

# Cyngor Cymuned Creunant

## Crynant Community Council

Clerk to the Council

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 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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

Meeting link: [Crynant Community Council Meeting 02-26 | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Please submit apologies directly to the Clerk

### Agenda

- 1446: To receive apologies for absence
- 1447: To appoint a Vice Chair for Crynant Community Council
- 1448: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests
- 1449: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements
- 1450: To approve and sign Minutes Council Meeting 01-26 (Provided in agenda pack)
- 1451: To discuss any County Borough & Councillor Matters
- 1452: To receive Police report (Provided in agenda pack)
- 1453: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council
- 1454: Matters pertaining to Finance & Governance (Minutes provided in agenda pack)
  - i. To approve January's Bank Reconciliation for Current account & reserve account (Provided in agenda pack)
  - ii. To approve the Payment Schedule (Provided in agenda pack)
  - iii. To review the 2025-2026 Budget (Provided in agenda pack)
  - iv. To receive the 2024-25 Completion of audit report (Provided in agenda pack)
  - v. Clerks report
- 1455: Matters pertaining to Asset, Amenity and Environment (Minutes provided in agenda pack)
  - i. To approve the quote for the picnic benches for Toddlers Park (Provided in agenda pack)

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## 1456: Crynant Community Association Matters

- i. To receive Crynant Community Association's revised Constitution enabling the Council to become Sole Trustees (Provided in agenda pack)

## 1457: Matters pertaining to Correspondence

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| One Voice Wales  | NEATH PORT TALBOT AREA COMMITTEE Meeting - 4 MARCH 2026 |
| Welsh Government | DNS 3272424 Pen Cae'r Lan planning application decision |

1458: 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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

Unfortunately, there were internet issues for members to join Teams.

**1431: To receive apologies for absence** Cllr Walpole (Work Commitment)

**1432: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

Cllr H Mortimer & Cllr S Keir item: 1444. Cllr Waldron declared a personal interest in 1440.

**1433: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements** There were no members of the public present and no questions/ statements received.

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

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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**1435: To approve and sign Minutes Extra Ordinary Council Meeting 01-26 (Provided in Agenda Pack)** 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**1436: To discuss any County Borough & Councillor Matters**

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| 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> |

County Borough Councillor Surgeries are taking place at Crynant Community Centre on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

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

Violence & sexual offences – 6, Criminal damage & arson – 2, Public order – 1.

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There is a bike marking event taking place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 1pm – 3pm. This has been advertised. Councillors gave thanks to the PCSO for arranging the bike marking event.

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

Cllr Waldron attended a biodiversity webinar but struggled to connect. Cllr Waldron attended Biodiversity training and stated it was very informative.

Cllr Keir stated that the GCRE meeting in December was cancelled and was supposed to be re-arranged for January. Ex Councillor B Morris attended the OVW meeting

### **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**

There was a non-material error that has been rectified. Council were provided with the Full bank reconciliation from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 has been provided in the meeting. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** that the full bank reconciliations are accurate.

#### **ii. To approve the Payment Schedule (Provided in Agenda Pack)**

The adjusted payment schedule provided in meeting and to add ICO of £52.00 onto the payment schedule as a direct debit.

#### **iii. To review Members on Committees/ External Bodies**

There is a space on the OVW external bodies – Clerk recommends sending an email out to everyone to see if they can attend until the review in May 2026 as there are currently two councillor vacancies. **ACTION:** Clerk to send out each time until review.

#### **iv. Clerks report**

There is a OVW and planning aid Wales joint event taking place on March 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30am – 1:30pm. This is an online event.

The two councillor vacancies have been sent to NPT Electoral Services; the election period ends on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

The boiler service is due February. Clerk has spoken with the engineer.

The new security light switches have been installed in the two rooms. All councillors noted the clerks report.

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

Cllr Waldron declared an interest in agenda item 1440. Two quotes have been obtained one for essential work and second for enhancement work. Essential work is £1530 and enhancement work us £950. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to approve the cost up to £2600.

The toddlers park equipment under the UKSPF grant has been installed last week. Flooring is being done this week. Hopefully it will be completed by Monday. Two of the wooden benches broke on removal. Asset committee recommended purchase of three new composite plastic benches costing £2000. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to approve the cost of £2000.

The Finance Committee recommended a meeting next Thursday to approve any viable funds for Toddlers Park, i.e. Signage. **ACTION:** Clerk to update social media and invite contractors and leaders to the opening of the park.

### **1441: Crynant Community Association Matters**

Cllr Keir gave an update. The failed light units in middle room and gym have been done. The gym servicing has been completed. There has been an accident in the gym. Accident for completed and Risk assessment has been re assessed and completed.

The temperature in the ladies' toilets is unacceptable. Cllr Keir proposed the Association fund the installation a heater and requested Council's approval. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to approve the association's request.

### **1442: To discuss Toilets in the vicinity of Crynant**

Clerk recommends Council the Motion to move agenda item to confidential under, standing order 3(c). It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to motion this agenda item to be confidential.

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

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| 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                                    |

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| 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  |
| Creunant Primary School PTA   | Thank you, Card, for donation   |

***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***

#### **1442: To discuss Toilets in the vicinity of Crynant**

The clerk gave an update regarding email communication and the schools project that had been received. **Action:** Clerk to email NPT Estates regarding the public conveniences.

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

Cllr H Mortimer and Cllr Keir left the room. Cllr Waldron Chaired the meeting. Clerk and Cllr Waldron gave an update regarding the meeting that they had attended with Solicitor. It was agreed that there needed to be a working party meeting to discuss further. **ACTION:** Clerk to send out heads of terms.

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

#### **1445: Any other business None**

Meeting Closed at: 19:24pm

Signed: Clerk

Chair

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Date:



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#### Ty Maesmarchog - Cuppa with a copper

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Mon 23 February 2026

📍 Ty maesmarchog, Main Road Neath

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#### Dove Cuppa With a Copper

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Wed 04 March 2026

📍 Dove Workshop, Roman Road Neath

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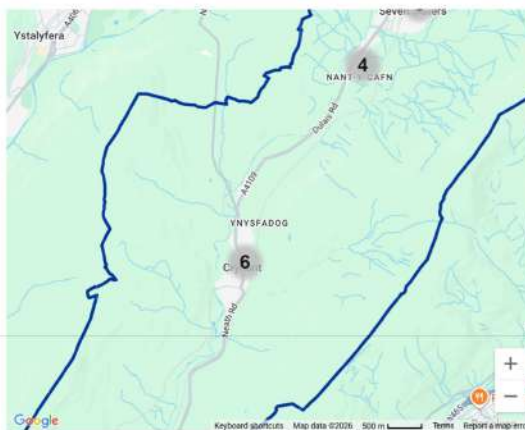
#### Ty Maesmarchog - Cuppa with a copper

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Mon 16 March 2026

📍 Ty maesmarchog, Main Road Neath

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Crime type and time period title

All Crimes (23)

December 2025

8 crimes were reported here in  
December 2025

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Criminal damage and arson    | 3 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 3 |
| Public order                 | 1 |
| All other crime              | 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.

