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Minutes of the Meeting of Crynant Community Council, held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant at 6:30 pm on Thursday 30th March 2023.

- Presiding Chairman Cllr. Sean Keir
- **Present** Cllr. Barry Michael; Cllr. Bethan Morris; Cllr. Allen Kingdon; Cllr. Brian Lewis; Cllr. Stephen Rundle; Cllr. Colin Bevan and Cllr. Roger Miles

Michaela Chaplin (Clerk) and Heidi Mortimer (RFO)

- **986: To receive apologies for absence** There were no absences.
- **987: To receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest** There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.
- **988: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements** There were no public questions or statements.
- **989: To approve and sign the previous Community Council Minutes** RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Council held on 23 February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record with a correction to minute 975 amending Margam Park to Gnoll Park.

990: County Borough Council matters DISCUSSED Freeport has been agreed which will lead to more employment in the Neath Port Talbot area.

- **991: County Borough Councillor items** Drop in sessions to be suggested to County Councillors to allow residents to speak directly about concerns. ACTION Clerk to contact Cllr. Sian Harris and Cllr. Steve Hunt to discuss suggestion further.
- 992: To receive Police report:

The National database recorded seven offences for Crynant: Violence and sexual offences x3, Anti-social behaviour x2, Burglary x1 and Other crime x1.

Cuppa with copper sessions at the Community Centre booked for April.

993: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council:

- Cllr. Kingdon reported on a School Governors meeting he attended along with Heidi Mortimer, the chemist had reported great behaviour and interest shown by the school children on their recent visit.
 Viability study will be taking place on the grass verge on School Road regarding turning it into concrete for parking.
- Cllr. Keir asked Cllr. Kingdon how his traffic speeding group was going and it was reported that due to lack in aligning dates for volunteers and the PCSO there had been no recent activity.

994: Planning Application Number

P2020/1116 Appeal by Mr Thomas and Jeremiah Wall & Connors. Site adjacent to Crynant Villa Ynyswen Terrace Crynant. Neath SA10 8PT. Planning & Environment Decisions Wales Ref: 327753 Proposed: Use of land for two gypsy caravan pitches for residential purposes, including a semi detached day/utility room, two parking space per pitch and relocation of existing access, internal access drive, turning area, external lighting and additional landscaping/ecological enhancements. Previous objection submitted by Community Council RESOLVED noted.

995: To Receive the Clerk's Report and Approve Payments Made in March 2023

- Clerk will be assessing all Councils Policies and Procedures and will report back to Council in the May meeting with an Action Plan moving forward to ensure that the Community Council is meeting all their required Statutory requirements.
- EDF have requested to attend April meeting and are holding second public informal consultation in the community centre 13th May 2023 between 09.00 and 15.00.
- Say No to Hirfynydd contacted via email asking for the summary of their presentation. RESOLVED to await response.
- RESOLVED To accept the reconciliation and authorise payments as per schedule. NOTED £1200 to be received from Grant towards wages.
- NPT Grant available towards Playground upgrading to go with the £12,000 reserved. RESOLVED RFO to Apply.

996: To receive Community Association report.

• Cllr. Keir reported PC Suite is up and running, a big screen will be going up in the library, lighting in the hall has been fixed and kitchen is being replaced, Gym is going well, there is a leak on one of the radiators.

Heidi Mortimer reported lots of activities taking place in the community centre over easter and there is a further £1200 available for Warm Hubs via NPT.

997: To Consider Training Plan, Policy and Code of Conduct Training.

RESOLVED to accept the training plan. RESOLVED to revisit Training Policy in the April meeting. RESOLVED all Councillors have chosen dates and times for Code of Conduct training, ACTION Clerk to book spaces. Councillors informed of OVW training.

998: Public and Press

RESOLVED that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following four items, by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.

999: To Consider Appointment of the Clerk to the Council RESOLVED Michaela Chaplin to become the Clerk/RFO. Contract completed.

1000: To Consider Candidates for Co-option

RESOLVED to Co-opt Vincent Julian Reed and Suzanne Waldron. ACTION Clerk to make appointments for both to meet and sign Declarations of their Acceptance of Office and Induction.

RESOLVED to Co-opt Heidi Mortimer, RESOLVED that Heidi Mortimer resigns from her RFO role with effect of 24th May 2023, Acceptance of Office to be signed before the May Meeting.

To Receive the Clerks report on Correspondence 1001:

1	Digital Health of Community and Town Councils Statement	NOTED	
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2	OVW Training Dates	Ask for further details	
3	Letter from Resident of School Road	ACTION Clerk to report	
	regarding traffic driving the wrong way on the	to County Councillors.	
	one way street (School Road)	_	
4	20 is plenty – to maximise the benefit from	Further details to follow	
	the new 20mph limit which will be operational		
	from September 17 th .		
5	Invitation to attend a Service of Thanksgiving	RESOLVED	
	to mark the Coronation to be held at St	No Councillors	
	David's Church, Neath at 10.30am Sunday	available to attend.	
	30 th April 2023.		
6	Notification that NPTCBC Planning Policy	NOTED	
	Team is in the process of trying to identify		
	potential sites for housing development		
	within the settlement limit/adjoining the		
	settlement limited.		

Any other business 1002:

There was no further business.

Meeting closed 7.15pm

Signed_____ Dated_____