

THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Y Crwys

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 18th October 2012 AT 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW)
Anwen Jenkins (AJ)
Phil Place (PP)

Community Councillor

Daniel Jones (DJ)
Belinda Hansford (BH)

Temporary Clerk:

Warren Smart (WS)

Four members of the public were at the meeting Mrs Mary Rees, Mrs Lorna Jenkins, Mr Peter Hinder and Mr Ian Donaldson

Mrs Mary Rees addressed Council on a number of concerns regarding the community.

Firstly on the condition of footpath LH56 between Chapel Rd and Pant Y-Dwr, the chair responded that this is a city council responsibility and that the matter is being looked into.

On invasive species Mary noted that within the village there is Japanese Knotweed on land adjacent to Tirmynydd Rd and Himalayan balsam on land adjacent to and north of Joiners Road and would like the Council to treat the former and to speak to the landowner regarding the latter.

Mary noted that NERC training is being offered to councillors, taking approx 2hrs names/numbers required.

Mrs Lorna Jenkins addressed council regarding issues of noise, litter and antisocial behaviour at Coed Lan from new residents

Mr Peter Hinder added to the above comments complained about noise during the night which is disturbing residents and of suspicious behaviour.

The Chair responded on behalf of council supporting the residents agreed the need to complain formally to the relevant authorities both the police and City and County of Swansea housing dept. Council resolved to write a letter to the police inspector in support of the residents complaint. Clerk to action

CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL: _____

Cllr P Hood-Williams

Meeting commenced 8:00pm Community Councillor P R Hood-Williams (Chair of the Community Council) Presiding

87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by the clerk from Cllr B Hansford, who would be attending the meeting late due to another commitment

88 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

A declaration of interest was submitted from Cllr P Hood-Williams relating to all City and County of Swansea Matters and matters relating to the Crwys and District sports association.

A declaration of interest was submitted by Cllr W Smart relating to the Crwys and District Sports Association and 7th Cwm Newydd scouts with respect to agenda item 10

89 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/REMARKS

The Chair opened the meeting and progressed with the minutes.

90 MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th September 2012 were amended to show Cllr P Place as not present. With this alteration the minutes were unanimously accepted by those present as a true record and signed off by the chair.

91 MATTERS ARISING

(78) Cllr Jones added to the sub committee for the community centre

Discuss the General duties man, resolved that the clerk is to produce a list of all the applicants for council to consider

(80) Last grass cut is due in 3 weeks time the clerk has contacted the contractor on the matter of cutting around the benches and clearing the moss from the community centre roof both of which will be completed at this time

(82) Hedge cutting at Chapel Road, ownership of the hedge cannot be confirmed, Cllr Hood-Williams informed council that CCS will be cutting the hedge shortly.

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(82) Cllr Hood-Williams confirmed that Mr D Richards of CCS was looking into the matter of the collapsed kerb and gulley outside 62 Coed Lan

92 CLERKS REPORT

The plethora of correspondence received by the clerk during the period was read out to council.

Discuss the electric supplier and renewal of the electricity supply contract, agreed that Cllr Hansford to contact suppliers direct to obtain quotes and inform the clerk.

The clerk made reference to the annual safety inspection of the play area and to correspondence with Wicksteed regarding this issue. Council resolved to instruct Wicksteed to undertake the inspection as well as providing a DDA assessment and a written risk assessment at additional cost

Discussed the AGM of the community and town council forum. Cllr Hansford queried if anyone can attend. Cllr Hood-Williams responded that there is generally one representative from the community council and that he represents both Three Crosses and Upper Killay community council at these events

Discuss the vacancy on the community and town council forum standards sub-committee. Noted, no interest from councillors for this position

Discuss the notification from CCS democratic services regarding the vacancy, resolved to place an advert for the position with a closing date 1wk prior to the next council meeting. The vacancy is to be filled by co-option.

