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Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 10th December, 2014.
Councillor C. J. Holmes, Acting Chairman.

Present: Councillors J. Short C. Holmes, D. Evans, J. B. Johnson, M. Grabham, H. J. David, M. Goudge and C. Howe.

1. Apologies: Councillor D. Dimond.

2. Declarations of interest received in writing: Councillors H. J. David, M. Goudge and D. Evans declared an interest in all matters concerning the Cefn Cribwr Community Association as members of that organisation.
Councillor H. J. David declared an interest in all planning matters as a member of Bridgend County Borough Council.
Councillor H. J. David declared an interest in all matters concerning the Y Cefn Gwyrdd as a member of that organisation.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Cefn Cribwr Community Council meeting of Wednesday 12th November, 2014, were adopted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

War Memorial / Afan Landscapes: The Clerk reported that he had paid Afan Landscapes the sum of £3,736.73 in full and final settlement of their account in regard of phase one of the War Memorial and two years routine maintenance.

5. Footpaths:

The Clerk reported that Mr. P. John had quoted £450 to tidy up Mountain Lane and £420 to repair the bridge across the brook and cut the low branches on FP 8. It was agreed to accept these quotations.

6. Clerk's Report:

Correspondence: *Council noted the following items:*

The Post Office
Cynffig Comprehensive School
Clerks & Councils Direct
Coychurch Crematorium
Care Choices
The Plunkett Foundation

Bills for payment:

Clerks Salary for November '14 (S. P 27):	£313.35
HMRC :	£78.20
SLCC:	£88.00
Clerks Expenses Dec '13 – Nov '14:	£968.31

Planning

No consultations received.

Margam Opencast Coal Site update. – *Council noted this report and await an update from BCBC.*

Financial Statement:

As on 9th December, 2014.

Community Account	£349.08
Deposit Account (B.M.M)	<u>£32,040.19</u>
TOTAL	<u>£32,389.27</u>

Current Liabilities (in no particular order):

Budgetary Items to March '15	£24,000.00
Bills for payment December '14	<u>£1,447.86</u>
	<u>£25,447.86</u>

Available undesignated Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>£6,941.41</u>
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7. Budget 2015 /16:

Council unanimously resolved to adopt the budget as circulated.

8. Precept 2015 /16:

Council resolved to increase the Precept by 3% to £19,500 for the financial year 2015 /16.

9. Grants to Charities:

Council resolved to make the following grants:

£150	Y Cefn Gwyrdd
£250	Cefn Cribwr Boys Club
£600	Cefn Cribwr Community Association
£200	Cefn Cribwr Mother & Toddler Group
£50	Siloam Welsh Independent Church
£50	Bridgend Citizens Advice Bureau
£1,300	

10. Members Reports:

Cllrs. D. Evans, C. J. Holmes and J. B. Johnson reported that they had attended a meeting at BCBC in regard of the devolution of services from Bridgend County Borough Councils to Town & Community Councils due to current financial pressures. BCBC need to save £50 million over the next four years and are exploring opportunities to work in partnership with other service providers so that frontline services are sustained where possible. It was acknowledged that there would inevitably be a financial implication, should the Community Council enter into a partnership agreement, and this would have to be reflected in the budget setting process. We await further information from BCBC in due course.

11. War Memorial, Pentice site and Bus Shelters:

The Clerk reported that the following works are now well in hand and should, with the exception of the Memorial Shelter due to the discovery of Asbestos and exterior painting, be completed by mid-December.

Project work to be completed as follows:

- A. Bedford Park entrance feature – Ground works – hard-core surface and tarmac entrance. Works to the adjoining walls – rendering side wall facing Valleys to Coast property and install Estate fencing to said wall. Raised curb with raised wild flower bed next to said wall – Community Council also to explore options for seeding and maintaining this. Look at what can be done possibly tarmac around exterior of feature wall. Look at what can be done with the party wall and check with Valleys to Coast if they are responsible or for contribution towards cost.
- B. Two bus shelters by common – Rendered, painted, new roof and slate tiles. Bus Shelter which was formally war memorial - Sandblasted and new roof tiles – roof structure to be checked.
- C. Common entrance – bollards to be reinstated correctly.

It was agreed that the Clerk should send a suitable gift to Mrs. S. Evans from the Community Council to thank her for all her hard work to realise the completion of these projects.

12. A.O.B.: Cllr. M. Grabham commented that the Christmas decorations throughout the village are looking particularly good this year and thanked the Clerk for his efforts in that regard.

Cllr. H. J. David reported that The Village Carol Service will take place at the Community Centre on Friday 12th December at 6.30 pm and all are cordially invited to attend this event.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 14th January, 2015 at the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre.

David Lloyd Jones, Clerk, December 2014.