



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**ON THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Community Councillor**

Belinda Hansford (BH)

Nigel Aubrey [NA]

Daniel Jones [DJ]

Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]

(part-time)

**Community Councillor**

Warren Smart (WS)

Kevin White (KW)

**Clerk:** Ian Donaldson (ID)

**Members of the Public present:** None

**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor Warren Smart (Vice-Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
706	<b><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u></b> In the absence of the chairman there was no report. Cllr Smart welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
707	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Prince, and Kirsty Hanson.	
708	<b><u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</u></b> There were declarations of interest from Cllr Aubrey with regard to item 10 on the agenda and later from Cllr Hood-Williams, with regard to all CCS matters, when he joined the meeting later.	
709	<b><u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u></b> Cllr White proposed and Cllr Jones seconded the motion that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. This was carried with Cllrs Aubrey and Hansford abstaining as they were not present at that meeting. Cllr Aubrey proposed that the minutes of the monthly meeting on the 21 <sup>st</sup> of January 2016 be accepted as a true record of proceedings. This was seconded by Cllr Hansford and carried with Cllr Jones abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.	ID  ID
710	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> [693] Due to the prohibitive cost, in excess of £35,000, of resurfacing the entire playground, it was decided to defer this until such time as a Lottery Grant Application can be made. However it was agreed that the clerk should explore options for resurfacing the roundabout area.	ID

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710	[694] Cllr Hood-Williams had spoken to CCS about the state of the road surface down to and including the Wern.	
711	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Pump &amp; Pond Project</b> – a Lion Pump was bought for £259.95 from Shrewsbury and is awaiting collection by Cllr Smart. Ceri Bodger due to commence work w/c Monday 29th February. Wording and manufacturer needed for the interpretation plaques. <i>It was agreed that the wording should be Bi-lingual and read 'SITE OF VILLAGE PUMP – REINSTATED MARCH 2016 BY THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY COUNCIL' Also that slate be used as the material.</i></p> <p><b>2. Wildflower Planting 2016</b> – TCCC have agreed 2016 sites with CCS Parks Dept.</p> <p><b>3. Tirmynydd Triangles</b> – Further meeting held with a solicitor and barrister 22/2/16.</p> <p><b>4. Community Centre Broadband</b> – Repairs to incoming line carried out 6/2/16 working well since. Rebate off next bill awaited.</p> <p><b>5. Playground Annual Inspection</b> – Order placed for accompanied inspection in March, however during w/c 15/2/16 this was carried out unaccompanied as he was in the area. Report shows some minor points but some comments about surface and wet areas.</p> <p><b>6. Save the Gower Cockle</b> – letter received from Byron Davies MP asking for help in his campaign. Online petition set up at <a href="http://www.byrondavies.org.uk">www.byrondavies.org.uk</a> and forms are available to be distributed in the area. <i>It was agreed that the clerk write to Mr Davies welcoming and supporting his campaign.</i></p> <p><b>7. LHCC &amp; TCCC Financial Situation</b> – LHCC have formally responded to the letter TCCC sent 10/2/16.</p> <p><b>8. Community Centre</b> –The tarmac at the entrance to the centre carpark has started to break up. Awaiting quotes to resurface part of it. Also consider the creation of a stone dust pathway along the top of the Banc.</p> <p><b>9. Pathway at top of the Banc</b> – letter sent to Gower Commoners Association on 4<sup>th</sup> February informing them of our intentions with the path and the pump base. No reply received within the 14 day timeframe set. <i>It was agreed that the clerk write to them again and send recorded/signed for delivery.</i></p> <p><b><u>Correspondence Received/Sent in January &amp; February</u></b></p> <p><b>10. Gower Summer Sunday &amp; Bank Holiday Bus Service</b> – letter received from CCS Transport Dept. A bid is being prepared for Swansea Rural Development Partnership funding for the provision of a local bus service on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The project is estimated to cost £71,000 for the 4 years term. It will require match funding of 20% which equates to £14,200. CCS are asking for £1,100 per community council, there are 13 such on Gower making £14,300 needed. None of the proposed bus services come through Three Crosses or Wern. <i>It was agreed that the clerk reply to CCS that there is no benefit whatsoever to our community and so will not be contributing to the project.</i></p> <p><b>11. One Voice Wales Subscription Renewal</b> - letter received 27<sup>th</sup> January inviting the council to renew membership at £178. <i>Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Aubrey seconded that this be renewed and the motion was carried unanimously.</i></p> <p><b>12. Request for Information</b> – email received from Abigail Hughes asking for some detailed information about our council. Most of the information is already in the public domain. <i>It was resolved that she should be guided to the website.</i></p> <p><b>13. Gower Commoners</b> – letter sent to the secretary asking for information as per 10/1/16 meeting. Names of Fairwood and Clyne commoners and minutes of meetings</p>	<p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>ID</p> <p>ID</p>