177 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

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

**96. To receive apologies for absence** None

**97. To receive public questions** None

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

**99. To approve the Minutes Finance Committee 11-25** It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting 11-25 subject to minor wording changes.

**100. To review the 2025/26 Budget and payment schedule,** Clerk presented the 2024- 2025 Completed Full Audit Report to which Finance Committee investigated each point on the report and was satisfied with the work that the Clerk/ RFO had done. The Finance Committee were presented with the payment schedule - Playground project work which is Contractual obliged to pay and the invoice was scrutinised by the finance committee and the Tractor Service of £353 between Crynant Community Council and CRFC. It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED** to agree the Payment Schedule. The 2025/2026 budget was reviewed and Finance Committee **PROPOSED, SECONDED AND RESOLVED** to approve up to £2000 for picnic benches and £3000 for Tree Work. **ACTION:** To take the Community Centre Noticeboard to the Asset Committee. The Cemetery noticeboard fund is in reserve.

**101. To review the UKSPF grant funding project Toddlers Park.** The toddlers park project is nearing completion. **ACTION:** To invite the leader and contractors for the Opening.

**102. To review the budget for furniture and signage for Toddlers Park** The furniture has been approved in agenda item 100. There is a £500 budget in the 2025/2026 for signage. **ACTION:** To look at designs

**103. Any other business** None

**104. Date of next meeting** TBC

**Crynant Community Council**  
**RECONCILIATION - Current 31-01-2026**

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| From Accounts . . . . .                           | £25,822.52        |
| Payments not cashed . . . . . Add . . . . .       | £3,295.47         |
| Receipts not entered . . . . . Subtract . . . . . |                   |
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| <b>Statement should be . . . . .</b>              | <b>£29,117.99</b> |

**Crynant Community Council**  
**RECONCILIATION - Reserve 31-01-2026**

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|---|-------------------|
| From Accounts .....                       | £45,874.49        |
| Payments not cashed ..... Add .....       |                   |
| Receipts not entered ..... Subtract ..... |                   |
| <hr/>                                     |                   |
| <b>Statement should be .....</b>          | <b>£45,874.49</b> |

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        | 26/02/2026 - 26/02/2026 |        |         |              | Confidential           |                    |              | 3,638.39         |                 | 3,638.39         |
| 164    | Bank Charges | 04/02/2026              |        | Current |              | Bank Charges           | Barclays Bank      | E            | 16.90            |                 | 16.90            |
| 162    | Capital      | 09/02/2026              |        | Current | 4961         | UKSPF Toddlers Park    | Wicksteed          | S            | 11,465.39        | 2,293.08        | 13,758.47        |
| 163    | Capital      | 09/02/2026              |        | Current | 4962         | UKSPF Toddlers Park    | Wicksteed          | S            | 30,138.82        | 6,027.76        | 36,166.58        |
| 165    | Maintenance  | 26/02/2026              | 1454   | Current |              | Playground Maintenance | Online Playgrounds | S            | 58.00            | 11.60           | 69.60            |
|        |              |                         |        |         |              |                        |                    | <b>Total</b> | <b>45,317.50</b> | <b>8,332.44</b> | <b>53,649.94</b> |

# Crynant Community Council

21 February 2026 (2025-2026)

## Detailed Budget Summary

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2025 and 21/02/2026)

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| Code | Title               | Last Year 2024-2025 |               |          |                 | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |          |          |       |        |        |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
|      |                     | Receipts            |               | Payments |                 | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts  | Payments |          |       |        |        |
|      |                     | Budget              | Actual        | Budget   | Actual          | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Actual   | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 19   | General Maintenance |                     |               |          | 2,416.29        |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 20   | Grass cutting       |                     |               |          | 396.57          |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 21   | Repairs             |                     |               |          | 54.54           |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 32   | Tractor             |                     |               |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 37   | Bins                |                     |               |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 42   | PPE                 |                     |               |          | 240.00          |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 48   | Gym                 |                     |               |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 51   | Brushcutter- 12     |                     |               |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 52   | Playground          |                     |               |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 54   | Chainsaw            |                     |               |          | 14.15           |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 55   | Maintenance         |                     | 500.00        |          | 472.91          |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 57   | Strimmer            |                     |               |          | 402.24          |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
|      | <b>SUB TOTAL</b>    |                     | <b>500.00</b> |          | <b>3,996.70</b> |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |

| Code | Title          | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |           | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |          |          |       |        |        |
|------|----------------|---------------------|--------|----------|-----------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
|      |                | Receipts            |        | Payments |           | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts  | Payments |          |       |        |        |
|      |                | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual    | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Actual   | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 13   | Printing       |                     |        |          | 1,492.89  |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 14   | Gas & Electric |                     |        |          |           |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 15   | Water          |                     |        |          |           |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 16   | Website Costs  |                     |        |          | 130.00    |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 29   | Insurance      |                     |        |          | 4,257.03  |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 30   | Training       |                     |        |          |           |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 33   | Wages          |                     |        |          | 41,338.90 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 35   | Software       |                     |        |          | 348.00    |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |

