**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood- Williams [PHW]  Belinda Hansford [BH] | Nigel Aubrey [NA]  Daniel Jones [DJ] |
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|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson (ID)  **Members of the Public present: Miss Dana Evans who arrived at 7.40pm** | |
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**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding**

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Electricity Supply Contract –** 1 yearcontract expires 30/11/16 but must decide and inform current suppliers (extraenergy) by 30/10/16. Quotes for 1, 2 & 3 year contracts from **4** other companies received, **see attached summary**.  *After discussion about the merits of each company and the various contract lengths, Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Aubrey seconded that a 3 year fixed price contract be awarded to British Gas, who had the cheapest tariff. This was carried unanimously.*  **3. Playground Project –People and Places** Stage 1 Grant application for Lottery funding turned down 1/10/16. Reasons given, further application to be made in the Spring.  **4. Community Grants 2016/17 –** response now received from Ist Three Crosses Guides.  *After discussion it was resolved unanimously to award the Guides a grant of £500 towards purchasing new sports equipment and a taster sailing lesson at Mumbles Yacht Club. Cllr Hansford proposed, Cllr Jones seconded and the motion was carried.*  **5. Village Green Application –** Work to prepare for 25th October Public Enquiry ongoing.  **6. Community Centre Oak Tree** – the clerk had spoken to Martin Bignall of Singleton Park about this tree. *Mr Bignall had kindly visited the village to inspect it and recommended that it be reviewed again in the spring. He felt that removing some dead wood and reducing the crown could help it recover.*  **Correspondence Received/Sent in September & October**  **7. LHCC & TCCC Financial Situation –** No communication from LHCC.  *Disappointment at the lack of progress by LHCC was voiced by Cllrs Jones and Aubrey, the latter reminding everyone that it will be 5 years since the council split occurred. He also remarked that both councils are up for re-election in May 2017 and a resolution should be reached before then.*  **8. BT Payphone removal consultation –** email received 7/10/16 from C&CS and circulated 10/10/16.  *The clerk reported that BT had again refused to give out detailed usage figures, however after some pressing they revealed that the payphone is used very little and that the last occasion was in early August. It was resolved that the clerk should speak again with BT to explore the possibility of the box being re-used as a defibrillator station,*  **9**. **Wales Local Government Reform-** special bulletin received and circulated 8/10/16 outlining the update given by Mark Drakeford to the WAG on 4/10/16.  **10. Swansea Countryside Access Plan (ROW improvement plan) –** letter received from Chris Dale, Team Leader in C&CS regarding the revision. Circulated 4/10/16.  **11. The Somerset Trust –** 2 invoices received 4/10/16, both asking for payment (£10) for the licence to cut/mow the land on Tirmynydd Rd. One is for the period 29/9/15 to 28/9/16 and the second for next year 29/9/16 to 28/9/17. **The licence to cut expired on 23/9/15. We paid £10 in advance in 2013 and 2014.**  *The council decided* ***not*** *to pay the invoices and to write to the Somerset Trust explaining why.*   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |   **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  Cllr Hansford said would convene a Hall Management/School Fete meeting soon. She reported that a new Crwys PTA committee had been formed.  **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the October accounts for payment. The clerk explained that the figures did not include the £500 community grant to the Three Crosses Guides and that he would revise the accounts to add this. The purchase of the usual 18 hanging baskets was discussed and approved for 2017. It was proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Hansford that the accounts be approved. The motion was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  The chairman told the meeting that he had received many pleasant comments from villagers and non-residents alike about the new-style newsletter.  Cllr Aubrey said that he too had heard several compliments. The meeting thanked Cllr Hansford for her excellent work.  The clerk and chairman reported that there were problems with the website. Cllr White had said that it was becoming difficult to add certain files to the page tabs. The chairman said he felt that a revamp was overdue and that investment may be needed to do this. It was decided to wait until Cllr White could report back to council next month on what options are available.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  The chairman informed the meeting that a meeting had been held to discuss village history and in particular the various important sites such as shops, services, education, farms, workplaces and places of worship. Residents had attended and all had stories to tell covering many generations. Cllr White and the clerk had taken notes and it hoped to build a framework soon upon which to build up these. Interpretation boards, including QR codes, placed across the village would provide historical information. A grant would be sought from the Gower Landscape Partnership for the cost of this.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  A discussion took place about traffic problems and speeding through the village. The chairman said that he proposed to call a village public meeting in November to put options in front of residents.  Cllr Hood- Williams asked if the hedgerow on Gowerton Road opposite the entry to the community centre should be cut back to help pedestrians. This was agreed and the clerk was also asked to obtain a price from the grounds maintenance contractor to cut back the bramble and overhanging trees on the Old Lane.  Cllr Jones brought up an issue with the footpath and drains leading from the Joiner’s Arms down towards Coed Lan. Flooding had occurred and investigations were needed by C&CS.  **VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION UPDATE**  The Chairman reminded all councillors that the public inquiry would commence on Tuesday 25th October at 10.00am.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  Cllr Hood Williams left the room at this point and Cllr Aubrey took the chair. Application number 2016/1776 for a two story extension at No. 15 Llywnderw was discussed and it was resolved that there were no objections to this application.  Cllr Hood- Williams re-entered the room and resumed the chair.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  There were no issues reported.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  The chairman reported that he had attended the One Voice Wales Annual Conference and AGM earlier in the month. He said it was very enjoyable and that the keynote speaker was Mark Drakeford AM the Welsh Assembly Minister for Finance and Local Government.  He spoke on the future of local government in Wales and how he saw this being implemented over the next 5 years.  Cllr Hood-Williams also reported back on the Local Access Forum, of which he is chairman, meeting he had attended. This deals with the right to roam on ‘access land’ such as commons.  Finally he said that himself and the clerk had attended the Swansea Area Committee meeting of One Voice Wales earlier that week. The meeting featured speakers from the Ombudsman’s Office and C&CS with the topics being the ‘new model code of conduct’ and the ‘rural development programme’ in the Swansea area.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would take place on Thursday 17th November to be followed by a Village Trust Meeting.  The meeting closed at 8.45pm.  Following the closure of the meeting Miss Evans thanked the councillors for delivering the insert she had produced with the newsletters. | ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  ID  BH  ID      KW  KW  ID  PHW  ID  PHW  ALL |