



MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton Hood-Williams (PHW)
 Belinda Hansford (BH)
 Daniel Jones (DJ)
 Khan Prince (KP)

Community Councillor

Nigel Aubrey (NA)
 Kevin White (KW)
 Warren Smart (WS)

Advisor: Kirsty Hanson (KH)

Clerk: Ian Donaldson (ID)

Members of the Public present: None

Prior to the meeting starting a panel made up of Cllrs Jones, White, Hansford and Aubrey held informal interviews with two candidates for the councillor vacancy. After lengthy discussions it was decided to recommend the appointment of Khan Prince to the vacancy, however it was also recommended that Kirsty Hanson be invited to become an advisor to the council. This would involve attending full meetings as an advisor (non voting) and to become a member of the Hall Management & Events Committee. Ms Hanson had indicated that she would accept this role.

Meeting commenced 7.45pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
617	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> Cllr Hood-Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped a good summer break had been had by all.</p>	
618	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
619	<p><u>TO CO-OPT A NEW COUNCILLOR</u> Cllr Hood- Williams declared an interest in the selection process and left the room. Cllr Smart took the chair. Cllr Smart proposed and Cllr Aubrey seconded the motion that Khan Prince be co-opted as the new councillor and that Kirsty Hanson be appointed as an advisor to the council. The motion was carried unanimously. Cllr Hood- Williams re-entered the room and resumed the chair. Cllr Prince signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' in the presence of the proper officer and was congratulated by all on his appointment.</p>	

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623	<p>They have also offered Fibre Infinity broadband at £13.30 pm for the first 6 months rising to £16 pm thereafter. [20GB pm download limit applies]. There is also a one off charge of £41.95 to cover activation and postage for the Hub 5 router.</p> <p><i>After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Smart and seconded by Cllr Jones that the Community Centre be upgraded to fibre optic broadband. This was carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>12. Byron Davies MP – letter received 12/8/15 asking for views on the Devolving Powers on Sunday Trading Rules to a local level. Circulated by email 14/8/15.</p> <p>13. Byron Davies MP - letter received 18/8/15 asking for support with his petition to retain the AONB status for Gower. Circulated for discussion along with a poster.</p> <p>14. One Voice Wales – notification of the nine motions put forward for the OVW AGM 3/10/15.</p> <p>15. Swansea Rural Development Partnership 2014-20 – email received 17/8/15 from Mary Rees informing TCCC that the next round of RDF European funding is to start soon.</p> <p>16. Older People’s Commissioner for Wales – email received and circulated 12/8/15 with the Commissioner’s Care Home Review Statement. Although she found many outstanding examples she also found many that were unacceptable.</p> <p>17. Leighton Andrews AM – email received and circulated 17/8/15 drawing attention to the consultation on the Welsh Government’s draft directions to the Local Democracy Bill. The latter are based on the WG’s preferred configuration for the future of local authorities.</p> <p>18. Waste & Resource Efficiency Division [Welsh Govnt] – invitation to attend a consultation event for the draft Efficiency Plan on Tuesday 13th October 9.30 - 12.30 at the Maldron Hotel Cardiff.</p> <p>19. Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – letter received from the Welsh Govnt. To advise that they have published the draft of this. It is aimed at those community and town councils that will have the duty to take all reasonable steps to meet the objectives set out in the plan [£200,000 pa threshold]. Those not subject to the duty should also consider these steps. There is a consultation event 22nd October am at the Waterfront Museum.</p> <p>20. Banc Drainage – it was reported that, due to heavy rain, the playground had become very wet along with the corner along Pantydwr near the hedge. It was agreed to rod the drains again.</p> <p>21. Electricity Supply Contract – SWALEC have written with their offer prices for 2015/17. It was resolved that the clerk investigate other suppliers and their prices for the next meeting.</p> <p>22. Tree Trimming – Bay Landscapes have quoted £80 to trim back the saplings at the Tirmynydd Rd and Pant y Dwr junction. It was resolved that this be accepted.</p>	ID
624	<p><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p> <p>There were no reports. Cllr Hansford would be calling a Hall Management & Events meeting in the near future. Cllr Smart remarked that he would like to see a cawl night.</p>	BH
625	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></p> <p>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>	ID
626	<p><u>COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr Hansford tabled a list of ideas for the next newsletter [Oct–Dec]. These were discussed and agreed.</p>	BH

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627	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> The chairman will arrange an extra-ordinary meeting before the next monthly council meeting to discuss future projects.	PHW
628	<u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> It was noted that vandalism had taken place in the Dukefield Community woodlands over the summer. It was resolved that TCCC contract Peter Lanfear to cut back certain areas of the Tirmynydd Road triangles. The chairman would arrange for Mr Lanfear to contact the clerk.	PHW ID
629	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> There were no applications to consider.	
630	<u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u> Cllr Hood-Williams reported that as Chairman of the Local Access Forum he had recently attended a meeting in Builth Wells. Improved liaison with local councils was planned.	
631	<u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u> Cllr Hood-Williams reported that he had attended a City Council/Town & Community Council Forum presentation. He also attended a presentation from 'Go Safe' where the idea of local residents operating vehicle speed guns was raised as a possibility. Volunteers would be sought to work in pairs at problem roads, such as Tirmynydd, radar guns would record speeds and the vehicle registration numbers would be recorded if over the limit. These vehicles would be reported to 'Go Safe' HQ and a letter sent to the registered owners of the vehicles. After three such report letters one from the relevant police authority would be sent out. Invitations to participate would go into the next newsletter.	PHW
632	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting would take place on Thursday 15th October 2015. The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.	

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