

Crynant Community Council

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Minutes of the Council meeting held via microsoft teams in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020. At 6:30pm on Thursday 13th January 2022

807: Apologies for absence. Cllr. Barry Michael (illness); Cllr. Roger Miles (work commitment); Cllr. Brian Lewis (work commitment).

Members present: Chairman Cllr. Sean Keir; Cllr. Suzanne Waldron; Cllr. Peter Shopland; Cllr. Colin Bevan & Cllr. Steve Rundle. Clerk: Mrs Heidi Mortimer

808: To receive declarations of Personal/Prejudicial interest. None received.

809: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements. None received.

810: To consider the introduction of an attendance allowance which is optional for all Councils. Following a discussion and confirmation of the nature of the determination it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to reject the determination and not introduce the payment of an attendance allowance.

811: To confirm precept request for submission to NPT

The Council received information from the Clerk on the current budget and reserve funds available should the Council choose not to raise the precept for the financial year ending March 2023. The general consensus was that given inflationary pressure, increased energy, and wage costs, that the Council would need to increase the precept for the coming financial year. Councillors were mindful of increased household costs for the Residents. With that in mind it was **RESOLVED** to set the precept at £55,740. ACTION: Clerk to advise NPTCBC.

812: To receive update on appointment of Clerk to the Council.

The Clerk advised Council that following the advertisement for the position of Clerk to the Community Council, four expressions of interest had been received resulting in one formal application.

Cllr Shopland indicated disappointment that so little interest had been shown and asked if all avenues had been taken to advertise the post. The Clerk informed the Council of where the post was advertised and that, in addition, the application deadline had been extended. The Clerk also informed the Council that other Community Councils were currently experiencing difficulties in recruiting.

Resolved: Cllr. Keir & Cllr. Lewis to take forward the recruitment process.

Clerk advised that one of the persons who expressed an interest in the job advertisement, but had decided not to proceed with an application, had also expressed an interest in becoming a community councillor. ACTION to forward good Councillor guide for information.

813: To co-opt Mr. Robin Hill and Dr. Bethan Morris to Council.

It was declared that Mr. Hill and Dr. Morris co-opted to the Community Council and be invited to attend the Council meeting on Thursday 27th January 2022.

814: Town and Community Council Liaison Forum has been confirmed as 4.30pm on the 27th January 2022. The main focus of the meeting will be the budget consultation.

Clerk to attend on behalf of Council, it was agreed that Cllr. Keir would review the papers and provide any items for raising at the Forum.

815: Planning:

(1) Application Number: P2021/1227 Applicants Name /Address: Mr Vivian Tucker 19 Heol Las Fawr Crynant SA10 8PB

Site Location: 19 Heol Las Fawr Crynant SA10 8PB

Proposed Development: Ground floor extension to the rear of the bungalow

RESOLVED: That no observations made.

(2) Application Number: P2021/1191 Applicants Name /Address: Ms Kelly Roberts Tygarreg Goch, 4 Brynawel Close, Crynant, Neath , SA10 8TG

Site Location: Tygarreg Goch, 4 Brynawel Close, Crynant, Neath. SA10 8TG

Proposed Development: Ground floor side garage extension

RESOLVED: That no observations made.

816: Any other business.

The matter of meeting with County Councillor Harris was raised. The Clerk informed Council that the email requesting a meeting had been sent and to date no reply had been received. Cllr. Shopland requested that the Chair and the Clerk contact Councillor Harris.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7:15pm