**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood- Williams [PHW]  Khan Prince [KP] | Warren Smart (WS)  Nigel Aubrey [NA] |
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|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson (ID)  **Members of the Public present: Mr Owain Jones** of Brynymor, Three Crosses.  Mr Jones was introduced to the councillors present. He stated that he wished to speak to the council about the speed of some vehicles in various parts of the village. He explained that he had reported a specific incident that had occurred in Brynymor some 3-4 weeks ago where a certain car had been seen driving a excessive speed in the cul-de-sac where lots of children play out, including his own. This had started a debate on social media about the general problem in the village. Cllr Hood-Williams acknowledged that it was a prime concern for residents in all areas. There was a discussion about how best to address the problem. Speed humps, new signs designed by schoolchildren, and speed limits themselves were debated. The effectiveness of the small pad type and the full width ones such as those on Gowerton Rd and by the school were discussed.  Cllr Hood-Williams said that he has a Environmental Improvement Allowance as a City & County Councillor for Fairwood some of which could be used. He has been consulting with the Road Safety Officer from the city council with a view to costing certain proposals. There would be a Public Meeting held in the autumn for the village to discuss these options.  The Chairman also reminded those present that the Community Speedwatch initiative would become operative in the autumn after training had been undertaken by the volunteers.  Mr Jones said he was pleased to see that the council were moving this issue forward. He was asked to stay for the formal meeting and took up this offer. | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.50pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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[769] Cllr Hood-Williams said he was going to arrange a meeting to speak with local residents about village history.  **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**  **1.**  **2015/16 External Audit –** Follow up questions and items for clarification received from BDO LLP, responses sent back. No further response as yet.  **2. Summer Fete / Hog roast event** – see separate financial report.  **3. 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.  **4. LH56 Footpath, damage to tarmac surface –** correspondence with Christopher Smith of Knight Frank LLP who has accepted that we shall repair and send him the bill (now done). Bay Landscapes have repaired the damage.  **5. Playground Gates –** replacement spring and rubber pad fitted to two playground gates.  **6. Community Centre –** Risk assessment and Fire risk assessment documents updated.  **7. Playground Update –** draft lottery grant application prepared. Project brief to tenderers drawn up and initial meetings with three contractors arranged. School children to be involved with final specification.  **Correspondence Received/Sent in June & July**  **8. LHCC & TCCC Financial Situation –** Jeremy Parkhouse has emailed to say that he will be presenting a report to the LHCC meeting on 21/7/16 and that he hopes to have a decision to report to this council after that meeting.  **9. Village Green Application –** letters received from City & County of Swansea informing this council that a Public Inquiry will be held in Crwys School Hall from Tuesday 25th October until Thursday 27th October if necessary. A further letter enclosing the detailed directions and inquiry process for each party, was received 11/7/16.  *Cllr Smart proposed that the chairman be given the full authority of this community council to represent it at this Public Inquiry. This was seconded by Cllr Prince and was carried unanimously.*  **10. Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill** – email received 15/7/16 giving a link to the summary report and circulated to councillors.  **11. Japanese Knotweed Treatment** – email received from Brownhills Nurseries to say that they had resurveyed the treated areas on the triangles and old quarry. Some small patches of regrowth had been found and will be retreated in August. A similar exercise will be carried out in 2017. Small patches found on Pant y Dwr border with the Chapel and treated by Bay Landscapes.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |   **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  There were no reports.    **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the July accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Aubrey and seconded by Cllr Smart that the chairman be able to attend the One Voice Wales Annual Conference at Llanelwedd in October. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr Aubrey then proposed that the July accounts be approved. Cllr Prince seconded this and the motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Prince reported that he had received some very positive comment about Crwys News as he was delivering them in the village. All agreed that it was a very good edition.  Cllr Hansford had circulated a schedule/deadlines for future editions and some ideas for the December one. These were accepted.    **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  Progress on the playground project had been reported earlier in the meeting.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  Cllr Smart said that he had reported that two street lights outside Fairwood Cottages and on LH56 had been out for several months despite being reported.  He also said that there were lots of weeds growing in the gutters along Gowerton Road.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  Cllr Hood Williams left the room at this point and Cllr Smart took the chair. Application numbers 2016/1165 and 1166 were discussed at length. It was agreed that the council must comment on the lack of information about need and purpose in each application both of which lie in the Gower AONB . There was not enough information to make any decision about whether to object or otherwise. This council feels that there should be some form of justification put forward especially as the scale of the plans could create conflict between vehicular and pedestrian usage.    **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  Cllr Khan reported that one of the stiles on the Gower Way below Tirmynydd Road has rotted and become a hazard. The clerk would report it to the City Council.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  The chairman reported that he and the clerk had attended the Joint OVW/SLCC conference in the Liberty Stadium in June. They had also attended the OVW Swansea Area Committee meeting on the 18th of July where discussions centred on the LDP Deposit Plan in and around the communities near Junction 47 of the M4.  Cllr Hood-Williams also attended a meeting of the Community/Town Councils Forum on the 19th of July where changes to the Code of Conduct policy and the change to paperless planning application notifications and consultations were discussed.  **TO APPROVE THE 2016-19 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT SPECIFICATION**  The clerk presented the document agreed at the previous meeting. Cllr Smart requested that it be changed to specify the distance around each bench that the contractor has to strim. It was agreed that this be 1.5 metres.  The amended document was agreed unanimously with Cllr Aubrey proposing and seconded by Cllr Smart.  There followed a discussion around potential tenderers and the following contractors were decided upon:  Bay Landscapes, Jonathan Davis, Alan Porter, Adrian Richards, and Bob Blewit.  **APPROVAL OF REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**  The clerk had previously circulated the revised document received from OVW and tailored to this council’s circumstances.  Cllr Smart proposed and Cllr Aubrey seconded the motion that the revision be accepted. This was carried unanimously.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would take place on Thursday 15th September to be followed by a Finance Meeting where the Grounds Maintenance Contract and community grants will decided upon .  The meeting closed at 9.05pm. | ID  PHW  KW  ID  PHW  ID  ID  ID    PHW  ID  ID  ID |