**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood-Williams (PHW) | Nigel Aubrey (NA) |
|  | Belinda Hansford (BH)  Daniel Jones (DJ)  Khan Prince (KP)  **Advisor:** Kirsty Hanson (KH) | Kevin White (KW)  Warren Smart (WS) |
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|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson (ID)  **Members of the Public present: None**  Prior to the meeting starting a panel made up of Cllrs Jones, White, Hansford and Aubrey held informal interviews with two candidates for the councillor vacancy. After lengthy discussions it was decided to recommend the appointment of Khan Prince to the vacancy, however it was also recommended that Kirsty Hanson be invited to become an advisor to the council. This would involve attending full meetings as an advisor (non voting) and to become a member of the Hall Management & Events Committee. Ms Hanson had indicated that she would accept this role. | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.45pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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Cllr Prince signed the ‘Declaration of Acceptance of Office’ in the presence of the proper officer and was congratulated by all on his appointment.    **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**  Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Hood-Williams with regard to all City & County of Swansea matters.  **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**  Cllr Aubrey proposed and Cllr White seconded the motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2015 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. This was carried with Cllrs Smart & Jones abstaining since they were absent on the 16/7/15.  **MATTERS ARISING**  [611] It was agreed that Cllr Smart and the clerk move quickly to source the two pumps needed for the pump project.  Cllr Smart proposed that a budget of £600 be approved for the 2 items. This was seconded by Cllr Aubrey and carried unanimously.    **CLERK’S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**  **1. The Banc Play Area** – The new slide was installed on Thursday 20/8/15.  **2. Pump & Pond Project** –Still awaiting fast-track decision by Gower Landscape Partnership.  **3. Knotweed Update** – **Brownhill Nurseries** have confirmed that they have surveyed the areas treated last autumn and the results are very encouraging. The areas where some ‘smalls’ have regrown will be retreated shortly. One tricky area is the Cilonen Rd triangle and this will have to be left alone after retreatment for a long time. It is also recommended that no cutting takes place on the Chapel Rd/Orchard Drive triangle. No disturbance to any of the sites must take place, cutting should leave a 3m margin around them. The treatment programme will continue into 2017 and includes the Old Quarry site.  **4.** **Review of Grounds Maintenance Contract –** On Nov 1st the existing contract enters its final year before a re-tendering process in 2016. Both parties can amend the existing contract if required.  **Correspondence Received/Sent in August & September**  **5.** **Community Centre Deeds** – No further correspondence.  **6.** **Audit 2014/15** – Mazars LLP have confirmed that TCCC accounts have been externally audited and accepted without qualification.  *Cllr Aubrey proposed a vote of thanks to the clerk for his efforts in completing the audit process without fault. This was seconded by the chairman and passed unanimously.*  **7.** **Planning Approval –** Application Nos: 2015/1144 & 2015/1142 have been APPROVED.  However 2015/0968 at Forgemill Farm has gone to appeal at the Welsh Government.  **8.** **Knight Frank /Somerset Trust** - despite several phone calls and emails to Eddie Holloway asking for an update on the situation with the pond, no replies received at present.  **9. One Voice Wales AGM & Conference-** Invitation to attend this event. Cllr Hood-Williams attending to represent TCCC [£75 fee].  **10. One Voice Wales –** Clarification email received 19/8/15. The cutting of trees and hedges are the responsibility of the owner of the land they are situated on. The owner has a legal obligation to keep them from encroaching on the highway.  **11.** **BT plc –** notification that BT are increasing their prices for our broadband service from 20/9/15. Line rental increases by £1/month andthe monthly charge will increase from **£18.13 to £19.38**.  This is for BT 3 mbps standard broadband (unlimited download) with the obligatory evening/weekend call package. BT have offered to lower this to **£13.90 pm but with a 10GB download limit** (there is only email & browser activity showing on our usage).  They have also offered **Fibre Infinity broadband at £13.30 pm for the first 6 months rising to £16 pm** thereafter. [20GB pm download limit applies].  