***THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY COUNCIL***

***Cyngor Cymuned Y Crwys***

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 16TH JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: |

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|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW) | Daniel P Jones [DP] |
|  | Warren Smart (WS) | Belinda Hansford [BH]  Nigel Aubrey [NA] |
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|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson [ID] | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor P R Hood-Williams (Chair of the Community Council) Presiding**

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He also referred to the car fire outside the porch of the community centre on Wednesday 8th January. The clerk reported that there had been some damage to the tarmac surface and the entire car park area had needed to be cleaned thoroughly. He would write to the car owner to make them aware of these matters.  Cllrs Jones, Hansford & Aubrey reported that the meeting room fire exit was used due to the location of the fire. The route to a safe assembly point from this door was not entirely satisfactory.  The clerk was asked to review these issues and recommend a solution.  Cllr Jones noted that on occasions, the door through to the meeting room was blocked by tables. The clerk was asked to arrange for a notice to be put on the door.  **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**  The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2013 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. This was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Aubrey and carried unanimously. Cllr Smart abstained as he was not present on the 21st November.  **MATTERS ARISING**  **290** The clerk reported that the self closer had now been fitted and the Fire Safety Officer had written to TCCC to confirm compliance.  He also said that the water meter had been fitted.  **CLERK’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**  **Planning Correspondence**– Application No 2013/1429, extension at No 8 Dunvant Road, has been approved.  Application No 2013/1508, extension at No 42 Pant Y Dwr, has been refused.  A proposal has been received from Cllr Smart regarding planning,  *“Areas of the Three Crosses Ward are approaching capacity for on road parking, particularly but not exclusively Pant y Dwr, Orchard Drive, Joiners Rd, Llwynderw and Bryn y Mor, and this is altering the character of the village and impacting on access to properties.*  *I propose that any new development should, within the design and access*  *considerations have an allowance for a minimum of 3 on-site parking spaces.*  *Also, any property wishing to increase the footprint of the building must not, either directly nor indirectly, result in a loss of on-site parking space"*  Cllr Aubrey advised that this should not be necessary since planning regulations already have these principles, it is imperative that SCC Planning apply and enforce them.    **Land Ownership Issues –** TCCC received a letter and some plans from Smith Llewelyn Solicitors which show that the piece of land between the Chapel and the Play Area was bought by Hardanger Properties Ltd from The Beaufort Estate in 1968. The former have gone into liquidation, but it appears that they acquired the land with the sole purpose of building the extension to Pant Y Dwr onto Chapel Rd. The City Council have been contacted about adoption of highways.  **Knotweed Issues –** No further correspondence with Knight Frank LLP.  **Hanging Baskets 2014 –** Will be ordered in January.  **Gower Society** - TCCC received an email 21/12/13 and circulated, regarding working with Community Councils on suitable restoration projects, eg ponds and pumps.  **Buckingham Palace Garden Parties** – Letter received from OVW for a chance to receive an invitation to our Chairman to attend on one of three dates. Cllr Hood- Williams accepted this.  **Welsh Assembly Government** - Letter received 4/12/13 advising that the S 137 Expenditure limit for 2014/15 has been increased to £7.20 per elector.  **Swansea City Council –** An email from SCC was circulated, asking if TCCC wished to participate in a ‘Paperless Planning Application’ trial. The clerk had responded that we would.  **Mr M Barley –** an e-mail was received 5/1/14 asking for litter to be added to the monthly agenda. This and the clerk’s response was circulated by e-mail to all.  The matter was discussed by council and the clerk was asked to reply to the latest letter from the resident, pointing out that the land in question belongs to the Beaufort Estate. In addition, litter collection is the responsibility of the City & County of Swansea, TCCC do not have the finances to employ someone to collect litter. However, it was agreed to offer Mr Barley a full page in next quarters Crwys News to highlight the issue and to suggest he could organise a volunteer litter pick event.    **TCCC A3 Printer/Scanner –** Offer from PC World to cover this for 4 years for £57 one off charge. Cllr Jones proposed this be taken up and the motion was seconded by Cllr Smart. It was carried unanimously.  **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  The Chairman thanked Cllr Hansford and Beverley Evans for organising the Crwys Christmas Party, it was a great success.  The Christmas lights at the centre were not good enough though, and the clerk was asked to speak to A19 Electrical to explore the option of a permanent 12 volt supply out into the lawn. He was also asked to speak to Robert Morgan about the possibility of a living tree being planted.    **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the December & January accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Smart that these be accepted. Cllr Jones seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously.  The summary is as follows;  Opening Balance: £22,854.39  Expenditure: £ 7,907.02  Income: £11,197.00  Closing Balance: £26,144.37  Cllr Smart asked the clerk to minute that the cost of the bark used to top up the Play Area had been shown to be cost effective and had been approved.  **COUNCIL ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT**  The Chairman stated that he would contact SCC Highways Dept again about the status of the land between the Chapel and the Play Area.  The clerk was requested to have an external tap fitted at the Community Centre for ease of cleaning.  Cllr Aubrey was asked to prepare a new rebuild cost for the Centre for insurance purposes.  **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**  The Chairman thanked Cllrs Hansford and White for another very good newsletter. The clerk reported that the WGA website grant form had now been prepared and sent back.  Cllr Smart proposed that TCCC support the St David’s Day, Chapel Cawl Night. It was decided to offer the deacons assistance based on a **joint event**. TCCC would provide publicity via the website, noticeboards and the facebook page. The motion was seconded by Cllr Hansford and carried unanimously.  A second proposal from Cllr Smart was to provide a grant (S137) of up to £100 for the food. Cllr Jones seconded this and it this too was carried unanimously. Cllr Smart to liaise with Chapel Deacons with this offer.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  Cllr Smart requested that dual purpose bins (litter/dog waste) be bought for the area around the Dukefield entrance. Also, there was a need to move the dog waste bin on the Banc to a position opposite the old post office on Joiners Road. The chairman said he would consider funding these from his environmental grant. He would ask SCC if they would empty them.  Cllr Smart tabled some details of replica pumps costing around £60 and made from cast iron. He was asked to consult with Henry Arthur as to the one that most resembled the original. The Gower Society could then be approached to set a project in motion.  The chairman asked Cllr Smart to speak to the Big Lottery about grants for the play area and the MUGA projects.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  No further reports.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  Cllr Hood-Williams left the room at this point and Cllr Smart took over the chair. The clerk reported that applications 2013/1695 and 2013/0963 had been received before Christmas and had been dealt with as follows;  1695 No Objections  0963 No objections if 3 parking spaces are provided in the design.  Application: 2013/1762 Replacement barn at Gelli Hir Farm. It was decided to register no objections provided the previous barn was taken down.  Application: 2013/1820 42 Pant Y Dwr. It was decided to register no objections provided the pavement damage be repaired during the work.  Cllr Hood-Williams re-entered the room.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  No issues were reported.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  No reports.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next meeting will take place on Thursday the 20th February 2014.  The meeting closed at 8.55pm. | ID  ID  PHW  ID  BH  ID  ID  ID  PHW  ID  NLA  WS  BH  WS  PHW  WS  WS  ID  ID |