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|------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------|--|---------------|---------------|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|--|
| 43               | Postage               |  |                  |  |               | 50.00         |  |  |                 |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 44               | MISC                  |  | 557.30           |  |               |               |  |  |                 |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 47               | Equipment             |  | 24.00            |  |               |               |  |  |                 |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 58               | Vehicle Insurance     |  |                  |  |               |               |  |  | 600.00          |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 69               | Consumables           |  |                  |  | 133.34        | 133.34        |  |  | 1,150.00        | 517.30          |  |  | 517.30          |  |
| 75               | Audit Fees            |  |                  |  |               |               |  |  | 1,000.00        | 1,020.00        |  |  | 1,020.00        |  |
| 78               | Insurance             |  |                  |  |               |               |  |  | 4,100.00        | 4,138.43        |  |  | 4,138.43        |  |
| 81               | Bank Charges          |  |                  |  |               |               |  |  | 200.00          | 172.70          |  |  | 172.70          |  |
| 82               | Legal and Consultancy |  |                  |  |               |               |  |  | 1,000.00        |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |                       |  | <b>48,148.12</b> |  | <b>133.34</b> | <b>133.34</b> |  |  | <b>8,100.00</b> | <b>5,848.43</b> |  |  | <b>5,848.43</b> |  |

|                  |                      | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |              | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year       |               |          |               |        |        |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|--------------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>Cemetery</b>  |                      | Receipts            |        | Payments |              | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts        | Payments      |          |               |        |        |
| Code             | Title                | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual       | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget          | Actual        | Forecast | Total         | Budget | Budget |
| 17               | Water                |                     |        |          | 38.67        |                        |        |          |       |                 |               |          |               |        |        |
| 18               | Cemetery Maintenance |                     |        |          |              |                        |        |          |       |                 |               |          |               |        |        |
| 89               | Land Rates           |                     |        |          |              |                        |        |          |       | 250.00          | 235.72        |          | 235.72        |        |        |
| 90               | Water                |                     |        |          |              |                        |        |          |       | 100.00          | 43.28         |          | 43.28         |        |        |
| 91               | Maintenance          |                     |        |          |              |                        |        |          |       | 650.00          |               |          |               |        |        |
| 92               | Equipment            |                     |        |          |              |                        |        |          |       | 650.00          |               |          |               |        |        |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |                      |                     |        |          | <b>38.67</b> |                        |        |          |       | <b>1,650.00</b> | <b>279.00</b> |          | <b>279.00</b> |        |        |

|                         |        | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |        | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |          |          |       |        |        |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
| <b>Community Centre</b> |        | Receipts            |        | Payments |        | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts  | Payments |          |       |        |        |
| Code                    | Title  | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Actual   | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 1                       | NRW    |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 2                       | LEADER |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |

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|                  |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|--|
| 3                | CVS              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 4                | Community Centre |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 49               | Charity          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 53               | NPTCBC           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 76               | Waste and Rates  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,227.72        |  |  | 1,227.72        |  |
| 77               | Maintenance      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 70.00           |  |  | 70.00           |  |
| 95               | Equipment        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 96               | Utilities        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| 97               | Grant            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                 |  |  |                 |  |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | <b>1,297.72</b> |  |  | <b>1,297.72</b> |  |

### Democracy and Governance

| Code             | Title                 | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |        | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year       |                 |  |  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|
|                  |                       | Receipts            |        | Payments |        | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts        | Payments        |  |  |                 |
|                  |                       | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget          | Budget          |  |  |                 |
| 34               | Training              |                     |        |          | 718.75 |                        |        |          |       | 200.00          | 321.00          |  |  | 321.00          |
| 41               | Elections             |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       |                 |                 |  |  |                 |
| 60               | Councillor Allowances |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       | 300.00          |                 |  |  |                 |
| 79               | Civic Engagements     |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       |                 | 386.89          |  |  | 386.89          |
| 84               | S137 Grants           |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       | 500.00          | 430.82          |  |  | 430.82          |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |                       |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       | <b>1,000.00</b> | <b>1,138.71</b> |  |  | <b>1,138.71</b> |

### Health and Safety

| Code | Title       | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |        | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |          |  |  |          |
|------|-------------|---------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|--|--|----------|
|      |             | Receipts            |        | Payments |        | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts  | Payments |  |  |          |
|      |             | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Budget   |  |  |          |
| 6    | NPTCBC      |                     |        |          | 810.11 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |  |  |          |
| 83   | Training    |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       | 300.00    |          |  |  |          |
| 87   | Inspections |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       | 1,500.00  | 1,318.00 |  |  | 1,318.00 |

# Crynant Community Council

## Detailed Budget Summary

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2025 and 21/02/2026)

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|    |                  |  |  |               |  |                 |                 |  |  |                 |  |  |
|----|------------------|--|--|---------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|--|--|
| 88 | Consumables      |  |  |               |  | 500.00          | 1,128.33        |  |  | 1,128.33        |  |  |
|    | <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |  |  | <b>810.11</b> |  | <b>2,300.00</b> | <b>2,446.33</b> |  |  | <b>2,446.33</b> |  |  |

|        |                       | Last Year 2024-2025 |                  |          |        | Current Year 2025-2026 |                  |          |                  | Next Year |        |          |          |        |        |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------|--------|------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Income |                       | Receipts            |                  | Payments |        | Receipts               |                  |          |                  | Payments  |        | Receipts | Payments |        |        |
| Code   | Title                 | Budget              | Actual           | Budget   | Actual | Budget                 | Actual           | Forecast | Total            | Budget    | Actual | Forecast | Total    | Budget | Budget |
| 22     | Precept               |                     | 68,900.00        |          |        | 71,400.00              | 71,400.00        |          | 71,400.00        |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 23     | Bank Interest         |                     | 498.14           |          |        |                        | 421.88           |          | 421.88           |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 24     | Donations             |                     |                  |          |        |                        |                  |          |                  |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 27     | Misc                  |                     |                  |          |        |                        |                  |          |                  |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 28     | Burial Income         |                     | 5,400.00         |          |        |                        | 6,000.00         |          | 6,000.00         |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 31     | Hire and Agreements   |                     |                  |          |        |                        |                  |          |                  |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 36     | VAT Reclaim           |                     | 1,220.01         |          |        |                        | 8,737.95         |          | 8,737.95         |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 39     | Equipment Contributio |                     |                  |          |        |                        |                  |          |                  |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 50     | CCA Contributions     |                     |                  |          |        |                        |                  |          |                  |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 56     | HMRC                  |                     | 408.67           |          |        |                        |                  |          |                  |           |        |          |          |        |        |
| 99     | Transfer              |                     |                  |          |        |                        |                  |          |                  |           |        |          |          |        |        |
|        | <b>SUB TOTAL</b>      |                     | <b>76,426.82</b> |          |        | <b>71,400.00</b>       | <b>86,559.83</b> |          | <b>86,559.83</b> |           |        |          |          |        |        |

| Parks and Playgrounds |             | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |        | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |          |          |          |        |        |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
|                       |             | Receipts            |        | Payments |        | Receipts               |        |          |       | Payments  |          | Receipts | Payments |        |        |
| Code                  | Title       | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Actual   | Forecast | Total    | Budget | Budget |
| 25                    | Bank Charge |                     | 84.99  |          | 177.95 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |          |        |        |
| 71                    | Equipment   |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       | 500.00    | 140.86   |          | 140.86   |        |        |
| 80                    | Maintenance |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       | 2,931.00  | 1,099.21 |          | 1,099.21 |        |        |

