**Minutes of the meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, 24 Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 30th November 2023.**

Chair welcomed our two new councillors Cllr. S Mortimer and Cllr. C Hart

**In attendance:** Cllr. A Kingdon Cllr. S Keir Cllr. R Miles

Cllr. B Morris Cllr. H Mortimer Cllr. S Mortimer

Cllr. S Waldron Cllr. J Reed

**1097: To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr. S Rundle (Holiday Commitment) and Cllr. C Hart (personal commitment)

**1098: To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

Cllr. J Reed stated that he needs to update his members interests

**1099: To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements**

None

**1100: To approve and sign the previous Community Council Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Crynant Community Council held on Thursday 26th October 2023.

**1101: County Borough Council Matters**

Cllr. S Harris was promoting the food waste bags and dog poo bags that are in the community centre and the crynant stores shop on social media. When these bags were first delivered to us. We were told that they would be delivered every two weeks. Clerk informed Cllr. S Harris that the community centre hadn't had a delivery for over a month. Cllr. Harris informed the clerk that due to some places not needing a delivery every 2 weeks, NPT will be giving out a direct line for us to contact when stock is low. Still awaiting this number to be given.

NPT Neighbourhood services contacted asking if Crynant Community Council is responsible for the bus shelters that are in Crynant. Clerk informed them stating that we are not responsible for them.

**1102: County Borough Councillor Items**

Cllr. Keir asked if Council had been informed of the traffic lights and works in the village? Neither the Clerk or individual Councillors had been advised

**1103: To receive Police report**

Violence and sexual offences –7, Criminal damage and arson –2, Anti-social behaviour-1

Cuppa with a copper took place on Friday 24th November no one was in attendance.

**1104: To receive the Clerk’s report and:**

Rospa Report has been done on all the outdoor equipment; everything was green but need to keep an eye on the BMX track due to weeds growing through. Audit completion has been issued but is factually incorrect so will be appealing it due to there being incorrect information on there from audit.

Councillor allowances- Homeworking arrangements and consumables. The exception only applies to the £156 payment made under the Determination under the IRP. Opt out forms will be given in the next meeting.

All councillor training will be looked at when all councillor vacancies have been filled. All committees will be looked at when councillor vacancies have been filled.

The budget for year-end March 2024 was reviewed and actual expenditure yr. to date monitored finance meeting to be called to agree budget for year 24/25 for presentation to full Council at an Extra ordinary meeting in January prior to setting the precept with NPTCBC.

Cllr. S Waldron and Cllr. S Keir are meeting with NRW to discuss the existing woodland and you agreement and the new process/agreement for when that expires in March 24.

 **i.To approve payment schedule for November and December 2023**

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| Wages | £ | As per contract |
| Barclays Bank | £17.85 | Monthly bank charges |
| Wired up Wales | £130.00 | 01 |
| Scribe Cemetry | £597.00 | 01B |
| Gemma SLCC Course | £60.00 | 01 |
| Miscellaneous maintenance receipts | £200.00 | 01A |
| ROSPA playsafety | £294.00 | 01A  |

Project codes

01 Community Council 01A Council - Grounds maint. 01B Council – Cemetery

02 Forest Walks 03 Volunteers 04 Outdoor Gym

05 Pump Track 06 Playground

07 Association (a) Food poverty (b) Community Fridge (c) Centre

08 Maintenance (a) Centre (b) Grounds

**Resolved:** All payments approved

 **ii. Councillor Vacancies**

Two people applied for the community councillor vacancy. The Clerk presented the two applications to the councillors following due to consideration the councillors agreed to co opt Mx C Wilcox to become a new co opted councillor.

**1105: To receive Sexton report**

Cllr. H Mortimer and Cllr. S Mortimer have been working on the cemetery package and looking at increasing the fees for a plot being £400, increasing to £600 for a new plot and an internment being £100, increasing to £200. NPT charge £1000 with grave digger included.

**Resolved:** All fees are to be increased to the above price.

**1106: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council**

None

**1107: Planning application - P2023/0802 Plot 2 & 3 Former Bryncoed House Nursing Home, 51- 59 Treforgan Road, Crynant. Neath**

**Proposed development: Two detached dwellings and associated works (amendments to plots 2 and 3 approved under P2017/1006)**

**Resolved:** Due to the application being unavailable to access due to technical fault on the planning website we go back on previous observations.

**1108: To receive Community Association report**

Tai Chi, Playgroup, Spiritual, Measure Move Motivate and Legs, Bums and Tums have all been well attended groups this month.

Cllr. J Reed is taking a table on the Community Centre’s behalf in their Craft Fayre on Sunday 3rd December. Both Caroline and Pauline have been working well together. Radiator in the Swap Not Shop room is too be fixed soon. Smoke alarm has gone off twice and intruder alarm gone off once. Will monitor this issue.

