

# Cyngor Cymuned Creunant Crynant Community Council

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C/o Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF

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You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council  
at 6:30 pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

To be held online and at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant

Meeting link: [Crynant Community Council Meeting 01-26 | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

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## Agenda

1431: To receive apologies for absence

1432: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

1433: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements

1434: To approve and sign Minutes Council Meeting 11-25 (Provided in Agenda Pack)

1435: To approve and sign Minutes Extra Ordinary Council Meeting 01-26 (Provided in Agenda Pack)

1436: To discuss any County Borough & Councillor Matters

Consultation on the Strategic Development Plan Draft Delivery Agreement	<a href="#">Delivery Agreement – Neath Port Talbot Council</a>
Neath Port Talbot Council - Draft Budget 2026/2027	<a href="https://online1.snapsurveys.com/2b54e4">https://online1.snapsurveys.com/2b54e4</a>

1437: To receive Police report (Provided in Agenda Pack)

1438: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council

1439: Matters pertaining to Finance & Governance (Finance Minutes provided in agenda pack)

- i. To approve the Bank Reconciliation from July – December 2025 Current account & reserve account
- ii. To approve the Payment Schedule (Provided in Agenda Pack)
- iii. To review Members on Committees/ External Bodies
- iv. Clerks report

1440: Matters pertaining to Asset, Amenity and Environment (Minutes provided in agenda pack)

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1441: Crynant Community Association Matters

1442: To discuss Toilets in the vicinity of Crynant

1443: Matters pertaining to Correspondence (Provided in Agenda Pack)

*INTRODUCTION OF STANDING ORDER 3(c) – BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL  
NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND  
PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED*

1444: To receive an update and to consider next steps Crynant Community Association

*CONCLUSION OF STANDING ORDER 3(c)*

1445: 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)

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## **Minutes of the Council meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

**Present:** Chair: Cllr. H Mortimer  
**Councillors:** Cllr. S Keir, Cllr. S Waldron, Cllr. S Mortimer, Cllr. M Jones,  
Cllr. R Cook, Cllr. S Rundle, Cllr. Hart & Cllr. E Walpole  
**In Attendance:** Miss G Farthing (Clerk/RFO)

### **1410: To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Morris and Cllr Willcox (Personal Commitment)

**1411: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests** Cllr Hart and Cllr Jones declared an interest in item no: 1422 donations. Cllr Keir and Cllr H Mortimer declared an interest in item no: 1419.

**1412: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements** None

**1413: To approve and sign Minutes October Council Meeting** It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting of Crynant Community Council held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**1414: To approve and sign Minutes Extra Ordinary Council Meeting** It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting of Crynant Community Council held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

### **1415: To discuss any County Borough & Councillor Matters**

- i. [NPT Newsroom/ Press Releases](#) - Noted

Clerk informed Council that Sioned Williams AS and County Borough Councillor Harris had attended Creunant Primary School in relation to the Class Project. ACTION: Agenda item Toilets for next meeting.

### **1416: To receive Police report**

Other Theft – 1, Theft from the person – 1, Vehicle Crime – 1 and all other crime – 1

### **1417: Matters pertaining to Planning Application**

- i. **Site: Land forming part of Pen Cae'r Lan Farm, Seven Sisters, Neath, SA10**

