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Crynant Community Council

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Minutes of the Council meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 26th March 2026.

Present: Chair: Cllr. H Mortimer

Councillors: Cllr. S Keir, Cllr. S Waldron, Cllr. S Mortimer,
Cllr. C Hart, Cllr. C Willcox, Cllr. R Cook & Cllr. E Walpole

In Attendance: Miss G Farthing (Clerk/RFO)

1459: To receive apologies for absence Cllr Jones (Personal Commitment)

1460: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests Cllr H Mortimer and Cllr Keir declared an interest in item no. 1469 i.

1461: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements

Clerk received a question from a member of the public regarding the possibility of a skatepark in Crynant. Council discussed and stated that the capital expenditure list will be looked at in the AGM May meeting.

1462: To approve and sign Minutes Council Meeting 02-26 (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 26th February 2026.

1463: To discuss any County Borough & Councillor Matters Clerk received an email from Cllr Harris regarding the County Borough Councillor fund of £50,000 to be shared between Cllr Harris and Cllr Hunt. This money is to be spent for the whole of the Dulais Valley. This money will need to be shared between the old wards of Crynant, Seven Sisters, and Onllwyn. NPT hasn't set a timescale on this yet.

The next County Borough Councillor Surgeries at Crynant Community Centre is on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 5:30pm – 6:30pm

1464: To receive Police report (Provided in agenda pack) Violence and sexual offences – 4 and Criminal damage and arson - 3

1465: To discuss Planning Applications

- i. **P2025/0412** - As long as it is within their boundary.

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- ii. **P2026/0120** - No observations
- iii. **P2026/0091** - No observations

1466: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council

Cllr Walpole attended the school governors meeting stating that Estyn had come back to the school. The school is in special measures, but progress is slowly improving.

Clerk attended an OVW Meeting – there was no report to bring back to Council.

Clerk attended a Civic.ly demo which is a new asset programme. **ACTION:** Clerk to discuss with the Asset, Amenities and Environment Committee.

Clerk, Chair, Cllr Hart & Cllr Jones attended the Neath & Dulais Valley Multi- Agency Meeting with Team Teulu. Creunant Primary School children have been working on a school project with Citizens Cymru on what the children want in the community and how they can improve. Creunant Primary came up with ideas for the play park at first and then toilets. **ACTION:** Send a letter to the children thanking them for their help and support.

1467: Matters pertaining to Finance & Governance (Minutes provided in agenda pack)

- i. **To approve February's Bank Reconciliation for Current account & reserve account (Provided in agenda pack)** It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** that the full bank reconciliations are accurate. Current - £26,242.32 and Reserve - £45,874.49
- ii. **To approve the Payment Schedule (Provided in agenda pack)**
RFO provided Council with an update to the payment schedule on two payments. £200.00 for car damage and £1350.00 for the grass cutting and emergency tree works. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to approve the updated payment schedule.
- iii. **Community Councillor vacancies** There are two vacancies, Council received one application within the notice period and three people expressing a verbal interest after the closing date. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr. A Phillips and to extend the notice for one vacancy for another month.
- iv. **Clerks report** Clerk gave an update stating that the internal audit is booked in for Monday 9th May 2026.

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1468: Matters pertaining to Asset, Amenity and Environment (Minutes provided in agenda pack) Chair of Assets gave an update stating that one part of the tree work had been completed and the grass cutting in the Cemetery has been completed. The Chair also stated that the recycling bins have been ordered awaiting delivery.

Chair stated that we need to concentrate on the leak in the roof. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to obtain 3 quotes for a survey to be conducted. **ACTION:** Obtain 3 quotes from roofing contractors.

1469: Crynant Community Association Matters

Trustees of the association gave an update stating that the installation of a new heater in the ladies' toilets and an outside light has been completed this week. The back safety light will need doing as there is only one working.

- i. **To approve Crynant Community Association's revised Constitution enabling the Council to become Sole Trustees (Provided in agenda pack)** Council discussed the Constitution and queried the voting principals of the Trustees the ability to raise income was not evident. It was then **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to accept the constitution based on the two issues being resolved. **ACTION:** Send a letter to the Association stating these queries.

1470: Matters pertaining to Correspondence None

1471: Matters pertaining to HR Committee Chair of HR gave an update. The Committee reviewed and recommended to Council the adoption of the Employee Handbook, Employee Code of Conduct, the updated Self – Appraisal form and Annual Appraisal form, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and the Unacceptable Actions by Individuals' policy. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting on Thursday 5th March were a true and accurate record. It was **proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED** to approve the Employee Handbook, Employee Code of Conduct, the updated Self – Appraisal form and Annual Appraisal form, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, and the Unacceptable Actions by Individuals' policy. **ACTION:** To look at the terms of reference for the HR Committee to give them delegated powers.

1472: Any other business None

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Meeting Closed at: 19:18pm