**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 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)  Philip Place [PP] | 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 (Chairman of the Community Council) Presiding**

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| **ITEM** | **HEADING** | **ACTION BY** |
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The Chairman informed the council that a holding letter had been sent to LHCC informing them that a comprehensive response to their email of 19th January will be made when information we have requested is forthcoming.  **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**  The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th January 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings with one amendment to item 312 regarding the re-siting of a dogwaste bin. This was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Smart and carried unanimously. Cllr Place abstained as he was not present on the 16th January.  The minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 16th January 2014 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. This was proposed by Cllr Smart, seconded by Cllr Jones and carried unanimously. Cllr Place abstained as he was not present on the 16th of January.  **MATTERS ARISING**  **311** Cllr Smart reported that he had spoken to Leighton Evans about supporting the Chapel Cawl Night, however the event is not being held this year due to building work. There is a possibility that TCCC could provide support for the Strawberry Tea in the summer.  **312** Cllr Smart reported that he yet to source a photograph of the original pump near Tirmynydd Road. He would speak to the Gower Society when he receives one.  He also reported that he had looked at funding options from the Big Lottery and was confident that our projects meet the criteria for the Community Grants.  The Chairman asked him to arrange a visit from the Lottery representatives to meet the council.    **CLERK’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**  **1.** Community Centre Fire System 6 Monthly Maintenance carried out in January.  **2.** The water meter has been installed at the Centre. Expecting the first bill in March.  **3.** Quotation received from John Green for installing a 240v supply to Christmas Tree lights [£230], and for re-installing the external water tap at the Centre [£50]. The clerk reported that he had spoken with Robert Morgan who had very kindly offered to plant 2 Christmas Trees at the Community Centre.  Cllr Jones proposed that the council proceed with the trees, the installation of the electrical supply and the water tap. This was seconded by Cllr Place and carried unanimously.  **4.** The bill for cleaning down the Centre car park and entrance pathways following the car fire was £120 +VAT.  **5.** A quotation for re-surfacing the burnt area in the Centre car park has been received from Jonathan Hardy Ltd , £350 + VAT.  **6**. The clerk presented a report into his investigations of the car fire incident.  After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Place and seconded by Cllr Hansford that the clerk proceed with the installation of a pathway, flight of steps, handrail and latch gate to form a safe escape route from the Small Meeting Room fire exit. It was also proposed that no parking lines be put down near the porch entrance to prevent vehicles from blocking the 2 other fire escape routes.  The motion was carried unanimously.    **Correspondence Received January/February**  **7.** Further correspondence from Mr M Barley [circulated 28/1/14]  **8**. E-mail circulated from The Swansea Evening Post asking for hard copies of agendas to be sent to them.  It was resolved that the clerk should send the copies of the agendas by email attachment. It was also decided to publish the agendas on the website prior to the meetings.  **9**. Consultative document from Auditor General for Wales - 2014/15 External Audit Charges.  **10**. Receipt for £150 and ‘thank you’ letter received from Christian Fox [First Responders] Proceeds of the Christmas Party at The Golf Club.  **11**. Letter sent to Mrs L J Costello by recorded delivery claiming damages for fire damage. Reply received stating that she had forwarded it to her insurance company.    **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  No reports    **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the February accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Smart that these be accepted. Cllr Hansford seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously.  The summary is as follows;  Opening Balance: £26,144.37  Expenditure: £ 1,854.18  Income: £ 1,722.22  Closing Balance: £26,012.41  **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.  Cllr Aubrey stated he was in the process of preparing a new rebuild cost for the Centre for insurance purposes.  Cllr Smart asked about the situation with the Somerset Trust and knotweed. The clerk reported that he had emailed Knight Frank last week asking for an update but no reply had been received to date.  The clerk was asked to have the troughing at the Community Centre cleared out and any broken /missing brackets replaced.  He was also asked to have any misted up double glazing units changed.  It was resolved that the new noticeboard needed to be strengthened with some stays.  **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**  Cllr Hansford presented a list of items ready for the April/May/June edition. It was agreed that full pages be assigned to School Fete Week, litter in the village and the Biodiversity Study Project. Also articles about the CDSA and the Community Woodland would be included. Following a discussion, it was agreed to put in a request for any local business or service to add their details to a directory page that would feature in the next issue.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  These had been discussed along with grant applications in **328** above.  **APPROVAL OF REVISED STANDING ORDERS**  The revised standing orders were approved with one amendment.  This was proposed by Cllr Smart, seconded by Cllr Place and carried unanimously.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  The Chairman reported that due to the adverse weather two 20mph road traffic signs had been blow down. He would take this up with SCC.  Cllr Jones asked the Chairman to take up the number of potholes and state of the roads in and around the village. Also a drain was blocked at the bottom of Chapel Road near the Dukefield entrance.  It was reported by the Chairman that SCC had approved the 2014/15 Budget and that Council Tax bills would rise by 5%.  Concerns were expressed at the scale and detail of proposed budget cuts by the SCC administration.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  Planning Correspondence– Application No 2013/0963 [New Dwelling at the rear of No.1 Dukefield] has been approved subject to 11 conditions including car parking and drainage.  Application No 2013/1508, extension at No 42 Pant Y Dwr, has gone to appeal.  Application No 2013/1695, extension and front conservatory at 12 Joiners Rd, amended plans have been submitted  **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 March 2014.  The meeting closed at 8.50pm. | PHW  ID  ID  WS  WS  WS  ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  KW  PHW  NLA  ID  ID  ID  ID  BH  ID  PHW  PHW |