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9EP - Noted

### 1418: Matters pertaining to Finance & Governance

- ❓ **To approve the Bank Reconciliation from July – October 2025 Current account & reserve account** RFO informed Council that the accounting software had been down and the banking app. **ACTION:** Chair to attend banking hub to discuss issue.
- ❓ **To approve the Payment Schedule** - It was **proposed, seconded and RESOLVED** to include the website membership renewal of £90.00. It was then **proposed, seconded and resolved** to approve the payment schedule.
- ❓ **To receive the forward plan for the 2026/27 Budget** Chair informed Council that Finance recommends that there would be a 4% increase and that all committees needed to present a priority list for the finance committee to budget priority as to stand still we are looking at the precept being £80,000 which for Band D is £112.86. **ACTION:** Finance Committee to be held December/ early January for the Extra Ordinary Meeting in January for precept determination.
- ❓ **To receive an update on Councillor Training** Clerk Informed Council that there are several free training modules available. **ACTION:** Clerk to send out.
- ❓ **To review and appoint Members on Committees/ External Bodies** Council reviewed It was **proposed, seconded and resolved** to add Cllr Hart – Finance, Cllr Keir – Personnel, Cllr Cook – Asset and Cllr Walpole – Minor Authority Representative Creunant Primary School.
- ❓ **Clerk's report**
  - Senedd elections are booked in for 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026
  - Clerk has been contacted regarding an issue NPT have with a dog bin on Mary Street with the new development being undertaken and the original location of the bin they are looking at a new location. They have looked at different locations in the crescent for the bin to be placed and which would not causing an issue to residents. There is a location alongside the cemetery due to cables being underground we are unable to place on the pavement area there is an option if the community council is happy for us to place the bin on the cemetery railings at Maes y Hendre. It was **proposed, seconded and resolved** for the dog bin to attach to the cemetery railings. **ACTION:** To asset committee preferred area.

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- Cllr Keir gave an update on the issue with the Defibrillator pads. **ACTION:** To defer to asset committee
- Asset, amenity and environment committee have undergone a five-year plan for the capital expenditure. Clerk recommends that the 5year plan should be discussed with the finance committee and personnel committee. It was **proposed, seconded and resolved** due to the budget that there would be a priority list from each committee.
- The biodiversity plan needs to be completed **ACTION:** Defer to asset committee
- The roof in the corridor has been leaking. **ACTION:** To contact Roofer

### 1419: To receive an update and to consider next steps Crynant Community Association

Clerk reported that a letter had been sent from the Trustees and recommends that Council needs to have a meeting with Solicitor. **ACTION:** Clerk and one councillor attend meeting with Solicitor.

### 1420: Matters pertaining to Asset, Amenity and Environment

**As per the Minutes of the Asset, Amenity and Environment Committee.** Clerk reported communication from member of the public. **ACTION:** Defer to Asset Committee.

**1421: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council** None

### 1422: Matters pertaining to Correspondence

Hope Rescue Centre	Received letter 'Save our strays, give them hope' for donations	
Creunant Primary School PTA	Received correspondence asking for donation	£150
Crynant Women's Institute	Received correspondence asking for a donation	£50
Cerebral Palsy	Received letter asking for donation	£50
Wales Air Ambulance	Community Appeal 2025	£150
Urdd Gobaith Cymru,	Community Appeal	£50

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<b>Regional Energy Strategic Planning (RESP) consultation</b>	NESO (National Energy System Operator) is delivering an overarching strategic energy plan for Great Britain. There are three parts to the overarching plan and here is a high-level summary of each plan to help differentiate between them.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>Together WeCare</b>	<b>Sponsorship &amp; Marketing Opportunity – Together WeCare Awards Ceremony</b> This event will celebrate and recognise best practice among organisations and professionals working in Social Care, Childcare, Play, and Early Years sectors.	
<b>One Voice Wales</b>	<b>One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting - 21/01/26 - Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol Un Llais Cymru</b> that will be held remotely on Wednesday 21 January 2026 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm	<b>Noted</b>
<b>NPT Area Committee Meeting</b>	<b>NPT Area Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Agenda to follow.</b>	<b>Noted</b>

It was **proposed, seconded and resolved** to donate £150 Creunant Primary PTA, £150 Wales Air Ambulance, £50 Crynant Women's Institute, £50 Cerebral Palsy and £50 Urdd.

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**1423: To receive progress of the UKSPF Playground project** Noted

***CONCLUSION OF STANDING ORDER 3(c)***

**1424: Any other business**

Xmas Lights on Trees in Village – Friday Morning.

