tower is the first to be refurbished and put back up Excel engineering moving forward with the blast cleaning, work scheduled to be completed next year.

**524: Clerks report to include (a) Payment authorisations, (b) personnel report**. **Resolved:** That the following payments made:

Direct debits as per monthly schedule – Bank charges & rates

Wages as per contract July & August

DNT Welding 215.00 Security work & repair to MUGA

WBV Accountants 960.00 Annual internal audit

ROSPA 136.80 Playground Inspection

Crynant Landscapes 1016.64 Jun & July grass cutting

D Williams 34.88 Sthil spares

CNS powertools 27.83 Maintenence

**525: To receive update and progress report on Forest walk project.**

Woodlands and You agreement signed, keys received for access to Forest. Work to commence to clear ground ready for installation of benches and chainsaw sculptures.

**526: To consider Council response and any submission required on Rail Centre of excellence consultation.** Councillor Peter Shopland gave a report on the meeting at Onllwyn. The Council agreed that this is a good opportunity and await further information there is no opposition to this proposal at present.

**527: To consider candidates for co-option to the position of full Council Member**. **Resolved:** To co-opt as full member with immediate effect Mr. Andrew Farthing.

**528: To receive R.O.S.P.A. annual inspection report**. Report received **Resolved**: report accepted Cllr. Roger Miles & Clerk to meet and implement action plan.

**529: Correspondence: (a) Tai Tarian opportunity to explore potential of land adjacent to Woodland Walk . Resolved:** To request further information and arrange a meeting to discuss.

**530: Any other business**: There was no further business and meeting closed 7:40pm

Item 522 County Councillor Harris Report.

 Cefn Coed update – spoke to the Director of Environment and they are still pursuing the

funding and have had a request to submit more information by 2 nd August.

 Requests x 3 to cut overgown grass etc, from the pavement opposite the Gradon - complete.

Request to cut the banking as you leave Treforgan. This is hindering sight of traffic coming

down the common to the first cattle grid. The area has been done by NPT today and is much

better, but I have had permission of the landowner to take a team from Treforgan to cut

other stray bits. Hopefully this will be done next Sunday. I now have a team in the village on

5 th 6 th and 7 th August from NPT, and they have a list of areas to strim/cut given to NPT by

myself and members of the village.

 New signage after requests from residents of Maesmawr regarding articulated lorries

accessing the street and then getting stuck and having issues turning around. Latest incident

caused minor scrapes to the bridge. New sign on the road it-self, and two further signs on

the approach to the turning. Hopefully, this will alleviate the issue.

 New signage just before the turning to Nant Celyn. Previous signage – the arrow was

pointing into Nant- Celyn directing traffic to Seven Sisters. Large, unfamiliar lorry ’s to the

area were taking the turning to Nant Celyn as the drive is large and sweeping. Hopefully this

will alleviate the issue.

 Last Friday, I had an eventful Ride-a-long with Aled the new PCSO. I witnessed first-hand,

how Aled can calm a situation down, when a gentleman started shouting at us regarding the

Mercedes parked on the bend. Aled managed to calm him down, explain the issue and the

gentleman went away happy. We met and talked to lots of residents, some going out of

their way to come over and shake Aled’s hand. Aled is keen to speak to all the groups in the

village, and meet as many people as he can. He was encouraging everyone he spoke to, to

log any issues they have with 101. We had an incident in Pen-y-Bont, where we found a lady

who had fallen on the floor, and was there for 3 hours, then a further 3 hours with us

waiting for an ambulance. It highlighted to me how our PCSO can be taken from his duties

to deal with one incident that lasted 3 hours. So a good part of Fridays shift.

 School wall has been scheduled to commence 9 th September and is due to take 7 weeks.

 I have written to planning and public protection again regarding 7 and 8 The Square awaiting

a reply.

 I have written to highways to see who I need to speak to regarding, where the plant pots

could possibly be situated, awaiting a reply. Quote has come in from Quids In for £1992.00

for 10 x planters.

 Need quote for gate into park, plus whole project quote so that I can show that my money

will be part of a bigger project and I am not paying for it all. Need this as soon as possible