



MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 17^H APRIL 2014 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW)

Warren Smart (WS)

Philip Place (PP)

Community Councillor

Kevin White [KW]

Belinda Hansford [BH]

Daniel Pugh Jones (DPJ)

Clerk: Ian Donaldson [ID]

Members of the Public present: Lorna and Howard Jenkins

Prior to the meeting, Mrs Jenkins gave the clerk a letter detailing the reason for their attendance of which she proceeded to inform the council. She had noted that the Community Council had awarded grants to local organisations and requested that a sum be awarded to The Royal Air Cadets, 1998 West Cross Squadron. She explained that several of the cadets past and present lived in the village and that they were raising funds to finance an expedition by 11 cadets to the Arctic Circle in March 2015.

The Chairman explained that applications for Community Grants are invited in Aug/Sept and awarded in the October finance meeting. They are normally restricted to organisations that directly benefit the village community, however without pre-judging the request, he instructed the clerk to place the letter on file to be considered along with others in the Autumn.

**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor P R Hood-Williams
(Chairman of the Community Council) Presiding**

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
359	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Nigel Aubrey.	
360	<u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREDUDICIAL INTEREST</u> Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Hood-Williams with regard to all City & County of Swansea matters.	
361	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> The chairman congratulated the Three Crosses Community Trust on the success of their Environment Wales grant application. The audit project will be carried out this summer by The Wildlife Trust of South	

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361	<p>and West Wales with the help of local volunteers of all ages. He also remarked that the resurfacing work on Tirmynydd Road had gone very well and was completed successfully ahead of time. P.A.C.T meetings would now be held on a venue rotation basis with the next meeting on 20th May being held at Three Crosses Community Centre. The chairman intended to hold a Neighbourhood Watch meeting immediately after this meeting and hoped community councillors would attend in support.</p>	ALL
362	<p><u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th March 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. This was proposed by Cllr Smart, seconded by Cllr White and carried unanimously. Cllrs Jones and Place abstained as they were not present on the 20th March.</p>	
363	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u> [343] A letter has been sent to Llanrhidian Higher Community Council outlining this council's position on the financial settlement, and proposing mediation if LHCC would not agree to the equitable proposals previously tabled. [345] Cllr Smart reported that he now had an application form for a Gower Society grant. He would continue to ask residents about the type of pump to acquire. He reported that he had made no further progress on the applications for the major projects. In the absence of Cllr Aubrey it was agreed to carry the new rebuild cost item over to the next meeting. [346] The clerk reported that the playground signs he had researched were around £500 to £700 fitted, which did not offer good value for money. He was asked to contact some local suppliers. [349] Cllr Hood-Williams reported that he had made little progress on the issue of the status of the land between the Chapel and the play area. [350] The clerk reported that he had contacted Nigel Fitzgerald of CCS Council about the siting and costs of addition bins. No reply had been received to date. The Chairman stated he would speak to him on the issue. [352] It was resolved that the Chairman would speak to the householders of the Manse and request they cut back the overgrown hedge on Gowerton Road. He would also speak to Jeff Green, the Highways Safety Officer, about the options available. The clerk was asked to have the hedge cut back on the old lane behind the community centre. [357] Cllr White reported that he had made little progress on the issue of affordable housing policies.</p>	<p>WS WS NA ID PHW ID PHW PHW ID KW</p>
364	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE</u> 1. Gowerglaze have replaced the misted up doubled glazed units at the Community Centre. 2. Works Orders issued for Fire Safety Work around the Centre and grounds. Work to commence late April. 3. Following the Annual Play Ground Inspection by Wicksteed Ltd on</p>	

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364	<p>03/03/14 and subsequent report, the recommended parts have arrived and will be fitted soon by Bay Landscapes. Works Orders issued for all work. Quotes for playground sign received from Wicksteed [£628] and Playdale [£495] fitted.</p> <p>4. Christmas Tree(s) – Rob Morgan has planted 2 trees at the centre. Power supply work for lights completed by John Green.</p> <p>5. Welsh Water meter – We have received our first bill based on usage from 17/1/14 to 17/3/14. The usage is 4x higher than I estimated. On investigation a leak was reported to Welsh Water. Visit on 4/4/14 established a leak existed. Further excavation 8/4/14 found no leak on lane side of water main, further digging under trees & hedge was done but the main was not located. The leak could be on Council land and even under the building itself. Further digging to be done soon by WW.</p> <p><u>Correspondence Received in April</u></p> <p>6. Notice of Audit of Accounts 2013/14 – received along with Annual Return 2/4/14. The clerk has contacted Lyn Llewellyn and arranged Internal Audit for week-ending 26/4/14.</p> <p>7. Further correspondence from Mr Richard Birch of Wern Olau [circulated 25/3/14]. We have replied.[circulated 1/4/14].</p> <p>8. Letter sent to Mrs L J Costello’s insurers, Sheila’s Wheels, complaining about the lack of correspondence from them. [circulated 28/3/14]. Reply received, including documents, 1/4/14 [circulated 2/4/14]. I have circulated a view on this asking for comments. Response sent back by email and post 5/4/14. Awaiting reply.</p> <p>9. Somerset Trust Land Knotweed - The clerk has received an email from Mr Eddie Holloway of Knight Frank LLP [circulated 26/3/14] stating that they aim to get a contractor to attend Three Crosses in the near future.</p> <p>10. Prospectus received from EGNI Solar PV Co-op. Share Offer document. Email from OVW circulated.</p> <p>11. Confirmation from Environment Wales that the £5000 grant application made by The Village Trust has been successful.</p>	ID
365	<p><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p> <p>No reports this month. Cllr Hansford stated that she hoped to convene a Hall Management Committee meeting for week commencing 28/4/14.</p>	ID
366	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></p> <p>The clerk presented the April accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Jones that these be accepted. Cllr White seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The summary is as follows;</p> <p>Opening Balance: £23,820.90 Expenditure: £ 2,287.80 Income: £ 390.00 Closing Balance: £21,923.10</p> <p>The clerk reported he was ready to present the 2013/14 accounts for Internal Audit.</p>	BH

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367	<p><u>COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER</u> The Chairman congratulated Cllr Hansford on another excellent newsletter. It was agreed that the next issue should focus on regular centre activities with some coverage of the Fete Week events and the CDSA.</p>	BH
368	<p><u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> There had been little progress on the development plans. Cllr Smart raised the issue of Japanese knotweed on 'non' Somerset Trust land. Cllr White declared a prejudicial interest on this issue and took no part in the discussion.</p>	WS
369	<p><u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> It was reported that the re-marking of the roadway through Wern Olau would be carried out shortly. Cllr Jones reported that some residents were not happy with the amount of notice they had to give to 'book' the new Evening Bus Service between Gowerton and Llanrhidian. He agreed to send the Chairman the details of these complaints. The clerk reported that he had obtained 15 packets of poppy seeds. It was resolved that Cllr Smart and he would meet with Bay Landscapes to decide locations and arrange the planting.</p>	DPJ/PHW ID/WS
370	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> Cllr Hood-Williams left the room at this point and Cllr Smart took the chair. 2014/0436: Poundffald Uchaf Farm – New Agricultural Building It was resolved that the council should support this application. 2014/0502: 24 Gowerton Road – Rear extension. It was resolved that the council would express no objections to this application.</p>	ID ID
371	<p><u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u> No issues were reported.</p>	
372	<p><u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u> The Chairman reported that he had attended the signing Ceremony of the Charter between The City & County of Swansea and The Town and Community Councils.</p>	
373	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting will take place on Thursday the 15th May 2014 following the AGM. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>	

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