**Meeting Closed at 19:55pm**

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### Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Present:** Chair: Cllr. H Mortimer  
**Councillors:** Cllr. S Keir, Cllr. S Mortimer, Cllr. M Jones, Cllr. R Cook,  
Cllr. Hart & Cllr. B Morris  
**In Attendance:** Miss G Farthing (Clerk/RFO)

**1425: To receive apologies for absence** Cllrs S Waldron & E Walpole (Personal Commitment)

**1426: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests** As per register

**1427: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements** None

**1428: To consider Community Councillor Vacancy** The Clerk Informed Members of the resignation of Cllr S Rundle. All Members sent their gratitude to the Clerk to inform Cllr Rundle of the support he has shown. Cllr B Morris has sent a letter of resignation to the Clerk and thanked all the Members for their support over the past 4 years. The Chair on behalf of the Council thanked Cllr Rundle and Cllr Morris for their voluntary work on the Council and wished them the best of luck. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform NPT Electoral Services of the two Councillor vacancies.

**1429: To confirm precept for the 2026/27 Budget** The Clerk sent out the budget document in the agenda pack. The Clerk advised Members that the main pressures for the budget in the coming year would be National minimum wage increases, a constantly fluctuating energy market, and maintenance plans from our facilities. It was discussed to stand still on what we already do there would need to be an increase in the precept. It was also discussed that Council would need to continue their efforts through grants to improve future plans. It was **proposed, seconded and resolved** for the precept to be set at £80,044. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact NPT Council with the approved precept figure.

**1430: Any other business**

Cllr Morris informed the Council of the OVW Meeting taking place on the 21/01/2026.

**Meeting Closed at: 18:47pm**



# Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

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## Your neighbourhood policing team

### Ty Maesmarchog - Cuppa with a copper

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Mon 26 January 2026

📍 Ty maesmarchog, Main Road Neath

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### Dove Cuppa With a Copper

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Wed 11 February 2026

📍 Dove Workshop, Roman Road Neath

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### Seven Sisters Community Hall Cuppa with a Copper

🕒 11:00AM - 12:00PM, Thu 12 February 2026

📍 Community Hall of Seven Sisters, Neath

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Click on a hotspot to see more details. Alternatively, [view as A-Z list](#).



### Crime type and time period title

All Crimes (13)

November 2025

9 crimes were reported here in November 2025

Violence and sexual offences 6

Criminal damage and arson 2

Public order 1

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### About this crime map

This map uses data from local forces. The hotspots give only a loose idea of where crimes happened. Actual locations and details of crimes are kept anonymous.

Please note that not all crimes that occurred can be shown on the map.

279 incidents of Crime occurred in South Wales Police could not be mapped to a location and therefore are not on this map. [Learn more about how data is managed on police.uk](#)

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## Finance Committee Meeting

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**Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, 24 Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

**In Attendance:** Clerk, Cllr. H Mortimer, Cllr Keir & Cllr Willcox

**88. To receive apologies for absence** Cllr Morris (Personal Commitment)

**89. To receive public questions** None

**90. To receive any declarations of interest** None

**91. To approve the Minutes Finance Committee 10-25** It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the committee meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were a true and accurate record.

**92. To approve the Bank Reconciliation from July – October 2025 Current account & reserve account** Due to online statements being unavailable approval was deferred until next meeting. Cllr Mortimer to attend banking hub to discuss banking arrangements.

**93. To forward plan for the 2026/27 Budget** Finance reviewed the budget and discussed the council tax base for 2025/2026 of £704.23 which was a precept of £71,400. The council tax base for 2026/2027 is £708.82. There will need to be an increase in the precept due to inflation. The stand still minimum will need to increase by 4% from last year's budget due to employee costs, fuel duty and utilities.

The Finance committee recommended that each committee discuss and present a list of priorities for next year's budget.

