**Minutes of the council meeting of Crynant Community Council held at Crynant Community Centre, Woodland Road, Crynant, SA108RF on Thursday 25th July 2024.**

**Present:** **Vice Chair:** **Cllr. J Reed**

**Councillors:** **Cllr. A. Kingdon, Cllr. C Hart, Cllr. S Keir, Cllr. C Wilcox,**  **Cllr. H Mortimer, Cllr. S Mortimer, Cllr. S Waldron,**  **Cllr. R Miles and Cllr. S Rundle (Remotely)**

**In Attendance:** **Miss G Farthing (Clerk/RFO)**

**1211:** **To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr B Morris (personal commitment)

**1212:**  **To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests**

As per register

**1213:**  **To adjourn if necessary to receive public questions or statements**

No members of the public present.

**1214: To approve and sign the previous Community Council Minutes**

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**Resolved:** That the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting of Crynant Community Council held on Thursday 27th June 2024.

**1215:** **To discuss any County Borough Council Matters**

Clerk advised Council that work is about to start on an ambitious £12m project to modernise visitor facilities and restore historic features at Neath Port Talbot Council’s much loved Gnoll Estate Country Park attraction.

There are plans to turn Neath’s historic former Library building at Victoria Gardens into a Creative Hub have been given the go ahead by members of Neath Port Talbot Council’s Cabinet.

Our Place, Our Future: A Cultural Transformation is on the Way to Neath Port Talbot- Three dynamic new strategies have been launched which collectively aim to invest in culture and heritage for the benefit of local people while also making Neath Port Talbot a nationally recognised visitor destination by 2030. Neath Port Talbot Council’s Cabinet Member for Nature, Tourism and Wellbeing said: “This launch is a call to arms - we want to work with volunteers, community groups and the wider public sector and private sector to achieve our collective ambition to develop a high quality and accessible culture, heritage, sports and arts offer in the area. “While the council will work hard to attract funding and provide the strategic framework, this will be very much a team effort, and we hope our local communities are empowered to play their part too.”

**1216:** **To discuss any County Borough Councillor Items**

A letter was sent to Cllr S Hunt with regards to the public toilet's agenda item: 1199. Cllr S Hunt stated that “NPT cannot provide funding for refurbishment to public buildings. The small amount of financial support to maintain the upkeep of these public conveniences are built into the budget NPT already have within their sector.

County Borough Councillor Surgeries are on Tuesday 6th August which Cllr Keir will be attending on community council’s behalf.

**Resolved:** To review the lease agreement on the public toilets.

**1217:** **To receive Police report**

#### Violence and sexual offences - 3 Public order - 2 Anti-social behaviour - 1

**1218: To receive the Clerk’s report to include Finance & Governance**

Clerk is collating an information pack for councillors in response to a request received during last month's meeting from a member of public regarding fencing off a section of the meadow. Request and information pack to be considered by council at a future date.

NRW have updated the addendum to include all the site structures in the locations that have been specified. There are also new inspection forms for the site that have been given to the asset, amenity and environment committee.

**Resolved:** The council agreed for the Chair to approve and sign the NRW Addendum.

The annual outdoor gym equipment service is due. The quote is £445.00

A working party meeting needs to be set up for the willow trees as discussed in a previous meeting.

To receive the draft updated Welsh language policy. Clarification has been sought by OVW on the provision of Welsh language agendas and minutes. Original template and recommended policy are available for review prior to adoption in September meeting.

S106 Agreement Glyn Dulais development awaiting response from NPT.

Incident report of obscene graffiti on teen shelter. Asset Committee have inspected and removed the graffiti on Monday 22nd July.

There needs to be some emergency work that has been raised in the electrical inspections by the electrician before signing it off. The price for the inspection and remedial work is £875.00 and further scheduled work is required to install emergency light fittings in two rooms. Cost to replace all light fittings as the existing are obsolete and can no longer be purchased. £1192.72. Crynant Community Association are prepared to contribute £500 to the cost of the work as it will improve efficiency.

Barclays bank account tariff is changing to one single business tariff.

**Resolved:** To approve the quote of £445.00 for the outdoor gym service and to set up a working party to work together on project proposal between CRFC and CCC. **Resolved:** To approve the £875 for the inspection and remedial work and to approve the £700 to replace the light fittings.

**i. Approve payment schedule**

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| Wages | £ | As per contract |
| Barclays Bank Charge | 17.20 | 01 |
| Caloo | 445.00 | 01A |
| Rospa | 126.00 | 01A |
| OVW Training | 40.00 | 01 |
| DBS | 59.30 | 01 |
| Xerox | 193.34 | 01 |
| Rates | 23.00 | 02 |
| Hartson Fire | 316.20 | 01B |

Project codes: 01 Community Council 01A Council - Grounds maint.

01B Council – Centre maint. 02 Council – Cemetery

**Resolved:** That all payments were agreed and approved.

**ii. Bank Reconciliations**

Bank reconciliations were provided to councillors. **Resolved:** To agree and approve the current and reserve bank reconciliations for June.

**1219: To receive a report from any member concerning meetings at which they represented the Council**

**Resolved:** To set up a working party meeting in September for Cefn Coed Colliery.

**1220: To receive a report from the Asset, Amenity & Environment sub committee**

Report received and noted**. Resolved:** To set up a task and finish group to complete the biodiversity plan. **Resolved:** To approve the drain survey of £250 +VAT.

**1221: To receive a report from Finance Committee**

Council received the report from Finance Committee detailing income & expenditure, budget review, cashbook and all bank reconciliations. **Resolved:** To accept finance committees reports.

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| **1222: To receive the Clerks report on Correspondence** | | |
| Welsh Government Consultation | [Extension of job share provisions for elected members of principal councils to non-executive roles | GOV.WALES](https://www.gov.wales/extension-job-share-provisions-elected-members-principal-councils-non-executive-roles) | NOTED |
| OVW | Innovative Practice Conference 2024 Report | NOTED |
| Regional Transport | We would like to invite you to participate in our consultation on a new Regional Transport Plan for Southwest Wales which is now live on <http://www.cjcsouthwest.wales/consultation> | NOTED |
| The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru | Has published its **Guide to the 2026 Review** of Senedd constituencies.  The Guide sets out the key dates for the Review, the rules by which constituencies will be created, and how stakeholders and members of the public can get involved in the process.  You can find the Guide on the Commission's website: [www.dbcc.gov.wales/reviews/07-24/guide-to-the-2026-review](http://www.dbcc.gov.wales/reviews/07-24/guide-to-the-2026-review) | NOTED |

**1223: Any other business (to include issues not directly covered under any of the above.**

Cllr Kingdon stated that “Frindiau Creunant have received an anonymous donation that will contribute to the extension of the tennis lessons for an extra 5 weeks. This takes us up to the end of the summer holidays.” Cllr Kingdon thanked Crynant Community Council for the use of the tennis courts.

**Meeting closed at 19:30pm**