**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 16H JUNE 2016 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Belinda Hansford (BH)  Daniel Jones [DJ] | Warren Smart (WS)  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 Warren Smart (Vice-Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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| **ITEM** | **HEADING** | **ACTION BY** |
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[770] It was noted that the BT phone box had been cleaned recently.  [770] The clerk would arrange to have the damaged tarmac repaired using a repair kit after confirming the plan and cost recovery with Knight Frank LLP.  **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**  **1.** **2015/16 External Audit** - Annual Return and requested documents sent to BDO LLP, no response as yet.  **2. Summer Fete / Hogroast event** – Necessary assessments completed and insurances arranged.  **3. Stonedust Path along Banc** – Works Order placed with B-Line Groundwork. Work now completed and more stone dust compacted into sub-base.  **4. BT Payphone Box** – email received from BT, 28/4/16 and they are arranging to have the box cleaned. If this is not possible then other options will be considered by BT.  *It was confirmed that this had been done.*  **5. Community Centre / Old Lane Road repairs** – C&CS Highways Dept. have been contacted and have confirmed that the lane is still adopted. I have requested they inspect the roadway and repair it. Awaiting response. *Clerk to chase up.*  **6. OVW/SLCC Joint Event** – Wed 22nd June 2016 at Liberty Stadium – Chairman and Clerk registered for attendance.  **7. LH56 Footpath, damage to tarmac surface** – correspondence with Christopher Smith of Knight Frank LLP who is arranging for its repair. *See [786] above.*  **8. Playground Gates** – Order for a replacement spring and rubber pads placed with Steelway Fensecure Ltd [£31.50].  **Correspondence Received/Sent in March & April**  **9. LHCC & TCCC Financial Situation** – Jeremy Parkhouse has emailed to say that the matter will be discussed at the LHCC meeting on 16/6/16.  **10. Joint NALC /SLCC 2016-2018 National Salary Award** – notification received that new pay scales have been agreed and should be implemented. The Clerk, who is currently on scale SCP18 at £9.207/hr should now be paid at £9.299/hr from June. However, the hall manager is not on pay scale. It is recommended that a ‘scale applicable to staff other than the clerk’ be applied at a time to be decided by council.  It was agreed that the Clerk’s salary be increased in line with the NALC/SLCC settlement and that the recommendation to put the Hall Manager on an appropriate pay scale, although agreed in principle, be deferred until the September Finance meeting.  **11. Shelter Cymru** – letter received 4/6/16 asking for financial support.  *The letter was noted and could be considered in respect of Community Grants in September.*    **12. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales**- email received asking for the amounts of remuneration received by councillors 2015/16. Reply sent back as NIL.  **13. BT Infinity** – email received to inform us that broadband speeds and increasing to circa 52Mb. Also a letter saying our price will increase from £13 to £14/month.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |   **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  Cllr Hansford reported that the preparations for the Summer Fete & Hogroast event were going well and that to date 120 adult and 49 child tickets had been sold. There was a discussion about the final arrangements for the events. It was agreed that a cheque for £160 be made out to the DJ for the evening entertainment.  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the June accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Jones that these be accepted. Cllr Hansford seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Hansford reported that she was still awaiting certain articles for the July – September issue.It was decided to include photos from the Fete and Hog Roast and also to include an item on village history. Cllr Hood-Williams had agreed to meet with Henry Arthur and Wyn Griffiths to put something together. Cllr Smart said that he had some articles about the Poundffald Turnpike and it’s destruction in the Rebecca Riots. He agreed to send these to BH. There was also to be an article inviting applications for 2016 Community Grants and perhaps one on the re-opening of the Poundffald Inn.  Cllr Smart raised the idea of having an extra page for photos in this issue since there were a lot of events in this period. BH agreed to look into this idea.  The clerk would contact Aled Betts of the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth who had asked for copies of Crwys News, and direct him to the community website, where they are archived.    **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  It was noted that the stonedust path along the Banc had been completed and was well received by residents. The surface would have to be monitored closely as there had already been some issues with cyclists breaking up the top layer.  There was a lengthy discussion about speeding within the village residential areas and some anti-social behaviour by car drivers. WS said that the Community Speedwatch project was nearly up and running and if other residents wanted to sign up and join it they still could. BH remarked that if the issues of speeding continued then the incidents could be reported to our PCSO Angela Clarke by dialing 101.  Cllr Hood- Williams is speaking to C&CS Highways about Tirmynydd Road and options for reducing traffic speeds.  Cllr Jones said that he had seen speed signs elsewhere in the country that had been designed by schoolchildren and could have a more personal impact. BH said that a similar idea has been posted on the community facebook page where there had been a very constructive debate on these issues. It was agreed to consider these signs when Cllr Hood- Williams reports back on his discussions.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  Cllr Jones reported that a nasty pothole at the junction of Tirmynydd and Joiners roads has still not been filled in despite several notifications to C&CS highways.  Cllr Smart said that he had reported that a street light outside Fairwood Cottages had been out for several months despite being reported.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  Application numbers 2016/0988 and 1150 were discussed and the council had no objections to either.  However for application 2016/0877 there was a lengthy debate and it was decided unanimously to object strongly to it. The council decided to place on record its agreement and support for the other objectors from the village and the Gower Society who had made excellent points about the proposal and its motives.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  There were no issues to discuss.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  There were no reports this month.  **TO DISCUSS CHANGES TO THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT SPECIFICATION**  The clerk presented a discussion document with suggested variations to the contract specification which is due to be approved in the July meeting and go out for tender in early August. It was agreed that these variations could be dealt with on an ‘as and when’ required basis. The grassy areas inside the play area would be priced individually and initially included to be removed as and when the area is resurfaced.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would take place on Thursday 21st July to be followed by the Village Trust AGM.  The meeting closed at 8.55pm. | PHW  PHW  KW  ID  ID  ID  ID/BH  ID  ID  ID  ID  PHW  BH  WS  ID  BH  ID  ALL  ALL  PHW  PHW  ID  ID |