# Crynant Community Council

## Detailed Budget Summary

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2025 and 21/02/2026)

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|                  |              |               |                 |                 |                 |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> | <b>84.99</b> | <b>177.95</b> | <b>3,431.00</b> | <b>1,240.07</b> | <b>1,240.07</b> |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|

|                  |         | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |        | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |                  |          |                  |        |        |
|------------------|---------|---------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|------------------|----------|------------------|--------|--------|
|                  |         | Receipts            |        | Payments |        | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts  | Payments         |          |                  |        |        |
| Code             | Title   | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Actual           | Forecast | Total            | Budget | Budget |
| 66               | Capital |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       |           | 41,604.21        |          | 41,604.21        |        |        |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |         |                     |        |          |        |                        |        |          |       |           | <b>41,604.21</b> |          | <b>41,604.21</b> |        |        |

|                  |               | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |                 | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year       |               |          |               |        |        |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------|
|                  |               | Receipts            |        | Payments |                 | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts        | Payments      |          |               |        |        |
| Code             | Title         | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual          | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget          | Actual        | Forecast | Total         | Budget | Budget |
| 26               | Subscriptions |                     |        |          | 1,290.88        |                        |        |          |       |                 |               |          |               |        |        |
| 45               | ICO           |                     |        |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |                 |               |          |               |        |        |
| 46               | OVW           |                     |        |          | 392.00          |                        |        |          |       | 400.00          |               |          |               |        |        |
| 73               | Scribe        |                     |        |          |                 |                        |        |          |       | 600.00          | 636.00        |          | 636.00        |        |        |
| 74               | Cloud Storage |                     |        |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |                 | 36.04         |          | 36.04         |        |        |
| 85               | Software      |                     |        |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |                 |               |          |               |        |        |
| 86               | Website       |                     |        |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |                 | 90.00         |          | 90.00         |        |        |
| 98               | CPRW          |                     |        |          |                 |                        |        |          |       |                 | 6.00          |          | 6.00          |        |        |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b> |               |                     |        |          | <b>1,682.88</b> |                        |        |          |       | <b>1,000.00</b> | <b>768.04</b> |          | <b>768.04</b> |        |        |

|      |       | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |        | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |          |          |       |        |        |
|------|-------|---------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
|      |       | Receipts            |        | Payments |        | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts  | Payments |          |       |        |        |
| Code | Title | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Actual   | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |

Detailed Budget Summary

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2025 and 21/02/2026)

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SUB TOTAL

50,488.00 47,279.89 47,279.89

Woods and Walks

| Code      | Title       | Last Year 2024-2025 |        |          |          | Current Year 2025-2026 |        |          |       | Next Year |          |          |       |        |        |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------|----------|----------|------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|
|           |             | Receipts            |        | Payments |          | Receipts               |        | Payments |       | Receipts  | Payments |          |       |        |        |
|           |             | Budget              | Actual | Budget   | Actual   | Budget                 | Actual | Forecast | Total | Budget    | Actual   | Forecast | Total | Budget | Budget |
| 38        | Inspections |                     |        |          | 3,105.22 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 40        | Audit Fees  |                     |        |          | 1,327.85 |                        |        |          |       |           |          |          |       |        |        |
| 93        | Equipment   |                     |        |          |          |                        |        |          |       | 500.00    | 25.00    |          |       |        | 25.00  |
| 94        | Maintenance |                     |        |          |          |                        |        |          |       | 2,931.00  | 147.85   |          |       |        | 147.85 |
| SUB TOTAL |             |                     |        |          | 4,433.07 |                        |        |          |       | 3,431.00  | 172.85   |          |       |        | 172.85 |

Summary

|       |  |           |  |           |  |           |  |           |  |           |  |           |  |            |  |            |
|-------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|------------|--|------------|
| TOTAL |  | 77,011.81 |  | 60,006.25 |  | 71,400.00 |  | 86,693.17 |  | 86,693.17 |  | 71,400.00 |  | 102,075.25 |  | 102,075.25 |
|-------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|------------|--|------------|

# Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

## Accounting statement 2024-25 for:

Name of body: Crynant Community Council

|  | Year ending       |                   | Notes and guidance   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--|
|  | 31 March 2024 (£) | 31 March 2025 (£) |  |
| <b>Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments</b> |                   |                   |  |
| 1. Balances brought forward                                      | 65006             | 39406             | Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.  |
| 2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy                           | 60100             | 68900             | Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.   |
| 3. (+) Total other receipts                                      | 22567             | 8112              | Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.  |
| 4. (-) Staff costs   | 46902             | 41339             | Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. |
| 5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments                          | 0                 | 0                 | Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).   |
| 6. (-) Total other payments                                      | 61365             | 19928             | Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).  |
| 7. (=) Balances carried forward                                  | 39406             | 55151             | Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).  |
| <b>Statement of balances</b>                                     |                   |                   |  |
| 8. (+) Debtors   | 0                 | 0                 | <b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end.  |
| 9. (+) Total cash and investments                                | 39406             | 55151             | <b>All accounts:</b> The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.  |
| 10. (-) Creditors  | 0                 | 0                 | <b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.  |
| 11. (=) Balances carried forward                                 | 39406             | 55151             | <b>Total balances should equal line 7 above:</b> Enter the total of (8+9-10).  |
| 12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets                      | 1568495           | 1568400           | The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.  |
| 13. Total borrowing  | 0                 | 0                 | The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).   |