ECA the maintenance contractor has confirmed that payment by standing order is acceptable and queried if council require a Christmas tree from ECA this year. Discuss providing a Christmas tree, Cllr Hansford to contact Robert Morgan regarding a tree for the community centre

WPD have been contacted regarding the sub station near the joiners and have responded to both the chair and the clerk. WPD are investigating this issue.

93 FILLING OF VACANCIES

Agreed to place an updated copy of the previous advertisement for a community councillor with a closing date ending 2nd week in November

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94 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

No sub-committee reports

95 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accounts were presented by the clerk and agreed by those present. The accounts summary is as follows:-

Opening Balance	£ 14538.28
Expenditure	£ 1,110.73
Income	£ 9,699.59
Closing Balance	<u>£ 21,423.94</u>

Cllr Jones requested an update on the position regarding the accounts with Llanrhidian Higher CC. Cllr Hood-Williams is waiting to hear from Lyn Llewellyn, the internal auditor for both councils. Once the accounts are with the internal auditor the Chair, vice chair and clerk for each council will meet and discuss the asset split.

Cllr Hood-Williams noted an issue that has arisen in the period where the instalment on a loan taken out by Llanrhidian Higher CC has not been paid. Llanrhidian Higher CC believes that the loan relates to the Three Crosses community centre and should be paid by Three Crosses community council though the loan has been taken out in the name of Llanrhidian Higher CC This issue is to be discussed at the meeting above.

96 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The clerk presented each councillor with a pack containing a summary of the grant applications received and a copy of the individual application letters

Applications had been received from organisations outside of Three Crosses area, Cllr Jones proposed that the money available is spent in the community, Cllr Place seconded this and it was resolved that applications from outside the Community area would not be considered further. The clerk abstained from the vote having declared an interest.

Cllr Place requested the amount available to council. The clerk advised that approximately £8,300 is available and that it would be prudent to keep some money back in case of other possible expenditure such as the project to lease the land adjoining Tirmynydd Road. A sum of £6,000 was then proposed and agreed as the pot of money to be distributed. Cllr Place proposed that the requests from CDSA, Capel y Crwys and Walking Club are parked as the highest bids and that an equal amount be awarded

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to each of the Brownies, Guides, WI, Coed Lan senior citizens and mother and toddler group following debate this was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Smart and Cllr Hood-Williams left the meeting having declared an interest with respect to the CDSA

Cllr P Place Vice Chair Presiding

The remaining councillors agreed payments to the CDSA, Walking group and Capel Y Crwys

Cllr Smart and Cllr Hood-Williams returned to the meeting

Cllr Hood-Williams Chair Presiding

97 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Discuss the next issue of the newsletter. Cllrs Jenkins and Hansford proposed that there will be 4 issues of the newsletter

Dec/Jan,

Feb/March/April

May/June/July

Sep/Oct/Nov

This was agreed by those present

98 COUNCIL ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Discuss the poor lighting level to the rear of the hall, particularly when the small room is being accessed via the external door. Cllr Jones to obtain costs

Discuss the work needed to the external door in the small room, the push bar needs to be repaired. Cllr Jones to obtain costs.

Discuss the old benches at the community centre, suggest that the general duties man repairs these once appointed.

Discuss waste bins, these could be provided by CCS Cllr Hood-Williams to investigate

The rate bill for the hall has not yet been settled, PHW to look into a pro-rata bill while the charitable trust idea is progressed

99 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Agreed to defer this item to a future meeting, councillors to consider potential projects

Cllr P Place made his apologies and left the meeting

100 **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**

No issues

101 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received

102 **FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS**

See previous comments made by Mrs Mary Rees prior to the meeting commencing

103 **DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cllr Hood-Williams updated the council on the discussions at the AGM of One voice wales

104 **NEXT MEETING**

Next scheduled meeting on Thursday 15/11/12
Commencing at 7:30pm at the Community Centre