



MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 17TH JULY 2014 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW)
Warren Smart (WS)
Phil Place (PP)
Belinda Hansford (BH)

Community Councillor

Daniel Pugh Jones [DPJ]
Kevin White (KW)
Nigel Aubrey [NA]

Clerk: Ian Donaldson [ID]

Members of the Public present:

Hywel Williams of 25, Gowerton Road, and Phillipa & Christian Howells the owners of 27, Gowerton Road Three Crosses.

Cllr Hood-Williams left the room at this point declaring a potential personal interest and Cllr Place took the chair.

Cllr Place asked the clerk to summarise the situation with regard to the decisions made at the previous council meeting held 19/6/14 and attended by Mr Williams. Mrs Howells explained that the council had only heard one side of the story at that meeting and that they wished to put their side and to explain the situation they find themselves in with regard to the lane to their property. Mr & Mrs Howells said that they had no intention of 'annexing' the lane or to place gates across it. They said that they want to find out who owns it so that they can be contacted and asked to repair it. There are several deep potholed areas which have damaged their vehicles. Their searches so far have drawn a blank, as it appears that after 1924 when the present Gowerton Rd was built across common land, the lane was un-adopted by the then Town Council. Who owned the land upon which the lane is built is unknown.

Mr & Mrs Howells said they were concerned that, if they did repair the damage to the lane, they would then be deemed liable if someone injured themselves using it. They said they erected the fence to try and 'flush out' the owners. The councillors explained that, although the community council maintained the grassed area to the east of the lane which is leased from the Somerset Trust, they cannot maintain the lane which it does not own or lease.

Cllr Smart made the point that anyone has the right to address the Community Council prior to a meeting and that a record is made of that discussion. He also added that the Community Council remains impartial when there is a difference of opinion among members of the community, as in this case, and where the Council has an interest in the adjacent land.

It was accepted by the councillors that the information and explanation from Mr & Mrs Howells had clarified the issues. **It was agreed that the fence would be removed before the end of July and that the clerk would pursue the matter of ownership and, if appropriate, maintenance with the Somerset Trust.** Cllr Place thanked all present for their contribution and hoped the issue could be resolved amicably and soon.

Cllr Hood-Williams re-entered the room and resumed the Chair.

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Paxton Hood-Williams

Cllr P R Hood-Williams

Meeting commenced 8.00pm Community Councillor P R Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
417	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
	There were no apologies this month.	
418	<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 and in the matter of the lane between Nos 25 & 27 Gowerton Rd.	
419	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u>	
	There was nothing further to report.	
420	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u>	
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 th June 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. This was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Smart and carried unanimously. Cllrs Hansford, White and Place abstained as they were not present on the 19 th June.	ID
421	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u>	
	[345] Cllr Smart reported that he had completed the Gower Society grant application as far as he could go. However, it is a condition of the application that the land/leaseholder must give written permission to qualify for a grant. It was agreed that the clerk would speak to the Somerset Trust for written permission. He had prepared a budget estimate for the reinstallation of the two pumps which would total around £3950. It was agreed to proceed with the grant application for the full amount.	ID WS
	[349] Cllr Hood- Williams reported that he had spoken to Peter Pollentine about the land on Gowerton Rd. He had said the land was leased from the Somerset Trust on a peppercorn rent.	
	[357] Cllr White has now spoken with the person about Affordable Housing policies but had made little progress. It seems that little will be decided upon until the LDP is finalised.	
	[369] Cllr Hansford has arranged to put up notices in the sheltered bus stops around the village.	BH
	[390] Cllr Hood- Williams reported that he had spoken to Peter Landfear about cutting the triangles of land and once done, the approved paths would be cut through.	PHW
	[401] The clerk reported that the new tables had arrived. They were heavier than the previous ones but safer for users. Cllr White suggested that the Hall Manager be given Manual Handling Training. It was also recommended that an HSE poster be put up in the Centre.	ID ID
422	<u>CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE</u>	
	1. Bay Landscapes – have begun to treat the knotweed on the Banc and in the hedge on Pant-y Dwr. The self -closing gate springs have been adjusted and the broken one awaiting replacement.	ID
	The 2.5m 2 Bay Traditional swings have now been repaired. However the 2.8m cradle seat swings are showing signs of rusting at the top of both 'A' frames. Although no immediate action is needed, in the medium term repair or replacement will be necessary.	

