**Minutes of the meeting of Crynant Community Counci held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant at 6:30pm on Thursday 27thApril 2023.**

**Presiding Chair:** Cllr. S. Keir

**Present:** Cllr. B.Morris; Cllr. B.Lewis; Cllr. S.Rundle; Cllr. C.Bevan; Cllr. J.Reed; Cllr. S.Waldron. In attendance Mrs H. Mortimer RFO & Ms G. Farthing

**1003: To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr. B. Michael (personal committment), Cllr. A Kingdon (holiday), Cllr. R Miles (unwell)

**1004: To receive Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting

**1005: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements**

There were no public questions or statements

**1006: To approve and sign the previous Community Council Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Crynant Community Council held on 30th March 2023

**1007: To receive a presentation from EDF Energy - Hirfynydd Renewable Energy Park**

Ms A Davies – Cadno Communications advised Council that there will be a booklet being delivered to every property within the 3km radius of the project which will have a feedback card.There wil be a feedback report on website. Mrs Mortimer requested that a supply of the booklets be placed in the community centre.

Mr S Morgan – EDF Energy provided a project and timeline update stating that EDF are working alongside NRW, NPTCBC, CADW, Welsh Government, BSG and PEDW.

Ms. A Davies explained that whilst the project is still in the early consultation stages a second consultation event was being held at Crynant Community Centre on Saturday 13th May 2023 10am – 2pm

Draft environmental statements were being produced

It is anticipated that the statutory pre-application consultation will begin in October resulting in a full submission to PEDW by the year end.

The Members requested clarification on the following points:

Cllr J Reed: Queried safety measures and containment of polution, both chemical and noise.

Cllr S Waldron: Understood that a specific doormouse and a general species survey would be undertaken as part of the statutory environmental report, could that report be provided to the CC in order to assist with the forest walks project.

Cllr. S Keir: Wanted clarity on the boundary of the site, and the footprint of the turbines and solar array.

Cllr. C Bevan: Capacity of Battery Storage; Transportation to site of both equipment and resources and the impact on traffic and resources; Technical specification of the depth of footings required for the wind turbines.

Cllr. B Lewis : Requested what considerations had been given to the old mine workings.

Cllr B Morris: Questioned whether the energy produced at Hirfyndd be used solely in Wales.

Cllr S Rundle: To confirm that the community fund was based on the maximum stated capacity installed and not the amount of energy generated.

**1008: County Borough Council matters**

RFO H. Mortimer gave a briefing on the status of the Welfare Hall for the benefit of the new members of the Community Council. Potential to apply via NPTCBC for a grant.

**1009: County Borough Councillor items**

Cllr. S Harris sent email regarding an organisation possibly using Tennis courts and pump track during the summer.

**1010: To receive Police report**

No report had been received**.**The national database recorded seven offences for Crynant: Public Order x3, Violence and sexual offences x3 and Anti Social behaviour x1

In Cllr. Kingdon’s absence RFO H. Mortimer reported that Cllr. Kingdon had attended Cuppa with a Copper. The difficulty of staffing the speed monitoring group was raised. The PCSO is looking into the alternative possibility of a mobile speed camera, but not a van, being used occasionally in the village.

**1011: To receive a report from any Member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council**

There were no meetings

**1012: To receive the Clerk’s report and approve Payment schedule**

* Training – Policy for circulating
* Burial Fees – will report in May 2023 meeting
* RFO: Audit year end 2022 Full – last report with answers to queries submitted, working on year end 2023 for submission to internal audit. 1st Tranche precept due 28th April 2023
* £12k grant for playground paperwork/ application form received from NPT. Application can now be submitted.
* Full budget review required – capital, expenditure and wages. Figures to be provided for May meeting.

**Resolved**: That payments made as per schedule.

**1013: To receive Community Association report**

Easter events well attended, positive feedback received. Coronation Monday event at the Centre has been launched.

**1014: To consider passing a resolution 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 item by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted.**

A resolution was duly passed

**1015: To receive a report from the personnel sub-committee and consider any recommendations.**

Cllr S.Rundle reported on the Clerk’s resignation, and the decision to advertise for a Clerk in line with advice from One Voice Wales.

**1016: To receive the Clerks report on Correspondence.**

Council Members duly noted the following correspondence:

Marie Curie had written thanking the Community Council for its donation.

Invite had been received from the Culture & Heritage Forum meeting Friday 12th May 10am Margam Park

Invite thanks for 20 Zoom session Wednesday 17th May – walking and ycling

To receive NPT standards committee annual report

One Voice Wales training dates for May & June.

**1017: Any other business (to include issues not directly covered under any of the above. these may not be described in the agenda but should be raised with the Clerk prior to the meeting)**

There was no further business

Meeting closed at 8.10

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| Date | Payee | Amount | Description |
| 04-1 | Wages | £4102.92 | 01 as per contract |
| 04-1 | Barclays Bank | £13.90 | 01 - Monthly Bank Charges |
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| 04-1 | NPT | £550.36 | 01 - Trade waste |
| 04-1 | Harold Davies Masons | £2701.20 | 01- B New Cremation plots MYH |
| 04-1 | Melleys Builders & Farm Merchants | £113.75 | 01A stakes |
| 04-1 | Tesco | £15.19 | 01A fuel |
| 04-1 | Celtic Mowers | £32.23 | 01A Spool |
| 04-1 | Scotts Timber | £21.33 | 01A signage |