## Crynant Community Council

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

***Minutes of the Community Council meeting held at 6:30pm on Thursday 30th July, 2020. Held at the Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant.***

**Members Present**: Chairman Cllr. Barry Michael; Cllr. Sean Keir; Cllr. Peter Shopland; Cllr. Suzanne Waldron; Cllr. Brian Lewis; Cllr. Andrew Farthing; Cllr. Colin Bevan; Cllr. Pat Wood; Cllr. Andrea Hart; Cllr. Roger Miles & Clerk Heidi Mortimer. No apologies received.

**605: To approve and sign the previous Council audio meeting minute**. **Resolved:** To sign the minutes as true and accurate.

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

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

**608: To receive Police report**. No report received. PCSO Aled Musselwhite off work due to illness.

**609: County Councillor Harris report**. County Councillor Harris was not in attendance, due to the short notice provided given the current crisis. County Councillor Harris has provided the Chairman with regular updates and assures Council that all matters are being attended to on behalf of the Community, in liaison with NPTCBC. The Community Council and Cllr. Pat Wood in particular, commended the work undertaken on behalf of the Community by Cllr. Harris and the NPT safe and well team during the Covid crisis.

**610: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which he or she represented the Council.** Cllr Peter Shopland reported Creunant Primary School had completed a number of assessments, prior to the school holidays children had returned to the classroom. Work will continue throughout the summer break to ensure the full return to school in September goes well. Cllr. Peter Shopland informed the Council that work on replacing the Neath winding gear was proceeding as anticipated, however the museum will remain closed for the rest of the season.

**611: Clerks report to include payment authorisations**. Report provided for information. It was **Resolved:** To make an extraordinary grant payment of £100 to The Church Road Explosion Trust Fund. **Resolved:** To accept the payments schedule spreadsheet presented.

**A) Audit** - Clark to submit audit paperwork to BDO external auditors.

**B) Maintenence** - **Resolved:** To purchase two steel litterbins from Streetmaster. ROSPA report received, maintenance plan to be updated with any items that need addressing, Clerk reported no items risk rated high included in the report. It was agreed that the cost to move the storage containers was too expensive, proposal for alternative plan in the yard accepted.

 **C) MYH Cemetery** - Clerk reported that Our Tree Company completed the grasscutting, pollarding and the removal of a large tree. The Mason, Mr Geraint Whiteman had placed the memorial stone in the baby memorial garden, at no cost. The Council planted roses alongside, the new memorial stone and provided another rose to Mr. Whiteman as thanks for his services, this gesture, it was reported, by Cllr. Farthing was much appreciated. Rev. W.R. Locke will hold a service of blessing on Monday 10th August at 11am to which the Sexton extended invitation to all Councillors. The flower planters have been refreshed with new bedding plants.

**D) Grants** - *Places for nature*, new opportunity requires further development before consideration by full Council. *Bug garden,* more work completed, stones being replaced and wildflower seeds, bulbs and hedging to be planted. *NRW forest walks -*£3k shortfall from phase 1 is available from NRW by way of a shared outcomes request. It was **Resolved:** to submit an application to complete phase 1. Cllr. Waldron also advised Council that funding for a new phase 'exploring the forest' is now available and asked for contributions from Councillors on how/if this could be taken forward. *Pump Track,* agreed that once final quotation received, Cllr. Keir & Cllr. Shopland will work with the Clerk to appoint a contractor.

**E) Association**: Clerk reported that a meeting was held on 22/7/20 minutes will be shared. For information the Community Centre will remain closed to the general public to be reviewed monthly, preparations are being made for opening once guidance has been received. The Association agreed to provide the sum of £10k towards the cost of refurbishing the BMX track.

**Resolved:** Payments authorised retrospectively for all items included on spreadsheet provided.

**612: To receive risk assessment for playgrounds and consider any requirements for future operation.** Received and duly noted

**613: To receive updates on project list and consider any additions. (1) Maes yr Hendre cemetery (2) Crynant Forest Walks, (3) Pump track (4) Places for Nature.** There were no items added to the project list, updates as per agenda item 611

**614: To review maintenance plan, allocate tasks and priorities**. Agreed to review at separate sub-committee meeting.

**615: Any other business**. It was agreed that if Council meetings are to be held face to face at a social distance then the hall at the Community Centre not a suitable venue due to the acoustics.

There was no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:10pm