**1109:**  **To receive an update on maintenance requirements for Crynant Community Council**

Rospa Report everything was green will need to monitor all equipment and contact the company that done the BMX track due to small holes starting in the track. A lot came up about signage which would come under the S106 Glyndulais working with Paul Hinder awaiting 4th dwelling. Hedge laying has not been done for the last couple of weeks due to weather. Drainage has been completed and is looking good in the toddler's playground. Tractor service will be due in December. Christmas lights have been put up on the tree outside St Margarets Church and Saron and on the stable both looking good. Possibly put a Xmas tree up by Godre Rhos next year.

**Resolved:** To approve payment of tractor service 571.04

**1110: To receive the Clerks report on Correspondence**

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| Welsh Government**We want to hear your views about road safety, so we can understand your priorities and how to make roads safe for al** | The Welsh Government public consultation on a new Road Safety Strategy is now open until the end of 31st of January 2024. You can access it [here](https://www.gov.wales/road-safety-strategy).We will create a new Strategy for Road Safety in Wales using:* the responses to this consultation
* our engagement with stakeholders that work in road safety
* a randomised representative sample survey of the Welsh population, and
* workshops that include marginalised groups
 | CouncillorsWill complete |
| Welsh Government | Asbestos Management on the Public Estate- Following a request from the Workforce Partnership Council (WPC) Joint ExecutiveCommittee that “asbestos management in all public buildings be considered as part of the work of Ystadau Cymru,” my officials have been working with colleagues in the Welsh Government Ystadau Cymru team.I have asked Ystadau Cymru to establish an Asbestos Sub-Group to provide strategic direction and leadership for ensuring the improvement of asbestos management in Wales.Their work has identified that some Town and Community Councils need assistance in understanding their role and responsibilities in respect of asbestos in the buildings they own or manage.Ystadau Cymru and II would therefore like to bring to your attention the attached Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Guide to Managing Asbestos in Buildings. | Noted |
| Cerebal Palsy Cymru | I am writing to ask if Crynant Community Council would be able to support us in making a life changing difference to children and families across Wales living with cerebral palsy this year. | Donation of £100 |
| Wales Air Ambulance | Community Council Appeal 2023 – Please help us to continue serving the people of Wales and saving lives in your community by considering us for a community or town council grant. No matter how big or small, your donation will help save lives. | Donation of £100 |
| Marie Curie | Donations request | Donation of £100 |
| South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Community Survey | * I wanted to make you aware that the South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner has now launched his annual community survey, giving residents the chance to ‘have their say’ on policing in South Wales and the options being considered for the policing element of Council Tax for 2024/25. To help us get the word out and to encourage people to take part, we would be grateful if you could help us extend the reach of the survey so that we can hear the views of as many people as possible. How you can help- Attached is a ‘partner pack’ which includes bilingual graphics, posters and a cover piece explaining the purpose of the survey and how people can take part. You can help us by:
* promoting the survey across your social media channels.
* publicising the survey on your website or intranet.
* Printing the posters and promoting in venues/noticeboards etc.
* Sharing the survey with your community contacts/networks/citizen panels.
 | Advertise to residents |
| The Future Generations Commissioner | The Future Generations Commissioner launches Cymru Can, his new seven-year strategy for a better today and tomorrow in Cymru. We think that collectively, Cymru CAN do so much more to improve lives using the Well-being of Future Generations Act - Cymru has the opportunity, the permission, and the ideas to do better things. Derek Walker is today setting out five new missions to help ensure Cymru Can - making the Act work harder (Implementation and impact), culture and Welsh language, climate and nature, health and well-being (focus on preventative health), and a well-being economy. The video features people from all over Wales and is shot from Barry to Machynlleth, Merthyr Tydfil to Llanrwst. It would be great if you were happy to join the #CymruCan conversation on social media. | Advertise to residents |
| Statws Coedwig Genedlaethol Cymru / National Forest for Wales Status Scheme | The scheme is open to anyone who owns or has management control of woodland in Wales. There will be no limit on the number of woodlands which can be awarded National Forest for Wales Status and applications can be made at any time of year but will be considered at set times. Please note the Status Scheme is not a funding opportunity, it is for woodland sites ready to join the National Forest for Wales. This includes not-for-profit organisations and private owners. Any type of well-managed woodland can apply, from newly created to ancient woodlands. To be eligible a site must show how they meet the National Forest for Wales Outcomes and have a woodland management plan in place.For information on the National Forest for Wales Status Scheme and how to apply follow this link: <https://www.gov.wales/national-forest-wales-status>  | Cllr. S Waldron and Cllr S Kier meeting on Thursday 7th December 2pm about the NRW agreement. |

**1111: 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)**

Unfortunately, we have been informed of the passing of a former councillor Paul Roberts. We send all the family and friends our deepest condolences. Renault Van has been parked outside the Crynant Stores shop for a couple of days.

There is a community Liaison meeting on Monday 4th December. Cllr H Mortimer and Cllr S Waldron will both be attending.

**Meeting closed at 19:53pm**