## Annual Governance Statement

We acknowledge as the members of the Council, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that:

|   | Agreed? |     | 'YES' means that the Council:   | Toolkit    |
|---|---------|-----|---|------------|
|   | Yes     | No* |   |            |
| 1. In consultation with the community, we have developed a vision and purpose for the Council and used this vision to inform the Council's plans, budget and activities.  | x       |     | Has consulted with the community and focussed its activities to meet the community's needs  | A, C       |
| 2. We have adopted a Code of Conduct for members and officers and implemented an appropriate training plan for members to ensure all councillors understand their role and responsibilities.  | x       |     | Ensures that councillors understand and are equipped to deliver their roles and responsibilities.   | B          |
| 3. We have ensured that we electronically publish the information the Council is required to publish by law, on its website at <a href="http://www.crynantcommunitycouncil.org">www.crynantcommunitycouncil.org</a> .   | x       |     | Is transparent about its activities and provides the public with all information required by law  | A, C, D, E |
| 4. We have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the Council complies with relevant laws and regulations when exercising its functions, including employment of staff and payment of allowances to members.   | x       |     | Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it does so   |            |
| 5. We have adopted standing orders, financial regulations and terms of reference and ensure that these are followed when conducting business including functions delegated to committees.   | x       |     | Has adopted rules and procedures to govern how the Council conducts its business including procurement of goods and services.   | B, E       |
| 6. We have put in place arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective financial management including the setting and monitoring of the Council's budget</li> <li>• Maintenance and security of accurate and up to date accounting and other financial records</li> <li>• Identifying potential liabilities, commitments, events and transactions that may have a financial impact on the Council.</li> </ul>   | x       |     | Calculated its budget requirement in accordance with the law and properly monitors its financial position throughout the year   | D          |
| 7. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control and management of risk, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption including clearly documented procedures for authorising and making payments</li> <li>• assessment and management of risks facing the Council</li> <li>• an adequate and effective system of internal audit and reviewed the effectiveness of these arrangements.</li> </ul> | x       |     | Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge including arranging for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body. | D, E       |
| 8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.   | x       |     | Considered and taken appropriate action to address weaknesses /issues brought to its attention by internal and external auditors.   | D, E       |
| 9. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.   | x       |     | Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit issued by the Auditor General.  | E          |
| <b>10. General power of Competence</b> – The Council has resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence set out in Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021   |         | x   | Meets the eligibility criteria to exercise the general Power of Competence  | E          |

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

## Additional disclosure notes

Include here any additional disclosures the Council considers necessary to aid the reader's understanding of the accounting statement and/or the annual governance statement

### The following information is provided to assist the reader to understand the accounting statement and/or the Annual Governance Statement

#### 1. Expenditure under S137 Local Government Act 1972

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits the Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Section 137(3) also permits the Council to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2024-25 was £10.81per elector.

In 2024-25, the Council made payments totalling £ 50.00 under section 137. These payments are included within 'Other payments' in the Accounting Statement.

2.

## Trust Funds

|   |     |    |              |   |
|---|-----|----|--------------|---|
| Trust funds – The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust fund(s)/assets. We exclude transactions related to these trusts from the Accounting Statement. In our capacity as trustee, we have discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit. | Yes | No | N/A<br><br>x | Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts. |
|---|-----|----|--------------|---|

## Council approval and certification

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements and the annual governance statement in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the Act) and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Certification by the RFO</b><br>I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return present fairly the financial position of the Council, and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2025. | <b>Approval by the Council</b><br>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council under minute reference: |
|  | <b>Minute ref:</b>  |
| <b>RFO signature:</b>  | <b>Chair signature:</b>   |
| <b>Name:</b>   | <b>Name:</b>  |
| <b>Date:</b>   | <b>Date:</b>  |

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

## Auditor General's report and audit opinion

I certify that I have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2025 of **Crynant Community Council**. My audit has been conducted on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales and in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the 2004 Act) and guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

### **Audit opinion: Qualified**

Except for the matters reported below in my Basis for Qualification, on the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

### **Basis of Qualification**

#### **Annual Governance Statement**

In my opinion, the Annual Governance Statement is not consistent with the Council's internal controls and governance arrangements for the year:

- Section 50 of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 requires the Council to publish its audited accounts online. Regulation 5 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 requires the Council to publish the Annual Governance Statement alongside the accounts. Regulation 15 of the 2014 Regulations requires the Council to publish along with the accounts, any certificate, opinion, or report issued, given or made by the Auditor General. The Council has failed to publish its qualified audit reports from previous years.
- The Council has not provided evidence that it calculated its budget requirement in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and that the precept has been set in line with the budget. The Act requires the Council to take into account its income and level of reserves when setting its budget requirement. We recommend that the Council sets a budget in accordance with the Act.
- The Council has not addressed the matters raised in the Auditor General's report on the 22/23 annual return. As the Council has not electronically published everything which is required under Section 50 of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013.

## Other matters and recommendations

I draw the Council's attention to the following matters and recommendations which do not affect my audit opinion but should be addressed by the Council.

### Compliance with Financial Regulations

The Council's Financial Regulations state that 3 quotations will be obtained for payments between £2,000 to £5,000. During the course of the audit, we did not find evidence that the Council obtained 3 quotations for one payment that totalled £3,916.

We recommend that the Council reviews their payment procedures to ensure that the Council is compliant with its own financial regulations.

### Clerk's Salary

During our audit testing, we noted that the clerk's was paid a salary that exceeded their contractual terms by £193.


We recommend that the Council amends the terms of the clerk's contract and provides a salary within the terms of the contract.

### Cashbook Reconciliation to the Annual Return

Line 4 of the Annual Return is overstated by an immaterial amount of £409. compared to the detail recorded in the cashbook.

We recommend that the Council performs a reconciliation between their cashbook and annual return for prospective audit years.

There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention.

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| <br><b>Richard Harries, Director, Audit Wales</b><br><b>For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales</b> | <b>Date: 02/02/2026</b> |
|---|-------------------------|

## Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body: **Crynant Community Council**

The Council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council.

|   | Agreed? |     |     |              | Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body) |
|---|---------|-----|-----|--------------|--|
|   | Yes     | No* | N/A | Notcovered** |  |
| 1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.  | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.  | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 3. The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.   |         | x   |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate. | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.   | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.   |         |     | x   |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with contracts/ minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.                       | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.   | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

|  | Agreed? |     |     |              | Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body) |
|--|---------|-----|-----|--------------|--|
|  | Yes     | No* | N/A | Notcovered** |  |
| 9. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.   | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded. | x       |     |     |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |
| 11. Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council has met its responsibilities as a trustee.  |         |     | x   |              | Please see Internal Audit Report   |

**For any risk areas identified by the Council (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:**

|     | Agreed? |     |     |               | Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body) |
|-----|---------|-----|-----|---------------|--|
|     | Yes     | No* | N/A | Not covered** |  |
| 12. |         |     |     |               |  |
| 13. |         |     |     |               |  |
| 14. |         |     |     |               |  |

\* If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

\*\* If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

[My detailed findings and recommendations which I draw to the attention of the Council are included in my detailed report to the Council dated \_\_\_\_\_20.06.2025\_\_\_\_\_.] \* Delete if no report prepared.

### Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the body during the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit: KL Grabham

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit: KL Grabham

Date: 20.06.2025

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

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## Asset, Amenity & Environment Committee Meeting

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**Minutes of the Committee meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

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

**A105: To receive apologise for absence from Members** None

**A106: To receive any declarations of interest from Members** Cllr S Mortimer declared an interest in A109.3 for the quotes.

**A107: To receive public questions** None

**A108: To approve the Minutes of Asset Committee Meeting 01-26** It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Asset Committee Meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting of Crynant Community Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**A109: Matters pertaining to Council assets and projects:**

### **A109.1: Community Centre & Grounds**

The Electrician has been and completed the necessary work to be compliant.

The Community Centre and Gradon De-fibrillator checks have been undertaken with no action required.

There have been incidents with Youth Club regarding the fire exit doors and the taps.  
**ACTION:** Speak with caretakers. **ACTION:** Cllr Mortimer to look at alarms on the fire exit doors.

The step outside of the wooden sheds has been repaired the step had deteriorated.

The annual boiler service is booked in for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### **tA109.2: Maes Yr Hendre Cemetery**

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Cemetery is good. Income has increased and enquiries are on-going.

### **A109.3: Teen & Toddler play areas**

Toddler Park UKSPF project work has been completed, and the park opened on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The planters and bench have been installed by Volunteers. 3 quotes have been obtained for the picnic benches. All quotes are UK based. Quote 1 - £1581 +VAT and delivery £220+VAT. Quote 2 - £2485 and Quote 3 - £2166. Asset Committee voted and it was 2 votes for quote 3 and 2 votes for quote 1. **ACTION:** Due to the Chair being unable to vote it is actioned for the full council approval.

The spring for the toddler's park gate has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.

It has been agreed previously that the recycling bins need to be ordered. **ACTION:** Order recycling bins.

### **A109.4: MUGA & Tennis Courts**

A report has been made about bikes in the Tennis Courts. A bike was seen riding around in there on Sunday. **ACTION:** To monitor.

After receiving the outdoor inspection, it was raised in there about the overhanging trees along the MUGA area. There has also been a complaint made about the overhanging trees. The overhanging trees have been trimmed.

Cllr M Jones left the meeting at 9:36am

### **A109.5: Pump Track**

The posts are deteriorating. **ACTION:** Will need future consideration.

### **A109.6: Outdoor Gym**

The Outdoor Gym repair work has been completed.

### **A109.7: Meadow & Woodland Walk**

The Apple trees have been pruned in the Meadow.

The stream northwest section the trees have been removed due to the blocking. In the nature walk the lower wetland the fallen trees have been made safe. The pond in

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the nature walks the removal of water fern has been 80% complete. The nature walk north steps are being removed or replaced to counter the bike damage.

## **A109.8: Forest Walks**

Cllr Waldron discussed that they are awaiting a meeting with Llais y goedwig.

**ACTION:** Clerk to arrange a meeting.

## **A109.9: Volunteers**

The numbers with the volunteers have been up and down but is still good.

## **A110: To discuss Risk Assessments for Council Assets**

Asset Committee discussed to arrange a separate meeting for risk assessments or the option to do them after each Asset Meeting. **ACTION:** To arrange a separate meeting.

**A111: Any other business** None

**A112: Date of next meeting** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am

**Meeting Closed at 10:00am**

## Picnic Benches Quotes:

Quote 1 - 2 x Black 1.8m Easy Access Picnic table sets @ £527+vat each = £1054+vat



1 x Black 1.8m Easy Access Picnic table with wheelchair access = £527+vat

Extended legs for soft ground @35+vat per bench = £105+vat

Delivery for all 3 £220+vat

Total = £1906+vat

## Quote 2 -

|   |  |         |       |        |                 |
|---|--|---------|-------|--------|-----------------|
|  | <b>NBX0403-BLK x 2 - Bistro Set - Table &amp; 2 Benches - Black Frame / Black Tops</b><br>Description: Bistro Set - Table & 2 Benches<br>Dimensions: --<br>Frame Colour: Black | £985.00 | - 2 + | Update | £1970.00        |
|  | <b>RFDJP01-BLK x 1 - Wheelchair Access Junior Picnic Table - 1.5m - Small - Black</b><br>Dimensions: L1840 x W1200mm<br>Capacity: 4 Person & 1 Wheelchair                      | £515.00 | - 1 + | Update | £515.00         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   |  |         |       |        | <b>£2485.00</b> |

## Quote 3 -

| Qty  | Item                     | Detail   | Unit    | Subtotal         |
|--|--------------------------|--|---------|------------------|
| 2  | Heathland Picnic Unit    | Street Tough steel frame in: Green BS 14C40<br>Boards in black recycled plastic  | £669.00 | £1,338.00        |
| 1  | Heathland Picnic Unit DA | Street Tough steel frame in: Green BS 14C40<br>Boards in black recycled plastic<br>One seating section of one side cut away for wheelchair access  | £648.00 | £648.00          |
| 3  | KSC Fixing Kit           | 225mm galvanised ground extensions, M10 bolts, (set of 6 for three frames) with coach bolts*<br>*Coach bolts are highly tamper resistant but very hard to remove if you require to move the unit | £60.00  | £180.00          |
| <b>Total (excl carriage &amp; VAT)</b>                               |                          |  |         | <b>£2,166.00</b> |
| Carriage and Packing for 3 units to postcode area: COLL - Collection |                          |  |         | <b>£0.00</b>     |

20 February 2026

Dear Gemma,

Please find attached the revised constitution of Crynant Community Association for you to present to the Community Council for its consideration.

The Association trustees are meeting next month to approve the changes in its constitution prior to adoption.

Once the Council has considered the constitution and is ready to proceed, the Association will call a further meeting of existing trustees to formally approve adoption of the constitution and the Council will become sole trustees.

Heidi Mortimer

Crynant Community Association.

