**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 16th OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW) | Belinda Hansford (BH) |
|  | Warren Smart (WS) |  |
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|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson [ID]  **Members of the Public present: None** | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.45pm Community Councillor P R Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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| **ITEM** | **HEADING** | **ACTION BY** |
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She stated that the ‘Newcomers Welcome Pack’ was coming along and would be ready for the next meeting.  [443] Cllrs Hood-Williams and Smart reported that they had made little progress on the finance options for the village pump project. It was proposed by Cllr Smart that a pump [real or replica] be purchased when a suitable one is found. This was seconded by Cllr Hansford and carried unanimously.  [446] Cllr Hood-Williams reported that he was dealing with the issue regarding rights of way onto Fairwood Common from the bottom of the lane opposite the Killan Fawr Stud farm.  **CLERK’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**  **1.** **Audit of Accounts 2013/14 –** Mazars LLP have returned the completed Annual Return and copies have been posted on the noticeboards and website in accordance with Section 29 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.  **2. Playground Swing set (2.8m) –** Works Order issued to ET Welding to repair and strengthen.  **3.** **LHCC & TCCC Meeting –** Request for a restricted meeting from LHCC. It was decided that the Chairman would try to arrange a meeting between the respective Chairs and Vice- Chairmen.  **4.** **Somerset Trust Land Knotweed** – The contractors, Brownhill Nurseries, have completed treatment in all areas including Gowerton Road. Email circulated 4/10/14.  **5.** ‘**The Old Road’, Gowerton Rd -** Letters sent to the owners of Nos 25 & 27 advising that the Community Council will not entertain further considerations on this matter. Mr Howells has received advice from Knight Frank LLP on maintenance.  **6. Wildflower Planting**- Discussions held with C&CS Council regarding 2015 plans. It was decided that the clerk would meet with C&CS to arrange for the following;  **6.1** **Gowerton Rd** - a 1 metre wide strip just inside along the footpath. The bank to be allowed to return to grass.  **6.2** **Community Centre** – a 1 metre wide strip to be planted along the frontage just outside the fence line. In addition a short strip, again 1 metre wide, to be put behind the bench on the ‘nose’ in front of Crwys Farm.  **6.3 Tirmynydd Rd –** a 1.5 wide strip to be planted just inside the land on the triangles to the east of the roadway. The clerk would check with Knight Frank to see if this was acceptable.  **6.4 Chapel Rd -** a limited planting of wildflowers in the small triangle of land on the corner with Dukefield.  Cllr Smart proposed that the Poppy Planting should be repeated in 2015. This was seconded by Cllr Hansford and carried unanimously. The clerk would speak to C&CS about seeds. Around the Chapel Wall would be included again this year.  7. **Vehicle Accident** **at Centre** – On 9/10/14 a blue transit type van [EO52 PTU] driven by Mr Stoufik of 15 Gowerton Rd Three Crosses lost control as he approached Dunvant Rd and ran up the bank. He collided with the Gower Way milestone and the metal fences of the centre. The police attended and later C&CS staff to clean up the oil spillage in the area. Mr Stoufik stated that he will put right any damage and replace the milestone [now completed satisfactorily].  **Correspondence Sent & Received in September & October**  **8. Sheila’s Wheels –** Telephone calls from and to Mr Dave Greenhalgh, Manager**.** Their engineers have stated that the coolant problem would not have caused a fire. TCCC have asked to see this statement from the engineers in writing. Letter received 6/10/14 restating their original position and including a statement to say that the faults present at MOT would not have caused the fire.  It was proposed by Cllr Smart and seconded by Cllr Hansford that this matter now be considered closed. The motion was passed unanimously.  **9.** **Grow Wild Wales Community Project** – received via Mary Rees and circulated to members 18/10/14. Funding available for transforming a community space by planting using volunteers from the community. 2/12/14 deadline for applications.  **10**. **OVW Response to WAG White Paper Reforming Local Gvnt** – Received and circulated 30/9/14.  **11**. **Independent Remuneration Panel (Wales) Draft Annual Report** – Received and circulated 3/10/14.  **12**. **WAG Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales** – Evidence required to be submitted by 5/11/14. Circulated 3/10/14.  **13**.  **Pennard Library –** letter received from Lynda James, secretary of ‘Friends of Pennard Library’ asking for support for their scheme to rebuild the Library. It was agreed that the clerk write to C&CS in support.  **14**. **Remembrance Day at the Chapel –** it was reported that the deacons hoped to have the Chapel opened for the 2014 service. Cllr Smart proposed and Cllr Hansford seconded a motion that the community council purchase a poppy wreath from the British Legion to be laid at the service. The motion was passed unanimously and the clerk agreed to organise this and the communication to other councillors about the plan so they could attend.  **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  There were no reports this month.    **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the October accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Hansford that these be accepted. Cllr Smart seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Hansford said that the January – March newsletter would concentrate on the biodiversity report and the recommendations arising from it.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  Cllr Smart reported that he would prepare a 2 year plan of the scheme by the next meeting.    **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  There were no issues raised.    **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  There were no planning applications to discuss this month.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  There were no issues this month.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  The chairman reported back on two meetings he had attended.  He had attended the City, Town and Community Councils Forum where it had been stated that the City Council would no longer maintain bowling greens free of charge. It was to be expected that other town/community council assets would come under scrutiny in future.  He had also attended the One Voice Wales National Conference & AGM. It was agreed that he would defer his report until the next meeting when more councillors would be present.    **REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**  The clerk received duly completed forms from Cllrs Hood- Williams, Hansford and Smart.  The others would be reminded of their legal responsibilities.  **REVIEW OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**  The clerk informed council that there was an annual review of the existing contract coming up on November 1st. Cllr Smart stated that the work done in the last 12 months by Bay Landscapes Ltd was very very good indeed. All agreed that the Banc in particular was in wonderful condition. He proposed that the contract content and terms remain the same. This was seconded by Cllr Hansford and carried unanimously.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next meeting will take place on Thursday the 20th November 2014.  The meeting closed at 8.44 pm. | BH  WS  PHW  PHW  PHW  ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  BH  WS  PHW  ID  ID |