**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 16th APRIL 2015 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton R Hood-Williams (PHW) | Phil Place [PP] |
|  | Belinda Hansford (BH) | Kevin White [KW] |
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|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson (ID)  **Members of the Public present: None** | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor P R Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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The meeting with Cllr White, himself, Wyn Griffiths and Henry Arthur was still to be held to discuss local history.  **CLERK’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**  **1.** **The Banc Play Area** – Replacement bushes & pins received and now fitted. All other issues addressed.  **2. Wildflower Planting –** Weedkiller treatment of selected areas carried out. The clerk to decide sites for poppies.  **3**. **Welsh Government Devolution (Power to Local People) Consultation** – The clerk attended a OVW consultation conference. Report circulated 14/4/15.  **4. Community Centre** – continuing problems with fire alarm. Alarm Company, John Green and Western Power called in to investigate. Now appears to be solved.  **5. Community Centre –** Quote for new PIR light at rear awaitedfrom John Green.  **6. Banc Drainage at Pant y Dwr corner –** Drains rodded by Bay Landscapes and area now draining freely.  **7. Replacement Slide** – Quotations received from 4 companies for slide and optional surfacing.  **8**. **Mr R Birch, Y Wern –** TCCC have arranged a visit to Wern Olau to look at the knotweed infestation by Eddie Holloway of Knight Frank LLP for 9/4/15. Response awaited.  **9**. **‘Saturday Night on the Banc’ –** 50% deposit paid on Marquee & Furnishings [£690.60], deposit paid on Hog Roast [£150], additional insurance taken out [£79.50].Andrew Sprott confirms his availability as a DJ, as does James Smart and his band. Second band to be chosen after consultation with Cllr Smart.  **Correspondence Received/Sent in February & March**  **10. Community Centre Deeds** – Sheehan’s Solicitors of Neath have been closed down. The LHCC clerk has been in touch with the Solicitors Regulation Authority to retrieve them.  **11. External Audit - ‘**Annual Return’ document received from Mazars LLP 01/04/15. Sections 1 & 2 to be completed and the clerk to then take documents to the internal auditor. Now done.  **12. Planning Applications:** 2014/1366 : 1 Dunvant Road, SECTION 78 APPEAL LODGED  2014/1976 : 1 William Terrace, Wern Olau REFUSED  2015/0374 : 32 Dunvant Road, APPROVED  **13. WI S137 Grant[£250]:** Change of project use requested by Ann Davies. Agreed 4/4/15.  **14. Corporate Plan 2015/17 [Delivering for Swansea] –** received by email 31/3/15 and circulated.  **15. Review of Designated Landscapes Wales [Stage 2]** – received by email 25/3/15 and circulated.  **16. OVW AGM [Motions for Conference/AGM]** – proposals by 30/4/15 [2 maximum / council]    **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  Cllr Hansford reported that good progress had been made on the ‘Saturday Night on the Banc’ event. The marquee & furnishings had been ordered. The hog-roast booked and toilet facilities sourced. Tickets had been printed and insurance taken out. The marquee would be erected early on Saturday morning in time for the School Fete and would be converted for evening use around teatime. Musical entertainment from local musicians was being organised with James Smart’s band, Andrew Sprott and a headline act yet to be confirmed.  It was reported by the clerk that Christian Howell had very kindly offered to donate a pig for the roast. Cllr Hansford agreed to speak with Gower Crackling Hog Roasts to see if a reduced price would be possible.  The clerk reported that an event licence was in the process of being prepared along with the necessary risk and fire risk assessments. It was agreed that Keith Woodward of the Poundffald Inn, who will be providing the pay bar, would apply for the alcohol licence.  Darren Shearman, the landlord of the Joiner’s Arms, although also invited to put forward a plan, respectfully declined on this occasion.  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the April accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Hansford that these be accepted. Cllr Place seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Hood- Williams remarked that the newsletter was once again informative and interesting and thanked all involved in its production.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  It was agreed that a projects meeting must be arranged in the near future.  The clerk reported that removal of the invasive stag’s horn sumach tree near the well had been completed.  It was agreed that the clearance/investigation work to clear up the old well and create a small pond be started. The clerk would speak to the Gower Society about extending the grant expiry date. The Gower Landscape Partnership grant application had not yet been responded to, and it was unlikely to become available before the Gower Society grant expires in August.  The clerk tabled four quotations from Play Equipment suppliers for a replacement slide and new surfacing at the playground. After debating the pros and cons of all proposals, it was resolved that on site visits and detailed quotations be invited from Wicksteed Leisure and Hags-Smp for a replacement slide but keeping the existing bark surface.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  There were no matters for discussion.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  The Chairman left the room at this point with Cllr Place taking the chair.  Applications considered:  2014/1366 - 1 Dunvant Rd, retention of hardstanding – APPEAL COMMENTS  After discussion by councillors it was resolved that Three Crosses Community Council would comment on the appeal as follows:  *This council supports the refusal of planning permission by the City & County of Swansea and agrees with the reasons for rejection. The community council, as well as being concerned about more incremental development on this property and which has been the subject of retrospective planning consent, feel that there could be increased and inappropriate usage of the adjacent farm track.*  Cllr Hood-Williams re-entered the room and resumed the chair.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  Nothing to report.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  There were no reports this month.  **REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**  The clerk stated he had still not received a completed form from Cllr Place.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting, preceded by the AGM, will take place on Thursday the 21st May 2015.  The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. | ID  PHW/KW  ID  ID  ID/WS  ID  ID  ID  BH  ID  ID  PHW  ID  ID  ID  ID  PP  PHW |