**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL 2016 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Belinda Hansford (BH)  Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]  Daniel Jones [DJ] | Warren Smart (WS)  Kevin White (KW)  Khan Prince [KP] |
|  | **Advisor:** Kirsty Hanson [KH] |  |
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|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson (ID)  **Members of the Public present: None** | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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[739] Cllr White still had to speak with local residents about village history.  **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**  **1.** **Pump & Pond Project –** Completed. Grants claimed and received from Gower Society. Awaiting receipt of cheque from CC&S. Pond cleared of excess weeds.  **2. Members Code of Conduct –** revised model document received from Welsh Government and now updated and awaiting approval from TCCC. **NOTE** new model Financial Regulations received from OVW 15/4/16 to be checked for any changes.  **3. Tirmynydd Triangles –** TCCC response to the Somerset Trust & Commoners objections filed with C&CS Legal Department 10th March 2016.  **4. Summer Fete / Hogroast event –** Necessary assessments completed and insurances arranged.  **5. Traffic Cones –** 4 off purchased and being used as intended on the Banc.  **6. BT Payphone Box –** discussions held with BT about this box on Joiners Rd. They cannot nor will not reveal usage under any circumstances. If TCCC wish to recommend its removal then they must consult to acquire usage themselves. However due there being no other pay phone box within 1 km, the issue of closure and removal would have to go to SCC planning dept. Objections, if any, to the removal would then be heard.  *It was resolved that the clerk would write back to BT asking for the payphone box to be thoroughly cleaned.*  7. **Queen’s 90th Birthday Medals –** 200 off received. Agreed with Mr Saer that they will be presented to the children at school assemblies on Friday 22nd April at 9.00am and 10.00am. Community Councillors to be represented.  **Correspondence Received/Sent in March & April**  **8.** **Community Centre** –Quotes received for resurfacing the entrance roadway. These were tabled on 21/4/16.  *It was resolved that the clerk would speak with the home owners who share use of the lane to seek a contribution to the costs of the work. There were also questions to be asked about the depth and quality of the tarmac to be used.*  *Meanwhile Cllr Smart volunteered to fill in the worst holes with a sub-base material on the weekend of 23/24th April.*  **9.** **Pathway at top of the Banc** – 3 quotes received from contactors and tabled on 21/4/16.  *After discussion it was agreed that the work be awarded to B-Line Groundwork Ltd on condition that a 12 months warranty period be accepted by the contactor. [now agreed]*  **10. SCC Business Rates –** confirmation that full Rate Relief has been awarded for 2016/17.  **11. BT Line Rental Saver –** email from BT 10/4/16 inviting TCCC to renew on line to save 10% on annual charge. Renewed by clerk.  **12. LHCC & TCCC Financial Situation –** Letter sent 26/2/16 to LHCC rejecting the offer made. **Email** received back from the clerk on 31/3/16 noting the letter but no formal response. The clerk hopes to be in a position to respond within a month or so depending on his workload.  *It was agreed to wait for one more month before further action. The clerk would email LHCC asking for an update prior to the May meeting.*  **13. OVW/SLCC Joint Event – Wed 22nd June 2016 at Liberty Stadium** – Invitation to attend for councillors and clerks. £69 +VAT early bird cost.  *It was proposed by Cllr Hansford and seconded by Cllr Jones that the clerk and chairman attend this conference. The motion was carried unanimously.*  **14. Carers Trust Swansea Bay** - Letter received 7/4/16 requesting funding help for Crossroads care service.  *The request was noted.*  **15. Defibrillator Information –** email received from Cllr Hansford regarding outline costings for such a facility in the village. Possible project for later in the year to promote interest in the village.  *It was agreed that mycariad be invited to come to the Summer Fete and have a stand on the Community Council table to stimulate awareness. There was some discussion around location, Coed Lan residents centre was mentioned, and fund raising ideas floated.*  **16. Wales Audit Office- Annual Return 2015/16** – audit documents for completion received from the new auditors BDO LLP. To be filed by 4/7/16. The clerk reported that he had contacted the council’s internal auditor, Lyn Llewellyn, to confirm his availability and fee. The latter has risen by 25% to £275 this year due to increasing complexity and time required. In addition it is now a requirement for him to take out professional liability insurance.  *It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Smart that Lyn Llewellyn be appointed as the internal auditor for the 2015/16 accounts at a fee of £275. This was passed unanimously. [Mr Llewellyn has since accepted the appointment in writing]*  **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  Cllr Hansford reported that the preparations for the Summer Fete & Hogroast event were going well and that she hoped to organise a further meeting in the second week of May to finalise details.  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the April accounts for payment. Cllr Jones left the room at this point having declared a pecuniary interest in one item of the accounts for payment.It was proposed by Cllr Smart that these be accepted. Cllr Hansford seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  Cllr Jones then re-entered the room.  **VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION**  The clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mrs Richards from the City and County of Swansea informing TCCC that she had sent a copy of our response to the objectors to our application. Namely the Somerset Trust, Edenstone Homes and the Gower Commoners.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Hood-Williams thanked Cllr Hansford for another very good newsletter, which he said had been well received in the village. He also handed around the new newsletter from Upper Killay Community Council for comment. Views were favourable and it was agreed to explore costs for such a format. [Cllr Hansford has since reported that the cost could be less than at present]  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  The pump project and playground had already been discussed. It was remarked that the vintage pumps had been ‘well’ received in the village.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  There were no further issues raised.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  There were no planning applications to discuss this month.  **REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS**  The clerk had previously circulated the revised Code of Conduct. It was proposed by Cllr Smart and seconded by Cllr Prince that this be accepted without amendment. This was carried unanimously    **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  Cllr Smart reported that the contractor cutting down the tree on Tirmynydd Road on behalf of the Somerset Trust had damaged the tarmac surface on LH56 between the well and Pant y Dwr. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Knight Frank LLP to ask for a repair to be effected.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  Cllr Hood-Williams reported that he and the clerk had attended a recent meeting of the OVW Swansea Area Committee. He said that there had been a lot of comments regarding the new external audit format and increased workload for clerks. He also gave an account of what other councils were doing in their communities.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would take place on Thursday 19th of May 2016 at 7.45pm following the AGM. There would also be a Finance Meeting after the monthly meeting to discuss the 2015/16 audit and annual return.  The meeting closed at 9.25pm. | PHW  KW  ID  ID  ID  ID  WS  ID  PHW  ID  ID  PHW  BH  ID  ID  BH  ALL  ID  ID  ID |