



MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW)

Warren Smart (WS)

Belinda Hansford (BH)

Community Councillor

Daniel Pugh Jones [DPJ]

Kevin White (KW)

Clerk: Ian Donaldson [ID]

Members of the Public present: Hywel & Kay Williams of 25, Gowerton Road.

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

Mr Williams stated that they had attended the meeting to correct some statements that were made by Mr Christian Howells in the July meeting regarding the lane. After reading a prepared statement, Mrs Williams informed the council about her discussions with the City Council Highways Dept. Cllr Smart explained that the Community Council was completely impartial in what was, after all, a dispute between neighbours. He asked the clerk to update the meeting on the discussions he had had with Knight Frank LLP the agents for the Somerset Trust. The clerk said that it was almost certain that the land the old lane was built on was once common land. The new road was built (1924) across common land and so is the land either side of the new road. The lane is shown marked as a dotted outline on OS Maps as are almost all lanes across common land in the village and on Gower. Although detailed records have not been found, the advice from Knight Frank LLP is that **'whoever claims permissive access then maintenance is often down to the user(s), that is, if you use it you are liable for the maintenance'**.

Mr & Mrs Williams thanked the council for listening to them and left the meeting.

Cllr Smart asked the clerk to speak to Mr & Mrs Howells and inform them of the advice from Knight Frank LLP, and to write to both families informing them that the council had acted properly and impartially with regards to this matter, but that no further considerations would be entertained by the council.

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

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

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
433	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs Place and Aubrey.	
434	<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 between Nos 25 & 27 Gowerton Rd.	

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435	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> There was nothing to report.</p>	
436	<p><u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. This was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Smart and carried unanimously.</p>	
437	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u> The chairman stated that most of the matters and actions arising were covered in the clerk's report. One exception was the status of the 2.8 m swing set in the play area. The clerk said he was due to speak to E.T Welding about strengthening the 'A frame'.</p>	ID
438	<p><u>FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE 2013/14 ANNUAL RETURN</u> The clerk reported that the external auditors had certified the Annual Return without qualification. He added that in the letter they had asked that in future years more detail be provided on any significant year-on-year variances. Also in future, the internal auditor must need to conclude that the council has met its responsibilities as a sole managing trustee. Cllr Hansford proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the motion to formally approve the 2013/14 Annual Return. This was carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked the clerk for his diligent work on behalf of the council.</p>	ID
439	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bay Landscapes – The new grass path has been cut, the knotweed on the Banc and Pant y Dwr has been injected. The trees on Tirmynydd Rd and LH56 have been trimmed back. 2. Playground Sign(s) – installed. 3. Somerset Trust Land Knotweed – The contractors, Brownhill Nurseries, have completed treatment in all areas including Gowerton Road. 4. Fire Safety Direct – Fire safety alarms and emergency lighting inspections carried out. <p><u>Correspondence Sent & Received in July, August & September</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Peoples Postcode Trust – Small Grants [£500 - £5000] – invitation to apply received 1/8/14 and circulated. Community based grants. 6. Gower Society Grant Application - Letter sent to Knight Frank LLP requesting written permission to re-install the pump. Permission received in writing 12/8/14. 7. 'The Old Road', Gowerton Rd - Letter sent to the Somerset Trust requesting clarification of ownership. Advice on 'lane maintenance' received 21/8/14 and circulated. 8. 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. Two letters sent by 'signed for' delivery. Neither signed for. Letter sent to Chief Executive of Esure (parent company of Sheilas' Wheels) complaining bitterly. Telephone call, 17/9/14, from Sheila's Wheels they are re-considering their position. 9. One Voice Wales AGM & Conference – Invitation received and circulated by email. Approved that PHW attend to represent TCCC. 10. 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. No reply as yet. 	ID