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422	<p>2. Audit of Accounts 2013/14 - the Annual Return has been sent for external audit to Mazars LLP.</p> <p>3. Playground Sign(s) – Works Order raised with Marneon Signs for 2 signs £48 +VAT each.</p> <p>4. LHCC & TCCC Meeting – Detailed response sent to LHCC on 2/7/14.</p> <p>5. Somerset Trust Land Knotweed – The contractors, Brownhill Nurseries, have started treatment.</p> <p>6. Replacement tables – Delivered and installed at the centre.</p> <p>7. Fire Safety Direct – Centre Fire Extinguishers Serviced and fire blanket fitted in kitchen.</p> <p>8. Variable Direct Debits- have been set up with SWALEC and Dwr Cymru.</p> <p><u>Correspondence Received in May & June</u></p> <p>9. Insurance Renewal – received from brokers, new premium £646.39 which reflects the increase in rebuild cost supplied to them.</p> <p>10. Data Protection Advice – email received from OVW and Information Commissioner to help us understand our responsibilities under the Act. Circulated 2/7/14.</p> <p>11. ‘The Old Road’, Gowerton Rd - Letter sent to the Occupier of No 27, Gowerton Rd asking for the fence to be removed. Letter forwarded to owners by tenants.</p> <p>12. Sheila’s Wheels – Still no reply to our last letter(s) [20/5/14 and 20/6/14]. Formal complaint registered by post. No reply to this either.</p> <p>13. Thank you card received - from Lindsay Glover of Crwys PTA.</p> <p>14. LHCC – Notes from the 28/5/14 meeting and an email received asking for clear figures from TCCC. Response based on the resolution passed in council, 19/6/14, sent 2/7/14 to LHCC. All correspondence circulated to councillors.</p> <p>15. Welsh Government -Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper – Reforming Local Government received by email 10/7/14 and circulated. Comments by 1/10/14.</p> <p>16. Community Grants – Invitation to apply for Grants published on noticeboards, website and facebook page.</p> <p>After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Place and seconded by Cllr White that the clerk writes to Sheila’s Wheels by recorded delivery advising that, if the council does not receive a satisfactory sum to cover the loss claimed for, it will commence legal action against the vehicle owner through the small claims court within 28 days of posting. A copy of this letter would be passed onto the vehicle owner. This was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to arrange the tarmac repair immediately.</p> <p>Cllr White requested that the warning signs erected by Brownhill Nurseries in the vicinity of the knotweed treated area be re-erected as a safety issue.</p>	ID
423	<p><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p> <p>Cllr Hansford reported that in the Hall Management Committee meeting it was agreed to repair the square tables in the small room.</p> <p>Cllr Jones would arrange for a contractor to contact the clerk.</p>	DPJ/ID
424	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT /ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></p> <p>The clerk presented the July accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Jones that these be accepted. Cllr Place seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.</p> <p>Several regular payments due for August were also approved.</p>	
425	<p><u>COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr Hansford was congratulated on another very interesting edition that had been welcomed across the village. She commented that her attempts to include information</p>	

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	from the Chapel had proved fruitless. Cllr Smart agreed to speak to the Chapel directly.	WS
426	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> There were no reports this month.	
427	<u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Cllr Jones reported that several residents had complained about the verges not being cut back in the lanes feeding Three Crosses. The Chairman agreed to take this up with CCS. Cllr Smart stated that the L56 footpath needed cutting back to the tarmac along its length from Orchard Drive. Cllr Jones also asked that the large tree on the common land at the bottom of Pant y Dwr be trimmed back to improve visibility. The clerk would arrange this, the trimming of a willow tree blocking the street light, and the strimming of a pathway across from Cilonnen Rd. Cllr Place asked that the hedge on Duvant Rd near the community centre be cut back to improve pedestrian safety. The clerk would speak to the homeowner. Cllr Jones expressed concern at the state of the area around The Joiners and the building safety. It was agreed that the clerk write to the owners requesting action. Cllrs Jones & Smart to forward details to the clerk.	PHW PHW ID ID ID DPJ/WS
428	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> Cllr Hood Williams left the room and Cllr Smart took the chair. 2014/0905 Bryn Awel, Cefn Styllle Rd - NO OBJECTIONS 2014/0926 42 Pant y Dwr – NO OBJECTIONS 2014/0942 32 Duvant Rd – OBJECTIONS on the grounds that the development is not in keeping with the character of other properties close by and recommends a site visit by planning officers. Cllr Hood-Williams re-entered the room and resumed the chair. The chairman reported that in early August CCS will be announcing which candidate sites will be taken out from the LDP process . However a further consultation stage has been added as well.	ID
429	<u>APPROVAL OF REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS DOCUMENT</u> Cllr White proposed and Cllr Hansford seconded that the document be approved. The motion was carried unanimously.	ID
430	<u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u> No issues were reported.	
431	<u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u> There were no reports.	
432	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting will take place on Thursday the 18 th September 2014. The meeting closed at 9.35pm.	

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