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711	<p>requested. No reply received to date.  <i>It was agreed that the clerk should write again as a Freedom of Information request.</i>  <b>14. One Voice Wales</b> – email received 19/2/16 detailing the final submission from OVW to the Welsh Government on the Draft Local Government Bill. Circulated 19/2/16. <i>Noted</i>  <b>15. Charity Requests</b> – letters received from : Cancer Information &amp; Support Services [CISS], Teenage Cancer Trust, and Tenovus. All requesting donations. <i>Noted</i>  <b>16. Independent Renumeration Panel for Wales</b> – email received and circulated 20/2/16 with the panel’s report for 2016.  <i>Cllr White proposed that this council resolves <b>not to accept permissive powers to allow payments to community councillors. This was seconded by Cllr Aubrey and carried unanimously.</b></i></p>	ID
712	<p><b><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>  Cllr Hansford said that there was need to hold a Hall Management Committee meeting to discuss the Summer Fete Day &amp; Hogroast event. It was agreed this would be held on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at her house.</p>	ALL
713	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></b>  The clerk presented the February accounts for payment. There was a query raised regarding the invoice from the solicitors in that it did not show the VAT element of the barrister’s fee. It was decided to only pay the solicitors fee until a new invoice was received.  It was proposed by Cllr Aubrey that these be accepted with this amendment. Cllr Jones seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.</p>	ID  ID
714	<p><b><u>VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION</u></b>  The above application was discussed at length. The legal advice received had been very helpful in enabling the council to prepare a strategy for the response to the objections raised by the Gower Commoners Association and the Somerset Trust and Edenstone Homes Ltd.  Based on this advice, and the receipt of nearly 100 evidence questionnaires in support of the application, it was agreed that the application would go forward as planned.  Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr White seconded the motion to pay for the legal advice and it was carried unanimously.</p>	
715	<p><b><u>LLANRHIDIAN HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT</u></b>  Cllr Aubrey left the room at this point having previously declared an interest. The settlement offer received from LHCC on 18/2/16 was discussed at length. It was proposed by Cllr White that the offer be rejected as it did not address the matter of the £20,000 earmarked as funds for projects within Three Crosses. He also said this was public money and as such the agreement to go to independent binding arbitration should stand. This was seconded by Cllr Smart and carried unanimously.  The clerk was asked to write to LHCC to confirm this position.  Cllr Aubrey re-entered the room.</p>	ID
716	<p><b><u>COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS</u></b>  Cllr Hansford requested that the content for the April – June newsletter be provided and agreed before the next council meeting on 17/3/16. She tabled a draft plan which was discussed and added to. She also tabled a draft ‘survey page’ for inclusion. This would hopefully ascertain views about the newsletter, the website, the noticeboards and the community facebook page.</p>	BH

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717	<b><u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u></b> The pump project and playground had already been discussed.	
718	<b><u>CITY COUNCIL MATTERS</u></b> Cllr Hood-Williams was reminded about the state of the roads along Cae Mansel and down to the Wern.	PHW
719	<b><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></b> Cllrs Hood- Williams and Jones left the room at this point the latter declaring an personal interest in the first application.  <b>2015/2451 [Marai, Tirmynydd Rd] and 2016/ 0278 [7, Tirmynydd Road]</b> were discussed and it was resolved that TCCC had <b>no objections</b> to these applications.  Cllrs Hood- Williams and Jones re-entered the room.	ID
720	<b><u>REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS</u></b> The clerk had previously circulated the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations documents. It was proposed by Cllr Hansford and seconded by Cllr Aubrey that these be accepted without amendment. This was carried unanimously	ID
721	<b><u>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</u></b> There were no reports.	
722	<b><u>DELEGATES REPORTS</u></b> Cllr Hansford reported that she had attended a presentation on the Draft Local Government Bill and gave a short summary of events.	
723	<b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b> The next meeting would take place on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> of March 2016. The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.	

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