**94. Any other business** None

**95. Date of next meeting** December 2025.

# Crynant Community Council

23 January 2026 (2025-2026)

## PAYMENTS LIST

*This report includes one or more cost centres that have been marked as confidential. This means that only the totals are shown without any further detail.*

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
	Wages	18/12/2025 - 29/01/2026				Confidential			13,030.76		13,030.76
123	S137 Grants	03/12/2025		Current	4939	Donation	Wales Air Ambulance	Z	150.00		150.00
124	S137 Grants	03/12/2025		Current	4940	Donation	Cerebral Palsy	Z	50.00		50.00
125	S137 Grants	03/12/2025		Current	4941	Donation	Creunant Primary School P	Z	150.00		150.00
126	S137 Grants	03/12/2025		Current	4942	Donation	Crynant Women's Institute	Z	50.00		50.00
127	Inspections	03/12/2025		Current	4943	Inspection	Caloo Inspection	S	495.00	99.00	594.00
122	Website	03/12/2025		Current	4938	Website Provision	Wired Up Wales	X	90.00		90.00
128	Councillor Allowances	15/12/2025		Current	4945	Allowances	Chairperson Allowance	X	300.00		300.00
135	Inspections	18/12/2025		Current	4952	Inspection	HiTec Security	S	190.00	38.00	228.00
154	Maintenance	29/01/2026		Current		Equipment Maintenance	Caloo Inspection	S	968.00	193.60	1,161.60
<b>Total</b>									<b>15,473.76</b>	<b>330.60</b>	<b>15,804.36</b>

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## Asset, Amenity & Environment Committee Meeting

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**In Attendance:** Cllr. S Mortimer, Cllr. C Hart, Cllr. M Jones, Cllr. R Cook, Clerk

**A98: To receive apologise for absence from Members**

Cllr S Waldron (Personal Commitment)

**A99: To receive any declarations of interest from Members** As per register

**A100: To receive public questions** A member of public has emailed the Clerk regarding Overgrown Trees. **ACTION:** Volunteers will look at enhancement work in the area.

**A101: Matters pertaining to Council assets and projects:**

**A101.1: Community Centre & Grounds** There is still a leak in the corridor in the Community Centre. The roofer has been contacted and needs a couple of clear dry days.

Gym Service has been undertaken with repair work completed. Electrician has been contacted and awaiting availability. Kubota is currently in for a service and will take roughly 2-3weeks.

**A101.2: Maes Yr Hendre Cemetery** The dog bin has been placed by NPT on the fence as agreed at a Crynant Community Council Full Meeting. Asset Committee have obtained a quote for the cutting and gathering of the grass cutting in the Cemetery. Awaiting two more quotes.

**A101.3: Teen & Toddler play areas** The toddler's park is currently closed for phase 2 refurbishment.

**A101.4: MUGA & Tennis Courts** None

**A101.5: Pump Track** None

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**A101.6: Outdoor Gym** The outdoor gym repair work by Crynant Rugby Field and Creunant Primary School is scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**A101.7: Meadow & Woodland Walk** Following our annual tree inspection, several trees were flagged as a safety hazard. We are now prioritizing these for remedial work. There are some trees that will need enhancement work to be undertaken. Awaiting two separate quotes.

**A101.8: Forest Walks** None

**A101.9: Volunteers** The Volunteers will look at taking the Christmas tree down in the Church on Monday. A meeting will be held to discuss the future plans of the volunteers.

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**A102: To receive progress of the UKSPF Playground project**

The playground project has started. A prestart meeting has been undertaken on Monday. Tuesday evening the Clerk was informed that they would start on the Wednesday. They have removed the three benches out of the park. Two benches are damaged and are unusable.

**ACTION:** Asset Committee recommends to full council three new composite plastic benches.

***CONCLUSION OF STANDING ORDER 3(c)***

**A103: Any other business** None

**A104: Date of next meeting** TBC

**Meeting Closed at: 9:40am**

1443: Matters pertaining to Correspondence

Wales Air Ambulance	Letter of thank you for donation
Jeremy Miles	Letter of gratitude to the communities of Neath as he steps down from the role.
Naturalis	Mynydd Fforch Dwm Wind Farm – Meet the Buyer
Consultation on the Strategic Development Plan Draft Delivery Agreement	<a href="#">Delivery Agreement – Neath Port Talbot Council</a>
Neath Port Talbot Council - Draft Budget 2026/2027	<a href="https://online1.snapsurveys.com/2b54e4">https://online1.snapsurveys.com/2b54e4</a>
Marie Curie	Letter of thank you for donation