There is also a one off charge of **£41.95** to cover activation and postage for the Hub 5 router.  *After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Smart and seconded by Cllr Jones that the Community Centre be upgraded to fibre optic broadband. This was carried unanimously.*  **12. Byron Davies MP –** letter received 12/8/15 asking for views on the Devolving Powers on Sunday Trading Rules to a local level. Circulated by email 14/8/15.  **13. Byron Davies MP -** letter received 18/8/15 asking for support with his petition to retain the AONB status for Gower. Circulated for discussion along with a poster.  **14. One Voice Wales –** notification of the nine motions put forward for the OVW AGM 3/10/15.  **15. Swansea Rural Development Partnership 2014-20 –** email received 17/8/15 from Mary Rees informing TCCC that the next round of RDF European funding is to start soon.  **16. Older People’s Commissioner for Wales –** email received and circulated 12/8/15 with the Commissioner’s Care Home Review Statement. Although she found many outstanding examples she also found many that were unacceptable.  **17. Leighton Andrews AM –** email received and circulated 17/8/15 drawing attention to the consultation on the Welsh Government’s draft directions to the Local Democracy Bill. The latter are based on the WG’s preferred configuration for the future of local authorities.  **18. Waste & Resource Efficiency Division [Welsh Govnt] –** invitation to attend a consultation event for the draft Efficiency Plan on Tuesday 13th October 9.30 - 12.30 at the Maldron Hotel Cardiff.  **19. Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 –** letter received from the Welsh Govnt. To advise that they have published the draft of this. It is aimed at those community and town councils that will have the duty to take all reasonable steps to meet the objectives set out in the plan [£200,000 pa threshold]. Those not subject to the duty should also consider these steps. There is a consultation event 22nd October am at the Waterfront Museum.  **20. Banc Drainage** – it was reported that, due to heavy rain, the playground had become very wet along with the corner along Pantydwr near the hedge. It was agreed to rod the drains again.  **21. Electricity Supply Contract –** SWALEC have written with their offer prices for 2015/17. It was resolved that the clerk investigate other suppliers and their prices for the next meeting.  **22. Tree Trimming** –Bay Landscapes have quoted £80 to trim back the saplings at the Tirmynydd Rd and Pant y Dwr junction. It was resolved that this be accepted.  **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  There were no reports. Cllr Hansford would be calling a Hall Management & Events meeting in the near future. Cllr Smart remarked that he would like to see a cawl night.  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the August & September accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Jones 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 tabled a list of ideas for the next newsletter [Oct–Dec]. These were discussed and agreed.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  The chairman will arrange an extra-ordinary meeting before the next monthly council meeting to discuss future projects.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  It was noted that vandalism had taken place in the Dukefield Community woodlands over the summer. It was resolved that TCCC contract Peter Lanfear to cut back certain areas of the Tirmynydd Road triangles. The chairman would arrange for Mr Lanfear to contact the clerk.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  There were no applications to consider.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  Cllr Hood-Williams reported that as Chairman of the Local Access Forum he had recently attended a meeting in Builth Wells. Improved liaison with local councils was planned.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  Cllr Hood-Williams reported that he had attended a City Council/Town & Community Council Forum presentation.  He also attended a presentation from ‘Go Safe’ where the idea of local residents operating vehicle speed guns was raised as a possibility. Volunteers would be sought to work in pairs at problem roads, such as Tirmynydd, radar guns would record speeds and the vehicle registration numbers would be recorded if over the limit. These vehicles would be reported to ‘Go Safe’ HQ and a letter sent to the registered owners of the vehicles. After three such report letters one from the relevant police authority would be sent out.  Invitations to participate would go into the next newsletter.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next meeting would take place on Thursday 15th October 2015.  The meeting closed at 8.55 pm. | ID  WS  ID  ID  ID  PHW  ID  ID  ID  ID  BH  ID  BH  PHW  PHW  ID  PHW |