**Charity number: 1015531**

## **Constitution of Crynant Community Association**

### 1 Interpretation

In this Constitution:

#### 1.1 The following expressions have the following meanings:

“Area of Benefit” means as defined in clause 3.1;

“the Chair” means the person appointed by the Trustees to preside at their meetings;

“the Charities Act” means the Charities Act 2011;

“the Charity” means the charitable trust governed by this Constitution;

“the Commission” means the Charity Commission for England and Wales or any body which replaces it;

“Communicate” includes both incoming and outgoing communication;

“Conflict” means any situation in which a Trustee has or might have a direct or indirect interest (including but not limited to any personal financial interest) that conflicts or possibly might conflict, with the interests of the Charity or which conflicts or possibly might conflict with that Trustee’s duty to act solely in the interests of the Charity;

“Conflicted Trustee” means a Trustee in respect of whom a Conflict exists;

“Connected Person” means, in relation to a Trustee:

- (a) a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of that Trustee;
- (b) the spouse or civil partner of that Trustee or of any person falling within (a) above;
- (c) a person carrying on a business in partnership with that Trustee or with any person falling within (a) or (b) above;
- (d) an institution which is controlled (whether directly or through one or more nominees):
  - (i) by that Trustee or any person falling within (a), (b) or (c) above or (e) below; or

- (ii) by two or more persons falling within (a) above, when taken together;
- (e) a body corporate in which:
  - (i) that Trustee or any person falling within (a), (b) or (c) or (d) above has a substantial interest; or
  - (ii) two or more persons falling within (i) above who, when taken together, have a substantial interest,

and sections 350 – 352 of the Charities Act apply for the purposes of interpreting the terms used in this definition;

“Corporate Trustee” means a company or corporate entity which is appointed as a Trustee;

“Crynant Community Council” means the body corporate of elected individuals who acts as the community council of the village of Crynant, Neath and any successor bodies to this role.

“Financial Expert” means an individual, company or Firm who is authorised to give investment advice under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

“Firm” includes a limited liability partnership;

“Holding Trustee” means an individual or corporate body responsible for holding the title to property but not authorised to make any decisions relating to its use, investment or disposal;

“Indemnity Insurance” has the meaning prescribed by section 189 of the Charities Act;

“Material Benefit” means a benefit which may not be financial but has a monetary value;

“the Objects” means the charitable objects set out in clause 3;

“present” means Trustees who are participating in the meeting by any of the means permitted by clause 7.3;

“Taxable Trading” means carrying on a trade or business in such manner or on such a scale that some or all of the profits are subject to corporation tax;

“Trustee” means a trustee of the Charity as prescribed by section 177 of the Charities Act and “Trustees” means the trustees of the Charity;

“Virtually” means by telephone link, video link, or other technology enabling all participants to Communicate with one another in real time without being physically present in the same place;

“written” or “in writing” refers to a legible document on paper or a document sent by electronic means which is capable of being printed out on paper;

“Year” means calendar year;

- 1.2 References to an Act of Parliament are to that Act as amended or re-enacted from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it.

## 2 Name

The name of the Charity is Crynant Community Association.

## 3 Objects

- 3.1 The Objects of the Charity are:

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Crynant and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called “the area of benefit”) without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
  
- b) to establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre (hereinafter called “the Centre”) and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

## 4 Powers

The Trustees have the following powers, in addition to any other powers that they may have, which may be exercised only in promoting the Objects:

- 4.1 to do anything within the law which promotes or helps to promote the Objects;
- 4.2 bring together in conference representatives of voluntary organisations Government Departments, statutory authorities and individuals;
- 4.3 arrange and provide for, either alone or with others, the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars or training courses, and all forms of recreational and other leisure-time activities.
- 4.4 to pay out of the funds of the Charity the costs of forming and registering the Charity as a charity;
- 4.5 to provide advice or information;
- 4.6 to carry out research;

- 4.7 to co-operate with other bodies;
- 4.8 to support, administer or set up other charities;
- 4.9 to act as a charity trustee of a charitable trust;
- 4.10 to acquire, merge with or enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other body for the purposes of any of the Objects;
- 4.11 to accept or refuse gifts and donations and to raise funds (but not by means of Taxable Trading);
- 4.12 to borrow money;
- 4.13 to give security, including but not limited to guarantees, for loans or other obligations (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act);
- 4.14 to acquire or hire property of any kind;
- 4.15 to let or dispose of property of any kind (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act);
- 4.16 to make grants or loans of money;
- 4.17 to set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure;
- 4.18 to deposit or invest funds in any manner including without limitation with a view to:
  - (a) directly furthering the Objects;
  - (b) achieving a financial return for the Charity; or
  - (c) achieving both of the objectives described at sub-clauses (a) and (b) above in accordance with and provided that the Trustees comply with their duties under Part 14A of the Charities Act,

(but to invest wholly or partly with a view to achieving a financial return only after obtaining such advice from a Financial Expert as the Trustees consider necessary and having regard to the suitability of investments);
- 4.19 to delegate the management of investments to a Financial Expert, but only on terms that:
  - (a) the investment strategy is recorded in writing for the Financial Expert by the Trustees;
  - (b) timely reports of all transactions are provided to the Trustees;

- (c) the performance of the investments is reviewed regularly with the Trustees;
  - (d) the Trustees are entitled to cancel the delegation arrangement at any time;
  - (e) the investment policy and the delegation arrangement are reviewed at least once a Year;
  - (f) all payments due to the Financial Expert are on a scale or at a level which is agreed in advance and are reported promptly to the Trustees on receipt;
  - (g) the Financial Expert must not do anything outside the powers of the Trustees;
- 4.20 to arrange for investments or other property of the Charity to be held in the name of a Nominee Company acting under the direction of the Trustees or controlled by a Financial Expert acting under their instructions, and to pay any reasonable fee required;
- 4.21 to deposit documents and physical assets with any company registered or having a place of business in England or Wales as Custodian, and to pay any reasonable fee required;
- 4.22 to insure the property of the Charity against any foreseeable risk and take out other insurance policies to protect the Charity when required;
- 4.23 to provide Indemnity Insurance for the Trustees and officers of the Charity in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act;
- 4.24 subject to clause **Error! Reference source not found.**, to employ or engage paid or unpaid agents, staff or advisers and where appropriate
- (a) to provide for them to benefit under pension and other staff benefit arrangements for them and their dependants; and
  - (b) to enter into compromise and settlement agreements with them;
- 4.25 to enter into contracts and agreements of any kind, including without limitation contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;
- 4.26 to establish or acquire subsidiary companies to assist or act as agents for the Charity; and
- 4.27 to incorporate either by establishing a company limited by guarantee or a charitable incorporated organisation with objects the same as or as similar as possible to the Objects and to transfer the assets and liabilities of the Charity to that incorporated body.

## 5 Duty of care and skill and extent of liability

- 5.1 When exercising any power in administering or managing the Charity, each of the Trustees must use the level of care and skill that is reasonable in the circumstances, taking into account any special knowledge or experience that they have or claim to have (“the Duty of Care”).
- 5.2 No Trustee, and no one exercising powers or responsibilities that have been delegated by the Trustees, shall be liable for any act or failure to act unless, in acting or in failing to act, they have failed to discharge the Duty of Care. Any liability of a Trustee shall be restricted to liability arising only from their own actions or omissions.
- 5.3 A retiring Trustee is entitled to an indemnity from the continuing Trustees at the expense of the Charity in respect of any liabilities properly incurred during their trusteeship.

