**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]  Belinda Hansford [BH] | Daniel Jones [DJ]  Nigel Aubrey [NA] |
|  | Kevin White [KW]  Khan Prince [KP] | Warren Smart [WS] |
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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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| **ITEM** | **HEADING** | **ACTION BY** |
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Cllr Smart seconded the motion and it was carried with Cllrs Aubrey & Prince abstaining as they were not present at that meeting.  **MATTERS ARISING**  [916] Cllr Smart said he had yet to speak to Mr Mike Sweeny at the local authority to get specialist advice on the problem and possible solutions.  Cllr Hood-Williams had yet to prepare the complaint to the ombudsman on the LHCC issue.  [888] Cllr Smart said that he had made progress on the Community Strategy document. The chairman asked him to write it up so that it could be discussed by the new council after the election. He later gave a short presentation when Capital Projects were discussed.  **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**  **1.**  **Defibrillator Project-** Grant application successful. £5000 has been transferred into our account. Information and awareness sessions to begin on Tuesday 25th April at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.  **2. BT Payphone adoption –** contract to adopt signed by clerk and cheque for £1 sent.  **3. Barclays Bank mandate & cheque signatory update –** New forms prepared for signing.  **4. Community Centre Trees** – met Martin Bignell, Tree Services Manager, on site. Survey to be conducted [cost £150 +VAT].  **5. Wildflowers 2017** – The clerk has met with Ceri Davies, C&CS Parks to agree sites.  **6.** **Playground Inspection Remedial work** – ET Welding have repaired the oldest swing set where there is rusting on the triangular top and cross beam [£160]. The other concerns were rusting on the top bars of all other swing sets. He recommends rust removal and repainting.  Bay Landscapes have quoted £440 to de-rust and paint appropriately the other swing set crossbars. They have quoted £55 + VAT to re-set the 2 pence panels that have become loose and £20 + VAT to rod the drainage pipes from the Pant y Dwr manhole to help flow.  They have suggested deep digging out the compacted bark in a couple of trial areas [roundabout + 1 swing set] and replacing with suitable fill, topped up with gravel/sand and then new bark to the correct depth.  *It was agreed that the clerk speak again with Bay Landscapes to requote for painting the crossbars. The work on the fence panels and drains was approved.*  *The clerk would obtain a quotation for digging out the bark under and around the roundabout and replacing with fill and new bark.*  **Correspondence Received/Sent in October & November**  **7. LHCC & TCCC Financial Situation –** no progress  **8. Internal Audit** – Email received from Lyn Llewellyn confirming that our ‘Letter of Engagement’ and ‘Schedule of Expectations’ were acceptable to him for the 2016/17 audit. His fee will be £275 + 3% = £285.25 for this work.  *The quotation was accepted by the meeting and the clerk would write to Mr Llewellyn to confirm his appointment.*  **9. BT Broadband Price Increase –** letter received advising of a price increase of £2.50/month. Also notifying of the end of our 18 months contract discount and a price increase to £28.50/month. A new contract has been negotiated with BT for £16/month for 24 months.  **10. Pre-Planning Consultation –** letter received on 20/2/17 from CTIL & Vodaphone advising of an upgrade to the base station at Crwys Farm to improve coverage. No views were returned.  **11. Council Elections - Nomination Forms and Notices –** received 28/2/17.  **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**  Cllr Hansford said arrangements for School Fete Day and the Hog Roast Event on Saturday 24th June 2017 were well in hand. She said the only things left to sort out were the overnight security [WS to organise], alcohol licence and insurance cover [ID to organise] for the event.  Cllr Hansford also mentioned that Capel y Crwys planned to hold a strawberry tea event in the summer. It was resolved that the council would provide a grant of £50 to cover some of the cost of the fruit.    **FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  The clerk presented the March accounts for payment. It was proposed by Cllr Smart and Cllr White seconded the motion that the accounts be approved. This was carried unanimously. The approved accounts are appended to these minutes.  The clerk then tabled the year end ‘actuals v budget’ document for 2016/17. It was noted that the recent £5000 lottery grant had inflated the income figure for the year. It was agreed that a ‘sundry credit’ entry be made in the accounts as an accrual against the purchase of the defibrillator units.  The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the clerk for his diligent work. This was seconded by Cllr Aubrey and carried unanimously.  **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**  Cllr Hansford tabled a draft of the next newsletter which was discussed. It was agreed to include an article on the playground improvement project asking for feedback from parents and children regarding their views on the current situation. Cllr Hansford suggested that the school could have this as a project and would speak to them about it.  **CAPITAL PROJECTS**  Cllr Hood-Williams said that if the council wanted to apply for grants from the Gower Landscape Partnership for the History Trail project, then it was important to move quickly.  Cllr Smart took the meeting through his draft Community Strategy. Comments and discussions took place and he was asked by the chairman to continue developing it for issue to the new council in May.  **CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**  It was noted that the pot hole repair teams were very active and good response times had been noted.  The clerk was asked to contact Western Power Distribution with regard to the damage to the grass between the pond and Pant y Dwr.  The clerk was also asked to write to the homeowner of the house at the junction of Chapel Road & Dukefield to express concern at the mud on the footpath. The letter would also point out that it is illegal to park on common land without permission.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  There were no planning applications to discuss.  **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**  There were no issues reported.  **DELEGATES REPORTS**  There had been no meetings to report back on.  **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  The next monthly meeting would take place on Thursday 20th April 2017.  The meeting closed at 9.15pm | WS  PHW  WS  BH/ID    KP/ID            ID    PHW    ID  WS/ID      ID  ID  BH  KW  WS  ID  ID |