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<p>439</p>	<p>11. Welsh Assembly Government - Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper – Reforming Local Government received by email 10/7/14 and circulated. Comments required by 1/10/14.</p> <p>12. Welsh Assembly Government – Well-being of Future Generations Bill circulated 23/7/14.</p> <p>13. Welsh Assembly Government – Consultation document on the availability of allotments and community gardens. Circulated 23/7/14 [closes 6/10/14].</p> <p>14. Planning Applications – 2014/0905, Brynawel, Cefn Styllle Road, has been approved. - 2014/0942, 32 Duvant Rd was refused. - 2014/1066 1 Duvant Road has been approved.</p> <p>15. Criterion Asset Management – Email received 8/8/14 informing us that The Joiners Arms has been re-let and that work will soon begin repair the property. [circulated 8/8/14]</p> <p>16. LDP Update – Letter from Cllr Hood-Williams posted on website, facebook and noticeboards.</p> <p>17. Communities 2.0 Update – Quarterly update on WAG digital inclusion project received and circulated 22/8/14.</p> <p>18. Footpath LH61 New Gates – Circulated 26/8/14 for comment [by 5/9/14]. Responded 5/9/14.</p>	
<p>440</p>	<p><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> Cllr Hansford reported that the square tables in the Meeting Room had been repaired.</p>	
<p>441</p>	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u> The clerk presented the August & September accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Jones that these be accepted. Cllr Smart seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.</p>	<p>ID</p>
<p>442</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS</u> Cllr Hansford tabled some ideas for the next edition of the Crwys Newsletter and these were discussed. It was resolved that photographs of the poppy beds should be used on the front page and a colour map of the LDP areas on the rear. It was also agreed that space be given to both the Poundffald and Joiners Arms to advertise their respective ‘What’s On’ activities for the Christmas period. A draft should be ready for approval by 27/9/14. It was announced that ‘Carols around the Tree’ would take place on Wednesday 17th December this year. Cllr Hansford also tabled some proposals for a ‘Welcome Pack’ to be issued to newcomers to the village, and to local estate agents via pdf file and email. This could be seen or issued to prospective home buyers looking at our village. Cll Hansford stated that she would produce a draft on which she will get feedback from two sets of newcomers to the village to check it contains all the information. It was agreed that she should proceed and when finalised, a limited print run be done by the clerk and posted on the website if possible by the next meeting.</p>	<p>BH BH ID</p>
<p>443</p>	<p><u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> Cllr Smart reported that he had received an offer of £1500 as a grant from The Gower Society towards materials needed to install replica pumps in two locations within the village. This was short of the amount needed to complete the project so it was decided to seek funding from other sources.</p>	<p>PHW WS</p>

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443	<p>Cllr Hood-Williams agreed to speak to the Gower AONB Partnership whilst Cllr Smart would approach the Lottery Heritage Fund. The latter would also prepare a tender document for the project with a view to asking local building firm to tender for the work. Bi-lingual interpretation boards would be placed at both sites and Cllrs White and Hood-Williams agreed to arrange a meeting with Wyn Griffiths to research the history of the sites.</p>	WS PHW/KW
444	<p><u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> The chairman outlined the concerns within the City Council regarding the 2014/15 budget. He said that it was increasingly likely that they would want to talk with various Community Councils about facilities and services at present funded by C&CS, and whether they could be taken on by the communities.</p>	
445	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> Cllr Hood Williams left the room and Cllr Smart took the chair. 2014/1114 Forgemill, Cilonen – application for a certificate of existing lawful development. It was resolved to support this application. Cllr Hood-Williams re-entered the room and resumed the chair.</p>	ID
446	<p><u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u> Apart from the correspondence regarding LH61, which was dealt with earlier there were no other changes. Cllr Hood-Williams reported that C&CS were looking into an issue with the footpaths & rights of way onto Fairwood Common from the bottom of the lane opposite Killan Fawr Stud on Duvant Road. This investigation was as a result of complaints from local ramblers.</p>	PHW
447	<p><u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u> The chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Community & Town Councils Forum where discussions took place about local groups looking after local assets.</p>	
448	<p><u>REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS</u> The clerk summarised the position with regard to the register and the consultation document from the WAG. Cllr Smart had submitted a draft that combined the interests of both member and spouse/partner. It was agreed that the clerk would re-issue this form to all members for completion before the next meeting.</p>	ID
449	<p><u>REVIEW OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT</u> The clerk informed council that there was an annual review of the existing contract coming up on November 1st. He asked members to reflect on the content of the contract and if there were any additions and /or deletions to inform him prior to the next meeting.</p>	ALL
450	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting will take place on Thursday the 16th October 2014. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.</p>	

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