## 6 The Trustees

- 6.1 The Trustees have general control and management of the administration of the Charity and its property and funds.
- 6.2 Crynant Community Council shall be the sole Trustee.
- 6.3 The Trustee ceases to hold office if it:
- (a) ceases to exist; or
  - (b) publishes a notice of its resignation in the area of benefit.
- 6.4 If the Trustee ceases to be a Trustee under clause 6.3(a) then the Councillors in post at the time that the Trustee ceased to exist will become the Trustees until such time as at least one replacement Corporate Trustee or three individual trustees are admitted to the Charity.
- 6.5 If the Trustee ceases to be a Trustee under clause 6.3(b) then that resignation will take effect when at least one replacement Corporate Trustee or three individual trustees are admitted to the Charity.

## 7 Proceedings of Trustees

- 7.1 The Trustees must hold at least two meetings each Year.
- 7.2 There shall be a quorum at a meeting of the Trustees if the sole Trustee is present when the decision is made.
- 7.3 A meeting of the Trustees may be held in such a way as may be agreed by the Trustees, provided all participants may Communicate with all the other participants simultaneously. This may include:

- (a) physical meetings where all participants are present in the same room;
  - (b) virtual meetings where all participants access the meeting Virtually;
  - (c) hybrid meetings where some participants attend physically and some attend Virtually;
  - (d) satellite meetings where there are two or more physical venues linked Virtually and all participants are physically with at least one other participant.
- 7.4 In deciding how to conduct their meetings, the Trustees must have regard to the impact their choice of venue or virtual platform has on how accessible their meeting is to all potential participants.
- 7.5 Where a Trustees' meeting is being held Virtually (whether fully Virtually or partly Virtually) and there is a failure in the technology such that one or more participants is unable to Communicate with the other participants, those participants who are still able to participate fully must check whether the meeting is still quorate. If the meeting is not quorate, or it is unclear whether the meeting is quorate, and the ability for all participants to Communicate is not re-established within 10 minutes, the Trustees must adjourn the meeting. If the meeting is still quorate, the Trustees may either continue the meeting or adjourn it.
- 7.6 The Chair, or if the Chair is not present, unable or unwilling to do so the Vice-Chair (if any), shall preside at the meeting and if neither is present, able or willing, then some other Trustee chosen by the Trustees present shall preside at the meeting.
- 7.7 Except where otherwise provided in this Constitution, every issue may be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Trustees, but a resolution which is in writing and signed by all the Trustees is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting. For this purpose the resolution may be contained in more than one document and will be treated as passed on the date of the last signature.
- 7.8 A procedural defect of which the Trustees are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting of the Trustees.

## 8 Decision Making

The Trustees have the following procedural powers in relation to decision-making:

- 8.1 To appoint the Chair, and any other honorary officers from among their number.
- 8.2 To delegate in writing any of their functions to committees consisting of two or more individuals appointed by them. At least one member of every committee must be a Trustee, all proceedings of committees must be reported promptly

to the Trustees and the delegation may be revoked at any time.

- 8.3 To delegate the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Charity in accordance with the directions of the Trustees to any person, by such means, to such an extent, in relation to such matters and on such terms and conditions as they think fit.
- 8.4 To make rules consistent with this Constitution to govern their proceedings and proceedings of committees.
- 8.5 To make regulations consistent with this Constitution to govern the administration of the Charity including the use and application of the income, property and funds, the operation of bank accounts and the commitment of funds.

## 9 Membership of the Charity

- 9.1 The members of the Charity shall be its Trustees for the time being. The only persons eligible to be members of the Charity are its Trustees. Membership of the Charity cannot be transferred to anyone else.
- 9.2 Any member and charity trustee who ceases to be a charity trustee automatically ceases to be a member of the Charity.
- 9.3 The Trustees may create associate or other classes of non-voting membership and may determine the rights and obligations of any such members (including payment of membership fees), and the conditions for admission to, and termination of membership of any such class of members.

## 10 Finance

- 10.1 All money raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objects of the Association and for no other purpose, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of the reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Association or the repayment of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

## 11 Records & Accounts

- 11.1 The Trustees must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act as to the keeping of financial records, the audit or independent examination of the accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Commission of:
  - (a) annual returns;
  - (b) annual reports;
  - (c) annual statements of account; and
  - (d) copies of resolutions or deeds.

- 11.2 The Trustees must maintain proper records of:
- (a) all proceedings at meetings of the Trustees;
  - (b) all reports of committees; and
  - (c) names, addresses dates of appointment, retirement and re-appointment of the Trustees.
- 11.3 Accounting records relating to the Charity must be made available for inspection by any Trustees at any time during normal office hours.
- 11.4 A copy of the Charity's latest available annual accounts must be supplied on request to any Trustee. A copy must also be supplied, within two months, to any person who makes a written request and pays the Charity's reasonable costs.

## 12 Rules

- 12.1 The Trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the Charity and use of the Centre, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the Charity on request.

## 13 Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a written resolution signed by all of the Trustees or by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Trustees by at least 75% of the Trustees, but:

- 13.1 Clauses 3 (Objects) and 14 (Dissolution) may not be amended without the prior written consent of the Commission.
- 13.2 No amendment can be made that would have the effect of making the Charity cease to be a charity at law.

## 14 Dissolution

- 14.1 The Trustees may at any time decide by resolution passed by at least 75% of the Trustees that the Charity is to be dissolved. The Trustees will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Charity's affairs.
- 14.2 After making provision for all outstanding liabilities of the Charity, the Trustees must apply the remaining property and funds in one or more of the following ways:
- (a) by transfer to one or more other bodies established for exclusively charitable purposes within, the same as or similar to the Objects;

- (b) directly for the Objects or charitable purposes within or similar to the Objects; or
- (c) in such other manner consistent with charitable status as the Commission approves in writing in advance.

If the Trustees by a simple majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Charity it shall call a meeting for all members of the Charity who have the power to vote and of the inhabitants of the area of benefit of the age of eighteen years and upwards of which meeting not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed thereat) shall be posted in a conspicuous place or places in the area of benefit and advertised in a newspaper circulating in the area of benefit and given in writing to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales. If such decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at such meeting the Trustees shall have power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Charity. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be applied toward such charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit as the General Committee may decide and as may be approved by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, or other authority having charitable jurisdiction.