

THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Cyngor Cymuned Y Crwys

MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 21st February 2013 AT 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW)

Warren Smart (WS)

Nigel Aubrey (NA)

Community Councillor

Daniel Jones (DJ)

Belinda Hansford (BH)

Clerk:

Ian Donaldson (ID)

Members of the public present; Mr Kevin White

Prior to the meeting presentations were made by Christian Fox of The First Responders and Eironwy Davies of Rural Swansea Action.

Meeting commenced 7:30pm Community Councillor P R Hood-Williams (Chair of the Community Council) Presiding

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
140	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllr P. Place	ID
141	<u>FILLING OF THE VACANCY/CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR</u> Due to the fact that there are two excellent candidates, it was decided to hold an exceptional meeting on Thursday 7 th of March at 7.00pm prior to the Hall Management Committee (HMC). Both applicants will be asked to attend for a short interview. It was agreed that the unsuccessful candidate be asked to join the HMC.	
142	<u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</u> A declaration of interest was received from Cllr P Hood-Williams relating to all City and County of Swansea Matters.	
143	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REMARKS</u> The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present particularly Christian Fox and his team of local First Responders, and Eironwy Davies .	

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144	<p><u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> It was noted that the date on the minutes should be Thursday 17th January 2013, Clerk to Amend. Cllr Jones proposed the acceptance of the minutes and Cllr Hansford seconded this proposal. The minutes of the meeting held Thursday 17th January 2013 were accepted unanimously as a true record.</p>	WS
145	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u> (127) Cllr Hood- Williams reported that he had held talks with CCS regarding the establishment of the Trust and our 2012/13 rates. We were informed that from May to November rates are due, but that from November onwards they are not.</p> <p>(128) Cheque to be issued by WS to SCC for hanging baskets</p> <p>(130) WS to ask Ray O’Keefe to varnish the storeroom door. Sandra to tell John Green where to fit the new lights.</p> <p>(130) PHW asked the meeting to put the two Sub-Committees (the Hall Management Sub-Committee and the Finance Sub-Committee) on a formal footing. This was proposed by Cllr Hansford and seconded by Cllr Jones.</p> <p>(134) The Chairman reported that he and WS had received an email from Janet Hooper (Directorate Lawyer SCC) which confirmed that it is within the power of the community council to <i>“incur expenditure which is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to their area”</i>. WS will now write to Chris Smith (Agent for Somerset Trust) to obtain the appropriate licence.</p> <p>(134) Cllr Smart reported that Playdale had now submitted a quotation for new equipment in the Park. Also Wickstead had given a quote for repairs to the existing equipment of just under £1000. It was proposed by Cllr Smart that he should contact Jonathan to repair the damaged items using the spares in store. This was seconded by Cllr Jones and carried unanimously.</p>	WS WS WS WS
146	<p><u>CLERKS REPORT</u> The Clerk gave an overview of each item of correspondence received in the period. The issue of training was discussed and it was agreed that ID would circulate training courses to everyone as they come up. It was noted that the bursary should apply to fees. Individuals should inform PHW if they wish to go.</p>	ID

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<p>146</p>	<p>Cllr Smart commented that parking problems around the school had worsened since the lollipop man had gone. The issue had been raised in the School Governors Meeting. It was agreed that further education and then strict enforcement was the way forward.</p> <p>Cllr Smart informed the council of discussions he had held with The Chapel Officers regarding the Old School House. The issues were to be discussed by the Chapel Deaconate.</p> <p>Cllr Smart said that a thank-you letter had been received from The Playgroup.</p> <p>He had also spoken again with Welsh Water regarding the water bill issue.</p> <p>ID raised the possibility of saving £48/annum on our Plusnet Broadband charges by opting for a broadband only package and paying the line rental 12 months in advance.</p> <p>There was a discussion about using BT instead of Plusnet, the option of creating a Hot Spot around the Community Centre would be a bonus.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that ID would research the options and report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>ID</p>								
<p>147</p>	<p><u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></p> <p>The accounts were presented by Cllr Smart for agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Aubrey that a sum of £500 be granted to The First Responders Group. This was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Cllr Jones proposed that the accounts be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Hansford. It was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The accounts summary is as follows:</p> <p><u>February</u></p> <table data-bbox="300 1505 702 1653"> <tr> <td>Opening Balance</td> <td>£24680.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>£1890.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>£833.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance</td> <td>£23622.70</td> </tr> </table> <p>ID was nominated to speak to Barclays Bank about limited internet banking options.</p> <p>Cllr Jones submitted a disclosure of personal and prejudicial interest at this point.</p>	Opening Balance	£24680.55	Expenditure	£1890.85	Income	£833.00	Closing Balance	£23622.70	<p>WS</p> <p>ID</p>
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	<p>There was an unforeseen discussion about opening accounts at CH Hardware and /or Gower Timber Ltd for the Hall Manager to procure goods. It was agreed that the clerk should arrange this.</p>	ID
148	<p><u>COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER</u> Cllr Hansford said that Issue 4 had been delivered around the village with few spares. She reported that the next issue would cover May/June and July and could feature Fete Week and the feedback from the Drop in Sessions in March. A very rough draft should be available for the next meeting.</p>	BH
149	<p><u>COUNCIL ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT</u> Nothing to report. However it was decided ID should speak to John Green to perform an Electrical Safety Check on the Community Centre and to issue a Certificate. He should also do a PAT test.</p>	ID
150	<p><u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> It was decided to leave in abeyance until after the drop in sessions so that priorities could be better assessed. Several finance options were discussed. It was reported that the land by Tirmynydd Rd would shortly be cut by the commoners. The Chairman asked Cllr Smart to write to Chris Smith of The Somerset Trust enclosing a copy of the outline plan for this area.</p>	WS
151	<p><u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> The Chairman reported that the CCS Budget has been approved at the finance meeting. He also stated that City councillors have had an increase in their discretionary spend. This could be possibly be used to part finance the traffic calming ideas for Tirmynydd Rd. It was agreed that he should contact City Council Road Safety Officers to set up a meeting.</p>	PHW
152	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> In the absence of Cllr Place, Cllr Jones proposed that Cllr Smart be elected chair of planning. This was seconded by Cllr Aubrey and carried unanimously. Cllr Smart entered a disclosure of personal interest with regard to 2013/0062 Cllr Hood-Williams left the room at this stage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>P. Hood-Williams</i></p>	

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152	Planning Applications; 2013/0062 2013/0164 were tabled and no objections were raised. ID to confirm this to SCC . Cllr Hood-Williams re-entered the room.	ID
153	<u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u> Nothing to Report	
154	<u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u> The Chairman brought up the Single Integrated Plan. He stated that individuals are able to contribute but that the Community Council should make a response back. Cllr Smart to send the Clerk a link to the website so he can formulate a response.	WS ID
155	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> The next scheduled meeting will be on 21 st of March at 7.30pm The meeting closed at 9.30pm	

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