



MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Community Councillor

Paxton Hood- Williams [PHW]

Belinda Hansford [BH]

Community Councillor

Nigel Aubrey [NA]

Daniel Jones [DJ]

Clerk: Ian Donaldson (ID)

Members of the Public present: Miss Dana Evans who arrived at 7.40pm

Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding

ITEM	HEADING	ACTION BY
851	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> Cllr Hood-Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
852	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Warren Smart, Kevin White and Khan Prince.	
853	<u>DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST</u> Cllr Hood- Williams declared an interest in all matters pertaining to the City & County of Swansea.	
854	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Cllr Aubrey proposed that the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held on 15th September were a true record. Cllr Hansford seconded the motion and it was carried with Cllr Jones abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.	
855	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> There were no matters arising to discuss.	
856	<u>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</u> 1. Defibrillator Project- no progress to date. Grant application to be made soon. 2. Electricity Supply Contract – 1 year contract expires 30/11/16 but must decide and inform current suppliers (extraenergy) by 30/10/16. Quotes for 1, 2 & 3 year contracts from 4 other companies received, see attached summary. <i>After discussion about the merits of each company and the various contract lengths, Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Aubrey seconded that a 3 year fixed price contract be awarded to British Gas, who had the cheapest tariff. This was carried unanimously.</i>	
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856	<p>3. Playground Project –People and Places Stage 1 Grant application for Lottery funding turned down 1/10/16. Reasons given, further application to be made in the Spring.</p>	ID
	<p>4. Community Grants 2016/17 – response now received from Ist Three Crosses Guides. <i>After discussion it was resolved unanimously to award the Guides a grant of £500 towards purchasing new sports equipment and a taster sailing lesson at Mumbles Yacht Club. Cllr Hansford proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and the motion was carried.</i></p>	ID
	<p>5. Village Green Application – Work to prepare for 25th October Public Enquiry ongoing.</p>	ID
	<p>6. Community Centre Oak Tree – the clerk had spoken to Martin Bignall of Singleton Park about this tree. <i>Mr Bignall had kindly visited the village to inspect it and recommended that it be reviewed again in the spring. He felt that removing some dead wood and reducing the crown could help it recover.</i></p>	
	<p><u>Correspondence Received/Sent in September & October</u></p>	
	<p>7. LHCC & TCCC Financial Situation – No communication from LHCC. <i>Disappointment at the lack of progress by LHCC was voiced by Cllrs Jones and Aubrey, the latter reminding everyone that it will be 5 years since the council split occurred. He also remarked that both councils are up for re-election in May 2017 and a resolution should be reached before then.</i></p>	
	<p>8. BT Payphone removal consultation – email received 7/10/16 from C&CS and circulated 10/10/16. <i>The clerk reported that BT had again refused to give out detailed usage figures, however after some pressing they revealed that the payphone is used very little and that the last occasion was in early August. It was resolved that the clerk should speak again with BT to explore the possibility of the box being re-used as a defibrillator station,</i></p>	ID
	<p>9. Wales Local Government Reform- special bulletin received and circulated 8/10/16 outlining the update given by Mark Drakeford to the WAG on 4/10/16.</p>	
	<p>10. Swansea Countryside Access Plan (ROW improvement plan) – letter received from Chris Dale, Team Leader in C&CS regarding the revision. Circulated 4/10/16.</p>	
857	<p>11. The Somerset Trust – 2 invoices received 4/10/16, both asking for payment (£10) for the licence to cut/mow the land on Tirmynydd Rd. One is for the period 29/9/15 to 28/9/16 and the second for next year 29/9/16 to 28/9/17. The licence to cut expired on 23/9/15. We paid £10 in advance in 2013 and 2014. <i>The council decided not to pay the invoices and to write to the Somerset Trust explaining why.</i></p>	ID
	<p><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></p>	
858	<p>Cllr Hansford said would convene a Hall Management/School Fete meeting soon. She reported that a new Crwys PTA committee had been formed.</p>	BH
	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></p>	
	<p>The clerk presented the October accounts for payment. The clerk explained that the figures did not include the £500 community grant to the Three Crosses Guides and that</p>	ID

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865	<p>The chairman reported that he had attended the One Voice Wales Annual Conference and AGM earlier in the month. He said it was very enjoyable and that the keynote speaker was Mark Drakeford AM the Welsh Assembly Minister for Finance and Local Government.</p>	
	<p>He spoke on the future of local government in Wales and how he saw this being implemented over the next 5 years.</p>	
866	<p>Cllr Hood-Williams also reported back on the Local Access Forum, of which he is chairman, meeting he had attended. This deals with the right to roam on 'access land' such as commons.</p>	
	<p>Finally he said that himself and the clerk had attended the Swansea Area Committee meeting of One Voice Wales earlier that week. The meeting featured speakers from the Ombudsman's Office and C&CS with the topics being the 'new model code of conduct' and the 'rural development programme' in the Swansea area.</p>	
	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p>	
	<p>The next monthly meeting would take place on Thursday 17th November to be followed by a Village Trust Meeting.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>	
	<p>Following the closure of the meeting Miss Evans thanked the councillors for delivering the insert she had produced with the newsletters.</p>	

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