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Minutes of Full Council Meeting February 2022

Held Thursday 24th February held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA10 8RF

PRESENT:

CHAIRPERSON	CLLR. S KEIR	
COUNCILLORS	CLLR. R HILL	CLLR. B MICHAEL
	CLLR. R MILES	CLLR. B MORRIS
	CLLR. S RUNDLE	CLLR. P SHOPLAND

IN ATTENDANCE:

MRS. H MORTIMER
MX. C WILLCOX
MR. P ROBERTS (Member of Public)

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM:

CLLR. C BEVAN (APPOINTMENT)
CLLR. B LEWIS (PERSONAL COMMITMENT)
CLLR. S WALDRON (ILLNESS)

830. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Bevan, Lewis and Waldron

831. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Cllr. Hill advised Members of his relationship to the Clerk.

832. TO ADJOURN IF NECESSARY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS

There were no questions or statements.

833. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed as true and accurate.

834. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman confirmed that a report was being written and that this had been communicated to County Councillor Harris. No reply had been received to date.

835. TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT

The Chairman read a report obtained from police.uk which reported 6 total crime reports consisting of five sexual and violent offenses and one anti-social behaviour offence.

836. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr. Keir reported that Council tax would not rise for the period 2022 – 2023; the police precept would rise by 5%; Neath Port Talbot leisure services would be taken in-house; Neath Port Talbot CBC advised that Jubilee events in public spaces would require £5 million liability insurance; the Neath Port Talbot Mayor had launched an awards scheme for individuals, charities, or organisations that deserve public recognition for activities they undertook during the Covid epidemic and nominations were being sought.

Cllr. Keir also reported that Seven Sisters would be benefitting from additional speed bumps and dog mess bin installations.

837. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM ANY MEMBER CONCERNING MEETINGS AT WHICH HE OR SHE REPRESENTED THE COUNCIL

No meetings were reported.

838. CLERKS REPORT, TO INCLUDE: BANK RECONCILIATION; PAYMENT AUTHORISATIONS

The Clerk thanked all Members for their efforts to take reports and respond to information during the Storm Eunice and Frankin periods. The Clerk advised the Members that whilst this was gratefully received, the reports should go to the Clerk in the first instance rather than through a public forum, and clarification over which social media channels were official Community Council channels was given.

The Clerk reminded Members of the training offered through One Voice Wales and would email out the training schedule to all.

Members were advised of the Incident Reporting procedure that was currently in place for the Community Centre and Community Council managed land. There have been further reports of dog walking in the tennis courts. The Clerk recommended that Members consider a policy for dealing with incidents throughout all of the managed land that the Community Council was responsible for. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate other policies that local authority and other relevant organisations have in place and to report back.

The Clerk provided an update on the number of grants currently being processed and delivered through the Community Association or through the Community Council which included: Winter Wellbeing; Playgrounds; Seed Funding; Community Fridge Grant; Swansea Bay Health Board; LEADER Forest Walks; and, LEADER Volunteer.

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

Wages as per contract	£ 3856.37	January wages/including HMRC
Trailcraft	£ 31288.80	Pump Track
Postage	£ 10.20	
Screwfix	£ 7.18	Cable Ties
Laker Electrical	£ 985.17	Lighting and heater installation
Glantawe Carpets	£ 3200.00	Flooring in canteen
Charlie's	£ 66.66	Maintenance and stationary
LBS	£ 48.10	Grout
Streetmaster	£462.30	Outdoor Gym
Laker Electrical	£374.00	Rewiring canteen

839. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

a. UPDATE ON PUMP TRACK AND WORKS TO BE COMPLETED

Cllr Keir reported that the installation of the Pump Track had been completed. A waste bin was on order to be installed adjacent to the start point and volunteers would be completing the groundworks to include re-seeding and planting out. Cllr Keir requested the sum of £450.00 be agreed to complete the groundworks from within the overall previously agreed Pump Track budget. **RESOLVED:** That the sum of £450 would be awarded after unanimous agreement.

b. UPDATE TO MEADOW LANE AND GROUNDS

Cllr Keir reported that he had been to a site meeting to discuss water gathering off the newly laid track but adjacent to a householders garage on council ground. Cllr Keir pointed out that this was water directed on to Council ground from other private land and was not the Council's responsibility and should not be happening. Householders should be advised to desist from sending water onto council land as it will cause unnecessary damage to the new lane surface over time.

c. UPDATE ON OUTDOOR GYMNASIUM

Cllr Rundle reported that the remaining base covers had arrived and would be installed after some minor adjustment. He also advised that the signage was in hand.

d. UPDATE ON FOREST WALK

Cllr Keir advised that one new bench had been destroyed by a falling tree and that the LEADER funded project had now been completed with a Project Closure Report returned to the RDP funders.

e. PLAYGROUNDS

Cllr Keir advised that the initial planned purchase was under review following advice from NPT but that the purchase of the new play equipment would be achieved before the end of the financial year.

f. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY CENTRE & GROUNDS

The Clerk reported that the Community Centre was benefitting from grants that were outlined above. Cllr. Morris commented on what a good asset the Community Centre canteen was and complimented the increased use. The Clerk advised that the Community Association was now registered as a Food Business with NPTCBC and that a conversation with the Environmental Health Officer had been very beneficial.

840. CORRESPONDENCE

a. EMAIL FROM RESIDENT REGARDING SIGNAGE NEAR CRYNANT BUSINESS PARK

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received regarding the information panel at the entrance to the business park and it was believed that it was managed previously by the Dulais Valley Partnership. Cllr Shopland advised Members that the DVP had been dissolved and recommended consulting with NPTCBC as it was situated on their land.

ACTION: Clerk to consult with NPTCBC as to future of assets managed by the DVP but now situated on their land.

b. ENQUIRY REGARDING ALLOTMENTS

This issue had been previously considered but Members were happy to consider this idea again. Members remain receptive to the idea of an allotment project but were made aware that a current Community Growing Project was being considered through the Community Association at this time. **ACTION:** The Clerk to write to resident and advise of Community Growing Project as a potentially better fit to their needs.

841. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Shopland advised Members that he had spoken with County Councillor Harris regarding Cefn Coed Colliery's car park and train. County Councillor Harris had received two quotes for the repainting and maintenance of the train. He reported that there had been no progress on the future of the museum despite the steering group meeting twice.

Cllr Miles hoped that the site was left in a good condition after any works were completed.